



FOREIGN POLICY BRIEFING SERIES

Can the U.S.-Turkish Relationship Be Repaired?

Wednesday, March 23, 2005, Noon-1:30 p.m.
Wohlstetter Conference Center, Twelfth Floor, AEI
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Over the past two years, relations between Ankara and Washington have cooled. The Iraq war bolstered anti-Americanism in Turkey, while many Americans reassessed their relationship with Ankara after Turkey's parliament voted to prohibit American forces from entering Iraq via Turkey. More recently, Turkish officials say Washington ignores anti-Turkish terrorism and allows the Iraqi Kurds a free hand in the Iraqi city of Kirkuk. Public debate in Turkey has grown particularly shrill, with one parliamentarian having even accused the United States of genocide in Iraq. Is it possible to overcome the distance that has grown between the two nations since the Iraq war began?

Robert Pollock, senior editorial writer at the Wall Street Journal, Murat Mercan, founding member and deputy chairman of Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), and AEI scholars Richard Perle and Michael Rubin will address irritants in the U.S.-Turkish relationship and how both countries might rebuild their relationship.

11:45 a.m. Registration

Noon Speakers: MURAT MERCAN, AKP
RICHARD PERLE, AEI
ROBERT POLLOCK, Wall Street Journal
MICHAEL RUBIN, AEI

1:30 p.m. Adjournment

I will attend the briefing on Wednesday, March 23.

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