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## Abbreviations for Political Parties

AKP	Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi	Justice and Development Party
ANAP	Anavatan Partisi	Motherland Party
AP	Adalet Partisi	Justice Party
CHP	Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi	Republican People's Party
CKMP	Cumhuriyetçi Köylü Millet Partisi	Republican Peasant's Nation Party
DEHAP	Demokratik Halk Partisi	Democratic People's Party
DEP	Demokrasi Partisi	Democracy Party
DP	Demokrat Parti	Democrat Party
DP	Demokratik Parti	Democratic Party
DSP	Demokratik Sol Parti	Democratic Left Party
DTP	Demokrat Türkiye Partisi	Democrat Turkey Party
DYP	Doğru Yol Partisi	True Path Party
FP	Fazilet Partisi	Virtue Party
CGP	Cumhuriyetçi Güven Partisi	Republican Reliance Party
GP	Genç Parti	Youth Party
GP	Güven Partisi	Reliance Party
HADEP	Halkın Demokrasi Partisi	People's Democracy Party
HEP	Halkın Emek Partisi	People's Labor Party
HP	Halkçı Parti	Populist Party
IDP	Islahatçı Demokrasi Partisi	Reformist Democracy Party
MÇP	Milliyetçi Çalışma Partisi	Nationalist Work Party
MDP	Milliyetçi Demokrasi Partisi	Nationalist Democracy Party
MHP	Milliyetçi Hareket Partisi	Nationalist Action Party
MNP	Milli Nizam Partisi	National Order Party
MP	Millet Partisi	Nation Party
MSP	Milli Selamet Partisi	National Salvation Party
RP	Refah Partisi	Welfare Party
SHP	Sosyal Demokratik Halkçı Parti	Social Democratic Populist Party
SODEP	Sosyal Demokrasi Partisi	Social Democracy Party
SP	Saadet Partisi	Felicity Party
TBP	Türkiye Birlik Partisi	Turkish Union Party
TİP	Türkiye İşçi Partisi	Turkish Labor Party
YTP	Yeni Türkiye Partisi	New Turkey Party