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## *After Losing Istanbul Vote, Turkey's Erdogan Wants a Do-Over*

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Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has not handled his party's poor performance in local elections well, and is continuing to try to find a way to fix the results, particularly in Istanbul. [On Monday he suggested that the city may need to revote entirely.](#)

Erdogan's original plan was to recount all votes in Istanbul, but the High Election Board has rejected the bulk of the recount, [allowing for only 51 total ballot boxes to be recounted in 21 districts.](#)

Though Erdogan's AKP actually did win a slim majority across the nation, the loss of Istanbul and Ankara was particularly embarrassing. Erdogan's start as a mayor in Istanbul meant his party losing that city was quite a blow.

The AKP tried to downplay the loses at first, suggesting that by the time the results were finalized, they were confident all the cities would end up in their hands, a slim loss in Ankara looks unlikely to be reversed.