

REPORT CARD**Words and actions on issues of concern to
Azerbaijani and Turkish communities of America**

Not endorsed by any Armenian or pro-Armenian political parties, news organizations, NGOs or 527 organizations.

President Bush's administration recognizes Azerbaijan's support in the war on terrorism and has greatly expanded security and military cooperation between the United States and Azerbaijan. In President Bush's administration, America has moved from words to action in its recognition of Azerbaijan's crucial geopolitical position and its role as a moderate and secular nation in the Muslim world.

President Bush's administration strongly supports Azerbaijan's ambition to integrate into Euro-Atlantic institutions, and has encouraged Azerbaijan's relationship with NATO incomparably more than previous administrations.

The Bush Administration placed Armenia, in December of 2002, on an Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS/BCIS) watch list for terrorist countries. Under heavy nationwide protests from the Armenian lobby, the Administration was forced to yield American national security concerns to domestic pressure.

President Bush actively supports Turkey's EU bid, increased grants, loans and military aid to Turkey.

President Bush's administration has sought to de-link American military and humanitarian aid to Azerbaijan from aid to Armenia, reflecting a belief that each of America's allies should be dealt with on its own merits. (From 1992-2003, Armenia received some \$1,336 billion in U.S. aid, while Azerbaijan, twice the size and population as well as almost 1 million refugee and IDP population and being a victim of aggression, because of Section 907, just over

Endorsed by Armenia's nationalist parties

The Armenian political parties in America such as Dashnaktsutyun [the notorious Armenian Revolutionary Federation historically supporting terrorism], the Ramkavar-Azatakan [Liberal Democratic] and Henschakyan [the Bell], appealed to the US Armenians. They urged the Armenian population of the USA to vote for John Kerry due to his extensive historic support for to the Armenian community, his position on the so-called "Armenian genocide of 1915" and pro-Armenian tilt in the Karabakh problem (Source: A1+ Armenian newspaper, 21 Oct 04). John Kerry is also endorsed by the main Armenian lobby and propaganda organization, the Armenian National Committee of America (Source: ANCA Press Release, July 25, 2004).

Zaman newspaper story: true or false?

Despite the October 8, 2004 last-minute revisionist attempt by an article in a respected Turkish newspaper Zaman, which attempted to paint Sen. John Kerry as nothing less than a friend of Turkey, and by association Azerbaijan, the whole story and article was denied by the Kerry campaign, and strong support for all the issues of interest to Armenians reaffirmed. According to John Kerry Spokesman Mark Kitchens, "There is no truth to the report published recently in the Turkish newspaper "Zaman." John Kerry's record in the Senate and his statements during this campaign have consistently supported U.S. recognition of the Armenian Genocide." (ANCA Press Release, October 9, 2004).

War on terrorism and international coalition-building

Repeatedly shown lack of respect to the members of the coalition in Iraq, calling the 25% of total non-US troops as "the bribed and coerced" and dismissing countries, during the presidential debates, who contributed troops in their "hundreds", specifically Azerbaijan. This is despite the fact that Azerbaijan – itself faced with 16-year Armenian aggression and occupation of 16% of its lands – contributed 151 troops to Iraq, the only predominantly Muslim nation

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\$335 million. Every year since president Bush the aid to Armenia has been reduced, while aid to Azerbaijan increased. Nevertheless, due to Congressional action, Armenia qualified for the Millennium Challenge Account, an additional \$100-200 million in 2004, while Azerbaijan did not).

Despite yielding once in February 2000 to election needs which necessitated a written pledge to properly recognize the “Armenian genocide”, before and since then President Bush avoided the term “genocide”. Made a great effort against the passage of the Genocide Resolution in both the House (H.Res.193) and the Senate (S.Res.164).

President Bush’s administration has been a crucial factor in ensuring the success of the most important economic infrastructure projects for Azerbaijan’s security and development in history, as well as Georgia’s and Turkey’s economic development and energy source diversification, the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) and Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum pipelines.

President Bush has worked to abolish U.S. sanctions against Azerbaijan instigated by the Armenian lobby in 1992. While all previous administrations opposed section 907, President Bush went further and waived those sanctions in 2001. By contrast, Senator Kerry was a sponsor of that pro-Armenian legislation.

Political appointments

Not a single Turkish-American or Azerbaijani-American has been appointed by the Bush Administration to any position in the U.S. Government, in contrast to several high-ranking Armenian-Americans.

to do so, in addition to troops in Afghanistan and Kosovo.

Anti-Turkish and anti-Azerbaijani legislature

“I am proud of my work with the Armenian American community to gain broader recognition of the Armenian Genocide, including fighting alongside Senator Robert Dole in 1990 for designation of April 24 as a national day of remembrance for this tragedy.”

“I have been an unwavering supporter of many other important Armenian issues. **In 1992, I authored an amendment to the Freedom Support Act** making U.S. aid to Azerbaijan conditional on it taking steps to end its blockades against Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. I supported the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act in 1996 which prohibits U.S. assistance to any country that restricts the delivery of U.S. humanitarian aid to another country. In 2003, I cosponsored legislation to extend "permanent normal trade relations" (PNTR) to Armenia. This January, I joined Senators Barbara Boxer, George Allen, Paul Sarbanes, Russ Feingold, and Jon Corzine in asking the President to urge Turkey to lift its embargo of Armenia” (Source: Statement by Democratic Presidential Candidate John Kerry In Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide, April 22, 2004).

Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act of 1992

Senator Kerry was the author of the notorious Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act of 1992, along with his closest friends, pro-Armenian Senators Bob Dole (R-KS) and Edward Kennedy (D-MA). Here’s in Sen. Kerry’s own words: “This section of the conference report is a modified version of a provision that I first offered in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. As accepted by the Conference Committee, the provision prohibits assistance to the Government of Azerbaijan unless and until the President determines, and so reports to Congress, that Azerbaijan `is taking demonstrable steps to cease all blockades and other offensive uses of force against Armenia and Nagorno-Karabach” (Source: Congressional Record, Senate, October 01, 1992).