

*Resolved: On balance, Turkey's membership is beneficial to [NATO].*

**BACKGROUND:*****The Future of Turkish Foreign Policy,***

*Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2004*

<https://wcfia.harvard.edu/publications/future-turkish-foreign-policy>

Since the end of the Cold War, Turkey has moved from the periphery to occupy the very center of Eurasian security. It is a critical participant in NATO and aspires to become a member of the European Union. The pivotal role that Turkey plays in Southeastern Europe, the Middle East, and the Caucasus has profound implications for the international arena and spawns vital debates over the directions of Turkish foreign policy. *The Future of Turkish Foreign Policy* explores these debates and the interactions between Turkey's domestic and foreign policies at the beginning of the twenty-first century. Contributors to the book include some of the foremost scholars and exponents of Turkish foreign policy. Their analysis reveal the complexity of the challenges that confront Turkey's foreign policy and suggest creative and resourceful strategies for resolving its policy dilemmas.

***A spirited defense of NATO as bulwark,***

*Harvard Gazette, February 14, 2019*

<https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2019/02/former-ambassadors-to-nato-weigh-in-on-its-future/>

The report also urges NATO take a hard look at the governments of Hungary, Poland, and Turkey, as well as the rising authoritarian impulses in other European countries. Chastising or even sanctioning member states that do not uphold the treaty's foundational principles of democracy, individual liberty, and the rule of law would send an important signal to prevent the "cancer" of anti-democratic thinking from spreading. Lute and Burns said that idea is unlikely to be well-received, it is "the right thing to do."

**REQUIRED RESEARCH (VIDEOS):*****Turkey is NATO, We Are NATO,***

*NATO Website, February 20, 2020 [1 min]*

<https://www.nato.int/wearenato/turkey.html>

***Why Turkey, NATO Ally, Defying US and Turning to Russia Amid Ukraine Crisis,***

*CRUX Daily News, January 3, 2022 [4 min]*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7v-URpDqY8U>

***Gravitas: Why is the NATO shy of expelling Turkey?,***

*WION News, October 7, 2020 [6 min]*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tE5ldI9GV6k>

***Erdogan sticks to his position on Russian missile deal after meeting with Biden,***

*CNBC News, June 14, 2021 [2 min]*

<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/06/14/biden-and-erdogan-meet-as-us-sanctions-hang-over-turkey-following-russian-missile-deal.html>

*Note: Please skim the article too.*

**REQUIRED RESEARCH (ARTICLES):**

***The U.S. and NATO Need Turkey,***

*Halil Danismaz, TIME Magazine, August 22, 2016*

<https://time.com/4457369/the-u-s-and-nato-need-turkey/>

*Note: Danismaz is president of the Turkish Heritage Organization.*

***Turkey is Becoming a Problem for NATO - the U.S. Should Pay Attention,***

*Natalie Armbruster, Newsweek, October 8, 2021*

<https://www.newsweek.com/turkey-becoming-problem-nato-us-should-pay-attention-opinion-1636810>

*Note: Natalie Armbruster, is a research associate for Defense Priorities (I assume it is a think tank).*

***Allies in Name Alone: The Hagia Sophia and NATO's Greece-Turkey Problem,***

*Harvard International Review, December 15, 2021*

<https://hir.harvard.edu/allies-in-name-alone-the-hagia-sophia-and-natos-greece-turkey-problem/>

***Turkey's NATO Membership is an Asset for Both Turkey and the Alliance,***

*Tarik Oguzlu\*, Turkish Heritage Organization, Last Accessed: January 2022*

<https://www.turkheritage.org/en/publications/analysis-by-tho-contributors-and-liaisons/turkeys-nato-membership-is-an-asset-for-both-turkey-and-the-alliance-9620>

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**OPTIONAL RESEARCH (ARTICLES & VIDEOS):**

**[VIDEO] *Turkey is an Asset to NATO || Debate #3***

*Intelligence Squared, September 19, 2019 [23 min]*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAl2QIDqFqA>

***NATO at Seventy: An Alliance in Crisis,***

*Nicholas Burns, and Douglas Lute, Harvard Kennedy School Report, February 2019*

<https://www.belfercenter.org/publication/nato-seventy-alliance-crisis>

*Note: The authors are former U.S. ambassadors and are considered top experts.*

**IMPORTANT:** *Do a key word search for "Turkey" and nearly every paragraph found will give you a valuable piece of evidence (12 total entries).*

***Biden can't let Turkey's Erdoğan get away with threats to Americans any longer,***

*Merve Tahiroğlu, Turkey program coordinator, Project on Middle East Democracy, NBC News, February 5, 2021*

<https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/biden-can-t-let-turkey-s-erdo-get-away-his-ncna1256816>

***Secretary General in Ankara: Turkey is a valued NATO Ally,***

*NATO News, October 5, 2020*

[https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news\\_178545.htm](https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_178545.htm)

***Turkey-NATO ties are problematic, but there is one bright spot,***

*Gönül Tol, and Yörük Işık, Middle East Institute, February 16, 2021*

<https://www.mei.edu/publications/turkey-nato-ties-are-problematic-there-one-bright-spot>