



TASC Media Watch: January 2019

Member of the TASC Board of Advisors Enis Pinar's comment was posted on The Wall Street Journal, in response to "Turkey seeks so much U.S. military support to adopt fight in Syria that it will require more American force, not less." Her full response on the article is as follows:

"I am fully for withdrawing our forces from both Syria and for ending our 17-year war in Afghanistan ASAP. We should not waste the life of a single more American soldier in either theatre.

However, what I don't understand is why we should not provide air cover for Turkey, a 66-year NATO ally, when it takes over the fight against ISIS just as we have done for the Kurds. After all, ISIS doesn't have any SAM's to endanger our pilots. What's more, we share a major air base, Incirlik, in the south of that country from which we fly out sorties all the time and even store our tactical nuclear weapons there.

It sounds to me like all this bellyaching is nothing but political diatribe hidden under a military veneer aimed at undermining Trump's fully justified decision to withdraw our forces from a sovereign nation (Syria) where we were neither invited nor have any vital national interest being in any longer. "