

Democracy or Authoritarianism

The first Islamist parties to come to power through democratic means in the Muslim world were those in Turkey, Tunisia, and Egypt. The Justice and Development Party (AKP) won the 2002 election in Turkey, and Ennahda (Renaissance Party) in Tunisia and the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt were both elected in the wake of the Arab uprisings of 2010–11. Yet only Ennahda could be said to have fulfilled its democratic promise, with both the Turkish and Egyptian governments reverting to authoritarianism. Drawing upon extensive fieldwork in three countries, Sebnem Gumuscu explains why some Islamist governments adhered to democratic principles and others took an authoritarian turn following electoral success. Using accessible language, Gumuscu clearly introduces key theories and considers how intraparty affairs impacted each party's commitment to democracy. Through a comparative lens, Gumuscu identifies broader trends in Islamist governments and explains the complex web of internal dynamics that led political parties to either advance or subvert democracy.

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Abbreviations

AKP	Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi (Justice and Development Party)
AQIM	Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb
BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party
CA	Constituent Assembly (in Egypt and Tunisia)
CC	Constitutional Court (in Turkey)
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CHP	Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi (Republican People's Party)
CPJ	Committee to Protect Journalists
CPR	Congrès pour la République (Congress for the Republic)
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DEVA	Demokrasi ve Atılım Partisi (Democracy and Progress Party)
DYP	Doğru Yol Partisi (True Path Party)
ECHR	European Court of Human Rights
EMT	Exclusion–Moderation Thesis
EU	European Union
FIS	Front Islamique du Salut (Islamic Salvation Front)
FJP	Hizbal Hurriya wal-Adala (Freedom and Justice Party)
FP	Fazilet Partisi (Virtue Party)
GP	Gelecek Partisi (Future Party)
HDP	Halkların Demokrasi Partisi (Peoples' Democratic Party)
HSYK	Hakimler Savcılar Yüksek Kurulu (Supreme Council of Judges and Prosecutors)
IAF	Islamic Action Front
IMT	Inclusion–Moderation Thesis
ISIS	Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
MNP	Milli Nizam Partisi (National Order Party)
MSP	Milli Selamet Partisi (National Salvation Party)
MTI	Mouvement de la Tendence Islamique (Harakat al-Ittihad al-Islami or Islamic Tendency Movement)

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NSC	National Security Council
NSF	National Salvation Front
NT	Nidaa Tounes
RCD	Rassemblement Constitutionnel Démocratique (Democratic Constitutional Rally)
RP	Refah Partisi (Welfare Party)
RSF	Reporters sans Frontières (Reporters without Borders)
RTUK	Radyo Televizyon Üst Kurulu (Higher Council of Radio and Television)
SCAF	Supreme Council of Armed Forces
SP	Saadet Partisi (Felicity Party)
UGTE	Union Générale Tunisian des Etudiants (General Union of Tunisian Students)
UGTT	Union Générale Tunisienne du Travail (Tunisian General Trade Union)
UTICA	Union Tunisienne de l'industrie, du Commerce et de l'artisanat (Tunisian Union of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts)