

Recep Tayyip Erdogan Quotes

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There is no moderate or immoderate Islam. Islam is Islam and that's it.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

The best examples of lies can be found there. To me, social media is the worst menace to society.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

According to this view, democracy is a product of western culture, and it cannot be applied to the Middle East which has a different cultural, religious, sociological and historical background.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

The knife in the hand of a murderer kills, but if you give it to a doctor he will heal with it.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

We will not leave this nation at the mercy of YouTube and Facebook.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

My own daughters weren't able to study in Turkey because of their headscarves, so they went to the United States.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

If we look at history, we will see that regimes which persecute [their people] do not remain standing.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

But foremost, I do not subscribe to the view that Islamic culture and democracy cannot be reconciled.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

It is impossible to preserve my friendship with people who are allegedly leaders when they are attacking their own people, shooting at them, using tanks and other forms of heavy weaponry.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

As a politician who cherishes religious conviction in his personal sphere, but regards politics as a domain belonging outside religion, I believe that this view is seriously flawed.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

However, democracy cannot be defined as the existence of parliaments and elections alone.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Forsake Alcohol, eat grapes instead!

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Turkey is the gateway to the east for Europe, and the gateway to Europe for the east. We have a bridging function that Europe shouldn't underestimate.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

I went back in British history. Some 204 people died there after a mine collapsed in 1838. In 1866, 361 miners died in Britain. In an explosion in 1894, 290 people died there.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

A lasting solution to this problem will have an exceptionally positive influence foremost on the peoples of Palestine and Israel, as well as on the region and the international community.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Cave of the Patriarchs and Rachel's Tomb were not and never will be Jewish sites, but Islamic sites.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

If the people allow something to happen, it's the right thing.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

We are against the majority tyrannizing the minority. But we are definitely against the minority tyrannizing the majority.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Similarly, gender-equality, supremacy of law, political participation, civil society, and transparency are among the indispensable elements that are the imperatives of democratization.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

I should like to repeat what I stated recently in the Jeddah Economic Forum in Saudi Arabia: It won't be the religion, but rather the world-view of some of its followers that shall be made current.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

I am saying yes to criticism, but no to insults.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Twitter, Facebook and YouTube have to respect the Turkish Republic's laws

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

We won't allow the people to be devoured by YouTube, Facebook or others.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Therefore, the observation must be explicitly made: In the Middle East and in the Muslim world, suspicions linger concerning the objectives of the West and notably the US.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

I take the debate on the method of promoting democracy seriously

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Several experts on the Middle East concur that the Middle East cannot be democratized

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

When there is no such thing as religious culture and moral education, serious social problems such as drug addiction and racism fill the gap.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

There is a trouble called Twitter, the finest lies are here. Nowadays, social media is actually the headache of societies.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

It is not a process of bargaining or give-and-take. The peace process is not about giving concessions. We will not allow any step which would hurt the memories of our martyrs.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

We have taken a strategic decision to gather education activities under a single roof.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

In Turkey the religious minorities have more rights than they do in Europe.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Everyone should unconditionally accept that Israel is an indispensable element of the Middle Eastern mosaic.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

The whole world is an open, free market. No state can exist without the others.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

What should be targeted is a concept of organic, and not just mechanic,

democracy that preserves the rule of law, separation of powers, and that is participatory and pluralistic.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Invariably, also a Palestinian state should live side by side with Israel within recognized and secure borders and the security and prosperity of the Palestinian people must be guaranteed

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Our bilateral relations and our agreement [between Turkey and America] on the extradition of criminals should dominate and precede actually any inclusion into any list.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

It is essential that policy instruments be developed that would firmly establish democratization on the basis of social consensus and enable transformation on stable grounds.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

In other words, the bar should be maintained at the level of a pluralistic and participatory democracy.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Even as we ought to accept that each country would progress with a different method and speed toward that goal, the standard for the expected end-state should not be lowered.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

They came to me with this case of Twitter ignoring case of smeared housewife

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

There exists an unmistakable demand in the Middle East and in the wider Muslim world for democratization

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

If during their education our youths become alienated from their language, history, ancestors, culture and civilization, it means there is a very serious educational problem there.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

The US and the European Union needs to help in the translation of the demand for democracy into a political will.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

I cannot understand how sensible people still defend Facebook, YouTube and Twitter

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

A fitting external security environment could also play an important role in promoting social consensus and institutionalization towards democratization.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

It is obvious that putting the Arab-Israeli dispute on a resolution track would be an important element of overcoming the confidence problem in the region.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

If nuclear energy is used for the sake of humanity, then I say yes. But if it is used destructively, then no.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

The foundations of democratic transition should be laid in accordance with a sincere and committed strategy that is supported by various policy tools, and implemented wisely

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

I am aware of the thesis that the United States has long since invested exclusively in stability and this has obviated democratic transformation in the Middle East.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Turkey has put up a fight against the powerful nations of the world. The crusader mentality attacked us abroad. Inside, their lackeys attacked us. We didn't succumb. As a nation, we stood strong.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Obviously some states are allowed to have weapons of mass destruction while others are not.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

I am a person who is inclined to define relations between individuals based on principles.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

If the EU doesn't want Turkey, they should say it now and clearly. If we are not wanted, then both sides don't need to waste their time with negotiations.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

If the nuclear program is indeed meant only for civil purposes, then it is wrong to impose sanctions.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Turkey wants to be treated by the same standards as other countries. If you compare us to some other newly accepted EU members our performance, especially in terms of the economy, is much better.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

My visit to the United States has also given me the opportunity to emphasize the objective of establishing close and intensive links

between the Turkish and American peoples, scholars and businessmen

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Is Europe a home for an alliance of civilizations or is it a Christian club?
If the former is true, then Turkey should be part of it.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

There is now a scourge that is called Twitter

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

The relations between Russia and Turkey entered into a really positive stage. I am sure that steps we both take will widen our cooperation.

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

If Twitter, Youtube & Facebook will be honest; if they'll stop being so immoral, stop attacking families, we'll support them

~Recep Tayyip Erdogan

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