

# Why are we apologizing?

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Press Secretary Geoff Morrell: “[Under Secretary of State Eric Edelman and Assistant Secretary of State Dan Fried] met over the weekend at length with their Turkish counterparts with regards to the genocide resolution. They expressed regret on behalf of their respective secretaries for the House committee choosing to go ahead and pass the resolution.”

<http://www.defenselink.mil/transcripts/transcript.aspx?transcriptid=4063>

Unbelievably, this apology, which was issued in response to public threats by the Turkish government, was made for a vote by the democratically elected members of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee.

**We have retreated far from our nation’s commitment to human rights when U.S. officials are sent abroad to apologize to a foreign country for Congressional recognition of a crime the President himself has described as “the annihilation of as many as 1,500,000 Armenians through forced exile and murder.”**

**America should never apologize for believing in human rights**