

country. Those unhappy with the state of affairs are told to pack their belongings and leave the country. Turkey belongs to the mainstream ideology and religion, and no one else should have a claim on it. These ideologies of secularism, nationalism, and political Islamism are all subject to interpretation for the benefit of the ruling majority.

With the climate prevailing in Turkey, it is difficult to imagine any minority (racial, religious, political, etc.), in this case, an ethnic minority such as Armenians, being able to claim its identity and its right to uphold that identity. What then is the path chosen by Turkish-Armenians, and what compromises does it entail?

This book focuses on the issues surrounding, enveloping, and suppressing Turkish-Armenians or, generally speaking, Turkish citizens of Armenian origin, since the diabolical campaign of the Young Turks (The Committee of Union and Progress, also known as the Ittihadists), the ethnic cleansing whose goal was to forge a Turkey for the Turks only. It is with an understanding of these issues, found in the dark corridors of Turkey's changing sociopolitical climate, that the metamorphosis of the sense of Armenianness (Armenian identity) is discussed.