My first task was to determine the availability of Turkish newspapers on open source platforms, including the Library of Congress. Milliyet, Sabah Online, Hürriyet, and Yeni Şafak were easily accessible online, but Milliyet is difficult to access. I was unable to find Radikal either online or in a library. Cumhuriyet is available via microfilm at the Library of Congress. Fikret Bila, Semih Idiz, and Murat Yetkin have articles published online, but these articles only dated back a few years. I was unable to find archives of their writings from 2000 or 2001. I spent the first few weeks of the internship examining articles from Hürriyet newspaper including September, October, November, and the beginning of December of 2000. I looked for articles pertaining to four categories: the European Union, domestic politics specifically related the Erdoğan and Islamic parties, US-Turkish relations, and the economy. I then translated these articles and organized the main points into a summary for the month.

After translating and categorizing these articles I moved on to assess different thematic concepts from the early 2000s. I prepared a short report on labor unions, the economy, and neoliberal policies implemented in the late 1990s into the early 2000s. I also prepared a short report on gender politics and the AKP. This report included information on how women contributed to the founding and initial success of the AKP as well as how women are viewed within the party. Then I looked into IPSOS publications. I called their D.C. office, and they do not have a database dedicated to their Turkey surveys. Generally, Turkey’s statistics are within larger worldwide reports, but there is one publication they do yearly called the Turkey Barometer. I was able to find this publication from 2015 but perhaps with further collaboration with IPSOS other years could be found. I summarized and translated the IPSOS documents I was able to find. I also attempted to flesh out the current military elites and possible promotions in August. Finally, I attended many events around D.C. on Turkey and provided a report on one of the pro-government events.