

Analysis of Current Government System Change Discussions

Abstract:

This study will analyze the functioning and fundamental problems of the government system in Turkey from the perspective of current "Presidential (Cumhurbaşkanlığı) Government System" discussions, at the same time as it will focus on the reform of public bureaucracy within the new public management model. The current government system, which was finalized by the 1982 Constitution, is known as parliamentarism. However, one of the most prominent features of parliamentarism rule is that a cabinet within the parliament should have the executive power, which has not been operated in Turkey. For example, President (Cumhurbaşkanı) has power of intervention in cabinet. When the President asks, the ministers (cabinet) who are considered to be the head of the public administration can gather the board and discuss the desired agenda. With the adoption of the constitutional change for election of the president by the people in 2007, it became clear that the governmental system could no longer be called parliamentarism and was much closer to the semi-presidential system. It is desired to avoid the confusion in the government system with the constitutional amendment (referendum) that is to be done today. A new presidential system model is being emphasized in the name of the "Presidential Government System". Well, will this system change count as improvements in the functioning of public administration? Time will show that. However, it should be emphasized that the most important thing is to improve the public bureaucracy and manage the institutional performance of public institutions. To do this, efforts should be made to use the strategic management techniques in public administration recommended by the new public administration model.

Key Words: Turkish Public Administration, Presidential (Cumhurbaşkanlığı) System.

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