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Subject: Re: Secular democracy

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people call turkey secular, it's only secular when you compare it to the middle east. it's halfway between europe and the middle east both geographically and culturally.

spikdum wroteHowever our politicians don't, and those who do are the ones who need bodyguards.

mmhmm. what's disgraceful is that our politicians portray him (if you mean who i think you mean) as the troublemaker, the criminal... rather than the people who are intent on killing him. but it's always the way... eg during the salman rushdie affair, most of our religious leaders sided with the ayatollah. (more recently when he was considered for a knighthood, people repeated the argument that salman was the villian of the piece). during the danish cartoon affair, all the condemnation was directed at the cartoonists and media outlets who showed them, rather than the baying mobs who were murdering innocent bystanders and burning embassies, or the imams who deliberately and dishonestly whipped them up.

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