

ABSTRACT

One of the countries that has enjoyed great international interest in recent years is Turkey. The long period of passive foreign policy oriented primarily towards the West has been replaced in recent years by a very active foreign policy focused on its own region. Turkey has included new instruments and activities in its foreign policy that are more in line with the position of the Middle Power. Two of the foreign policy instruments that have become important in Turkey include development aid and migration policy, or more precisely its response to refugee crises. This is also due to the fact that, as a result of the Syrian crisis, Turkey currently hosts more than three million refugees on its territory. The main goal of this thesis is to analyze the changes in Turkey's migration and development policy in the context of its overall foreign policy, as well as the way in which these issues are used to increase its soft power. The more general goal is to try to use the findings to enrich the Two-Good Theory with soft power tools. The Two-Good Theory attempts to explain the behavior of states in terms of their inclination towards maintaining status quo or changing the status quo in different areas of international relations. As shown by the diploma thesis, Turkey used these tools to build its position, especially at the beginning of the millennium after the Justice and Development Party's entry into power. Clearly defined geopolitical vision and economic prosperity have created a very active foreign policy. As a middle power, Turkey has managed to frame both policies at this time in such a way that it contributed to its status as a responsible regional player. The ongoing Syrian crisis and the destabilized Middle East region, however, showed how much the Turkish position depended on fragile stability in the region. In recent years, as Turkey feels endangered by the surrounding situation, we see a shift away from soft power instruments to far more traditional instruments of hard power. This was inevitably reflected in its approach to development aid and refugee crisis solutions. These instruments are being overshadowed in relation to building and strengthening Turkey's position and, from the viewpoint of the Two-Good Theory, are more likely to contribute to maintain the status quo.

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