

Turkmenistan

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Turkmenistan is coded as a single-party-personalist hybrid authoritarian regime from independence in 1991 until 2008. Saparmurat Niyazov of the Turkmen Communist Party (TCP) served as president at independence. There is no SOLS change at independence. In 1992, Niyazov's party affiliation changed from TCP to the Democratic Party of Turkmenistan (TDP), the only legal party in the country. In 2006, Niyazov died and the Halk Maslahaty, the country's supreme legislative body (not parliament), decided to hold a public election. Berdymukhammedov, TDP, became acting president until elections were held (Worldstatesmen.org; Chivers 2006). This is not a SOLS change since he is part of the same regime as Niyazov. He was formally made president in 2007 and ruled through 2008. His election is not a SOLS change.

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