

"Axis shift" as a Foreign Policy Concept and Reflection of this Concept on Turkish Press

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In Turkey, the AK Party (Justice and Development Party) in conjunction with the coming to power, it is claimed by some quarters in the U.S.A. (United States of America) and EU (European Union), Turkey, especially based on Middle East policy in the last period, is wafting through the project of the European Union trying to hold on for more than 50 years and therefore the westernization process to other entities, especially towards to the Shanghai Quintet. This claim is also known as Axis Shift, brought about internal and external public debates. The purpose of this study, the above-mentioned claim, i.e., the axis Shift, is to investigate in what way is reflected in the Turkish press. In this context, the framework consists of titles such as, a shift of axis, axis shift in foreign policy, Turkey's EU integration process, Turkey-EU relations in the last period, field research. In this direction, in order to test the aforementioned claim, having different ideological stance and boss structure in Turkish press, like as Cumhuriyet Gazetesi, Zaman Gazetesi, Yeniçağ Gazetesi, Milliyet Gazetesi and Habertürk Gazetesi under the spotlight by taking 1 month it shall be subjected to discourse analysis of these newspapers opinion columnists.

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