Preface

This study attempts to deal with the Labour Party of Turkey since 1961 with special reference to the vibrant politics of Turkey. As the Labour Party of Turkey, has been the Largest and most durable of Legal socialist parties in Turkey; which has participated actively in national and local elections and remained engage in numerous propaganda tracts.

The Labour Party of Turkey came into existence in 1961, and paved the way for liberal political radicalism as intimated in the 1961 constitution.

The study also attempts to analyze the Marxist commitment in Labour Party of Turkey's ideology within the vortex of Turkish politics. It also becomes essential to examine much precisely the ideology of Labour Party of Turkey for a better grasp of what this party was really fighting for, but also for a clearer picture of the characteristics of the Turkish Left and the nature of its radicalism. In the process I have analyzed the role of the Turkish intellectuals who have revitalized the Labour Party of Turkey with their sound knowledge of socialism. The close collaboration of workers and intellectuals made the party ideologically sound to the ethos of Turkish politics.

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