

Is fascism in plain sight acceptable now?

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Jamie Dettmer, the opinion editor at Politico Europe, [had an article out](#) on Sunday under this headline:



The screenshot shows the Politico Europe website layout. At the top is the red 'POLITICO' logo. Below it is a navigation bar with links to 'German election', 'War in Ukraine', 'Newsletters', 'Podcasts', 'Poll of Polls', 'Policy news', and 'Events'. The main headline is 'Erdoğan seizes geopolitical moment to snuff out democratic opposition'. Below the headline is a subtext: 'The Turkish president has chosen to bury the legacy of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the secular founder of the Republic of Turkey.' The author's name, Jamie Dettmer, is mentioned in the subtext.

The opening paragraph is:

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has spent years eroding democracy, stifling dissent and purging the country's army and civil service. Now, it looks as though he's chosen this geopolitical moment to bury the legacy of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the secular founder of the Republic of Turkey.

He added:

How else to interpret the Islamist populist's moves against the secular Republican People's Party (CHP), which was founded by Atatürk, and [the incarceration of the party's popular Istanbul Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu](#) — an opponent with a real chance of winning the next presidential election?

My question is, why is our government ignoring this? It very obviously is. Why does

almost no government appear to want to give this issue attention? Is fascism in plain sight acceptable now? What is their thinking? Why do they think apparent tolerance is acceptable?