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Turkey's Media System and Structural Foundations of Autoritization Trend

Abstract

The authoritarian structure that has become evident in Turkey's media system over the last decade should be regarded as part of this system within the general structure of the political and social system. For this evaluation, it is necessary to focus on the political, social and economic developments that are effective in shaping the press system with this review, by examining the historical development of the press, by moving beyond the tradition of the Four Theories that are the basis for the study of the media system. The approach that Hallin and Mancini use to differentiate media systems for such an analysis of understanding and comprehension of the political system presents the appropriate framework. The pluralistic model polarized from Hallin and Mancini's media system models can not sufficiently explain the trend of authoritarianism in the last ten years, with Turkey being significantly compatible with the media system of the period 1980-2002. This article will also examine other normative approaches, such as developing country systems, contemporary authoritarian systems, which may explain the general features of Turkey's media system. In this way, the structural characteristics of the media system towards authoritarian model will be tried to be understood.

Keywords

Media system, authoritarianism, clientism, instrumentalization