



Turkey

Article 27 - Everyone has the right to take part in the cultural life of their community

Ethnic and religious minorities living in Turkey, such as the Kurds and Alevi, respectively complain of violations against their religious, cultural, and political rights arising from an insistence that Turkey represents both a cultural and political identity for all citizens.

Article 19 - Everyone has the right to say what they think and to share information with others

Article 301 of the Turkish Constitution prohibits 'denegrating Turkishness', which places various restrictions on the freedom of speech and assembly, as well as arbitrary electoral and parliamentary barriers. In November 2007, two Turkish-Armenian journalists, Arat Dink and Sarkis Seropyan, were found guilty of 'insulting Turkishness' for reprinting an interview that referred to the mass killing of Ottoman Armenians by Turks in 1915 as 'genocide'.