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2. After 1980 military intervention, Turkish political structure changed dramatically. Ideologies were suppressed by the military, discussing political issues publicly was prohibited. Politicians such as Demirel, Ecevit were not allowed to do public statements. All parties were dissolved. People who were members of leftist or nationalist groups were arrested, tortured in the prison, and some of them were executed. Universities were bound to YOK. These all applications created a suppression towards political practices and common people were scared of having an opinion of politics. The main focus of the legislations and constitution became the protection of the state rather than protection of the rights of the citizens.