

## Country: Turkmenistan

Years: 1991-2005

Head of government: Saparmurat Atajevich Niyazov

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Niyazov's party as TCP, or DPT. DPI identifies DPT's ideology as leftist." Political Handbook of the World (2015: 1498) identifies TCP as Marxist-Leninist and therefore leftist: "On December 16 the TCP was formally dissolved and immediately succeeded by the Democratic Party of Turkmenistan (DPT), which abandoned the Marxist-Leninist precepts of its predecessor while maintaining an absolute grip on power." Manzano (2017) identifies ideology as leftist. Lentz (1994: 772) identifies Niyazov as leftist, writing that "[Niyazov] joined the Communist Party in 1962 ... and was active in party organizations". Kangas (2006: 1383) identifies DPT as leftist, writing that "after independence Niyazov "banned" the CPT, although this meant nothing more than changing its name to the Democratic Party of Turkmenistan (DPT)." In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center-left" (-1.001) in 1994, "Center-left" (-1.001) in 1999, and "Center-left" (-1.001) in 2004.

Years: 2006-2020

Head of government: Gurbanguly Mjalikulyyevich Berdymukhammedov

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Berdymukhammedov's party as TCP, or DPT. DPI identifies DPT's ideology as leftist." Political Handbook (2015: 1500) elaborates, writing that "the DPT is the successor to the Turkmen Communist Party". Political Handbook of the World (2015: 1498) identifies TCP as Marxist-Leninist and therefore leftist: "On December 16 the TCP was formally dissolved and immediately succeeded by the Democratic Party of Turkmenistan (DPT), which abandoned the Marxist-Leninist precepts of its predecessor while maintaining an absolute grip on power." Manzano (2017) identifies ideology as leftist. Kangas (2006: 1383) identifies DPT as leftist, writing that "after independence Niyazov "banned" the CPT, although this meant nothing more than changing its name to the Democratic Party of Turkmenistan (DPT)." In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center-left" (-1.001) in 2004, 2008, 2013, and 2018. Varieties of Democracy identifies party affiliation as "none." World Statesmen identifies Berdymukhammedov's party as none.

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