Turkey: An Ethical Decision.
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Abstract

The history of Turkey is a long and old one dating back to the Ottoman Empire. What is of interest, however, is that ethnic groups seemingly had more autonomy during the age of Empires than they do under the current government. Turkey has a very large and diverse population who is subject to the commands of the Turkish government. But does the Turkish government recognize these groups and support and encourage their culture? No, that is not the case; in fact, it is quite the opposite. The Turkish government has instilled a series of laws that has made it illegal for individuals to converse in their mother tongue, and to even celebrate their culture.

This paper is a look at the way Turkey decided to Westernize itself, and, in doing so, how it has repressed many ethnic groups within its borders, in particular the Kurds. It discusses whether the US or any other nations or organizations should become more involved in ending the human rights abuses that are occurring. This paper also looks at the fact that the US appears to be hypocritical in its enforcement of the Northern no-fly zone in Iraq, but still allows Turkey to treat the Kurdish population within its borders as it sees fit.