



Kadir Has University
Center for Turkish Studies

***Public Perceptions on
Turkish Foreign Policy***

Quantitative Research Report

20 July 2017 | Istanbul



General Framework

Universe : Turkey-wide representation; 18 years and older
Sample : 1.000

Revealing the public opinion on
Turkish foreign policy

Purpose

Sample

Schedule

Fieldwork

6 June 2017 – 30 June 2017

Data Control

12 June 2017 – 5 June 2017

Analysis and Reporting

6 July 2017 – 17 July 2017

Quantitative Research

Face-to-face interviews based on a
pre-prepared questionnaire

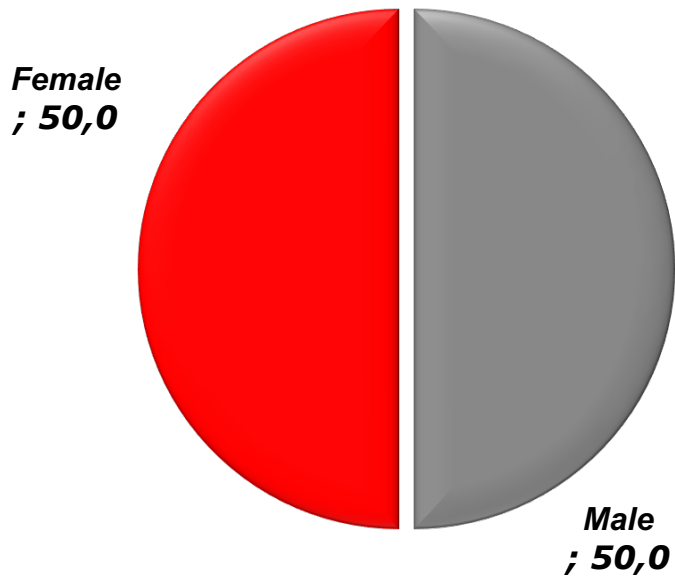
Method

**Research
Team**

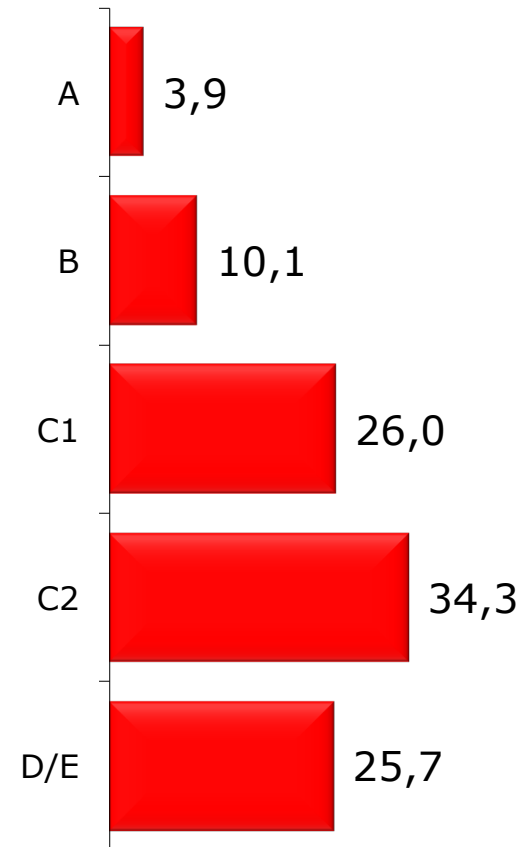
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Gender Distribution

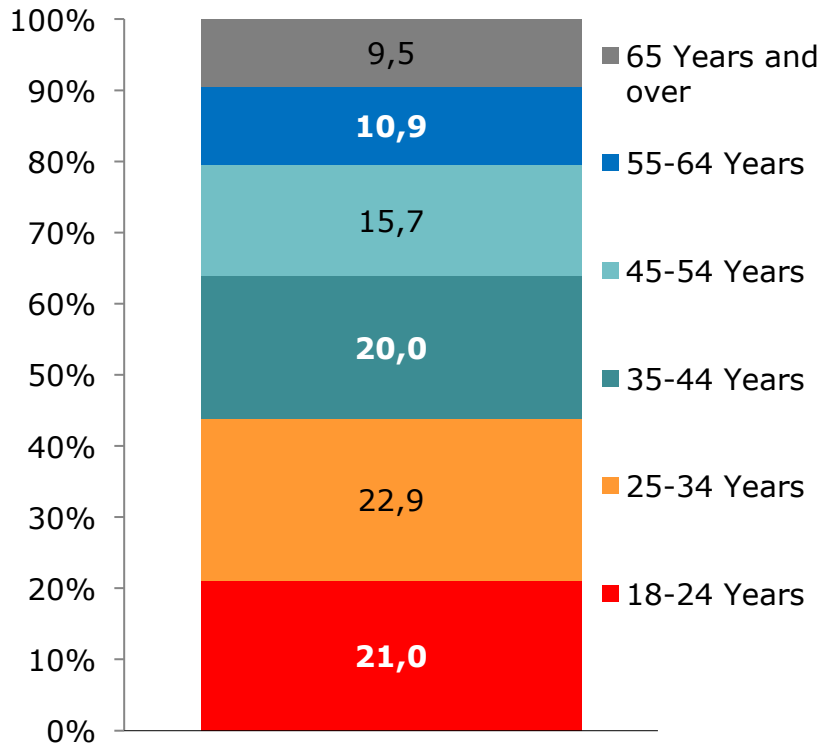


Socio-Economic Status



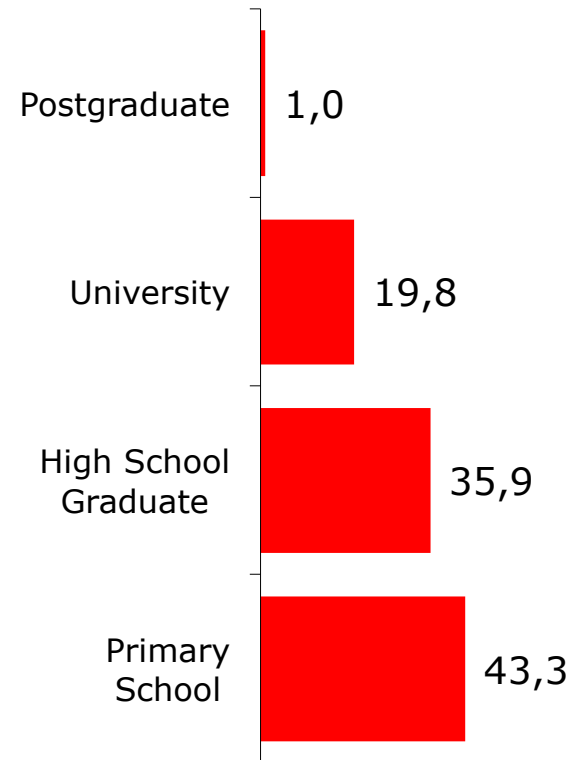


Age



Mean age: 38,8

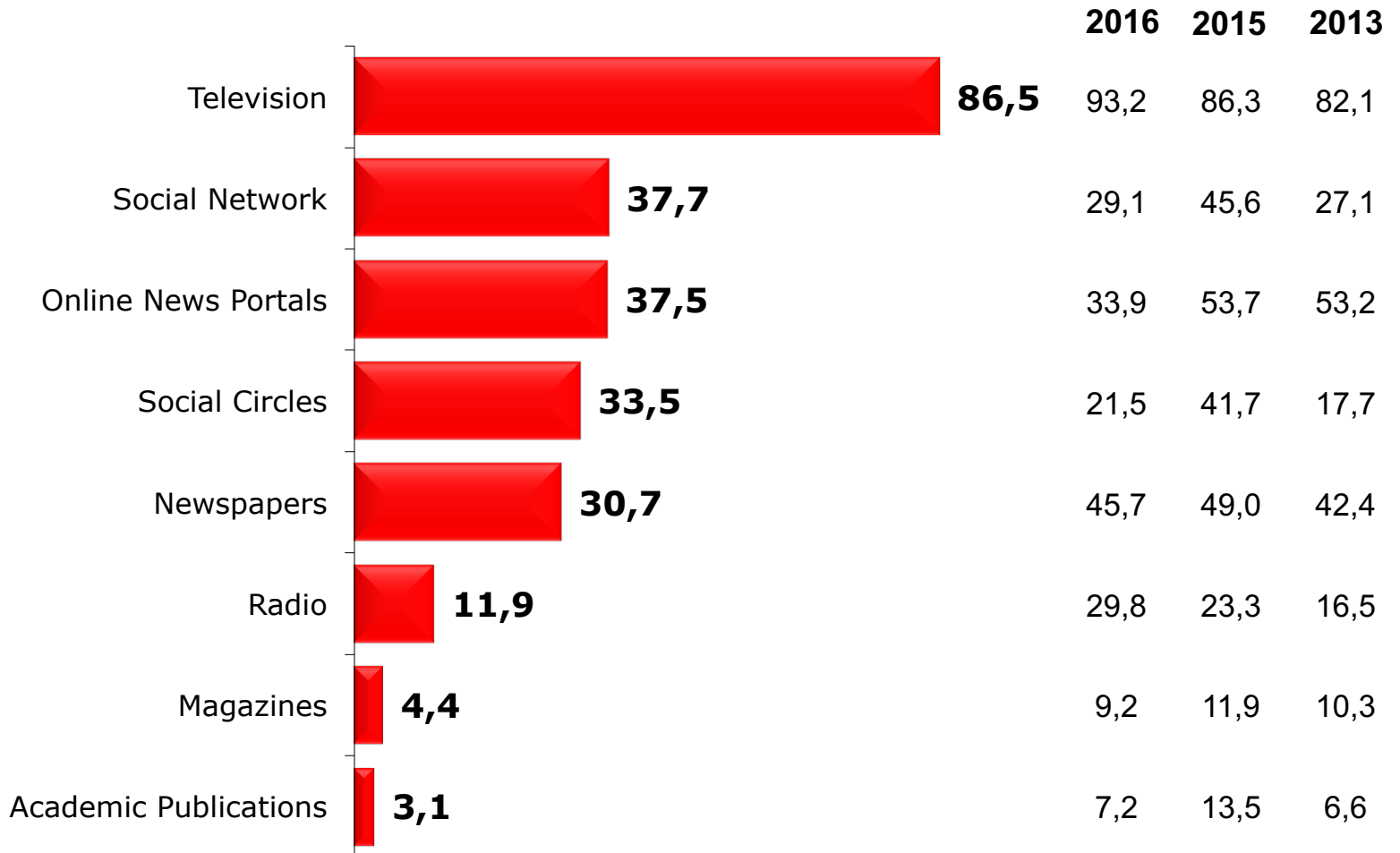
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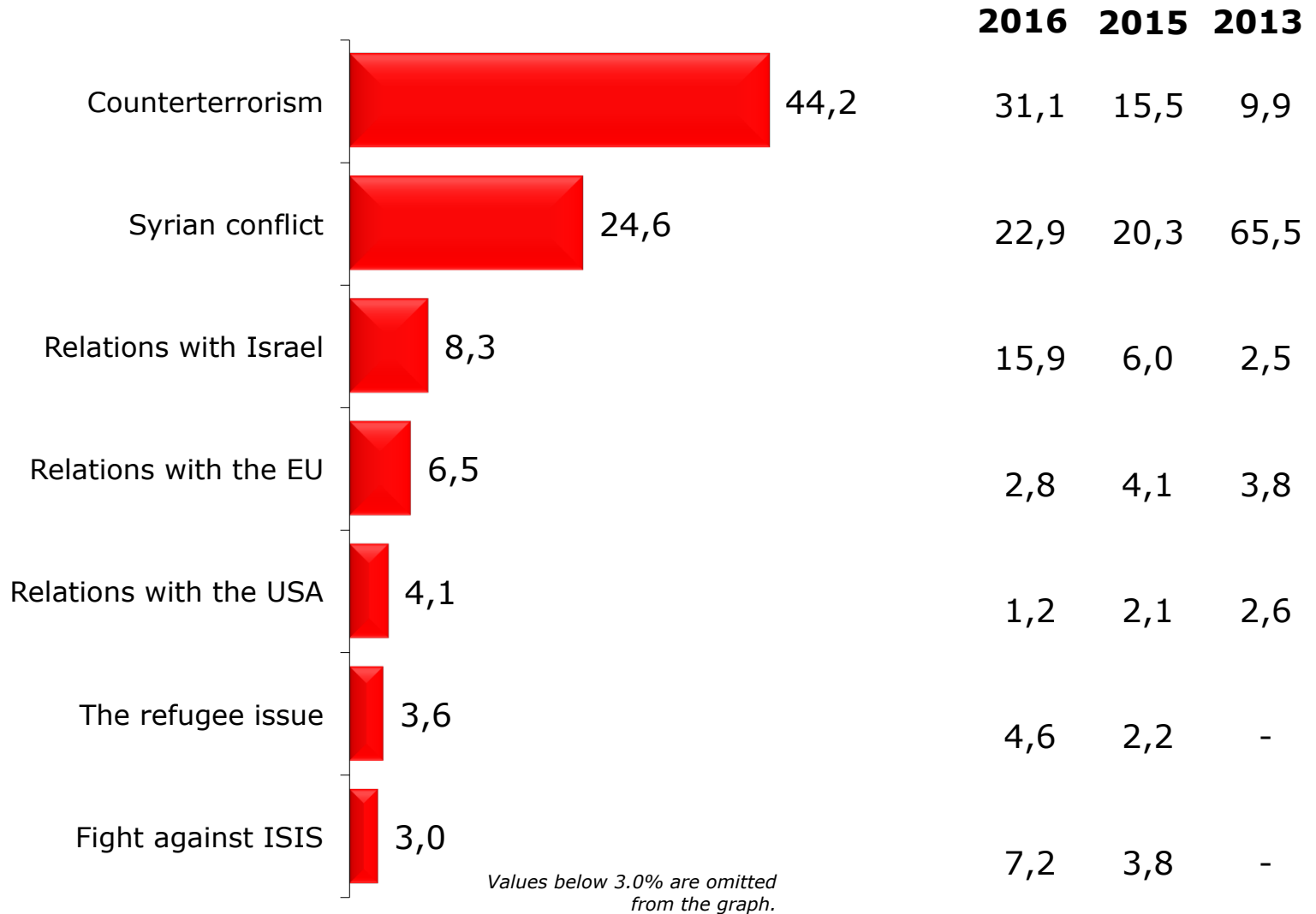
Access to Information

Which of the following information sources do you consult for receiving news about Turkish Foreign Policy?





What is the most important issue of Turkish Foreign Policy recently?

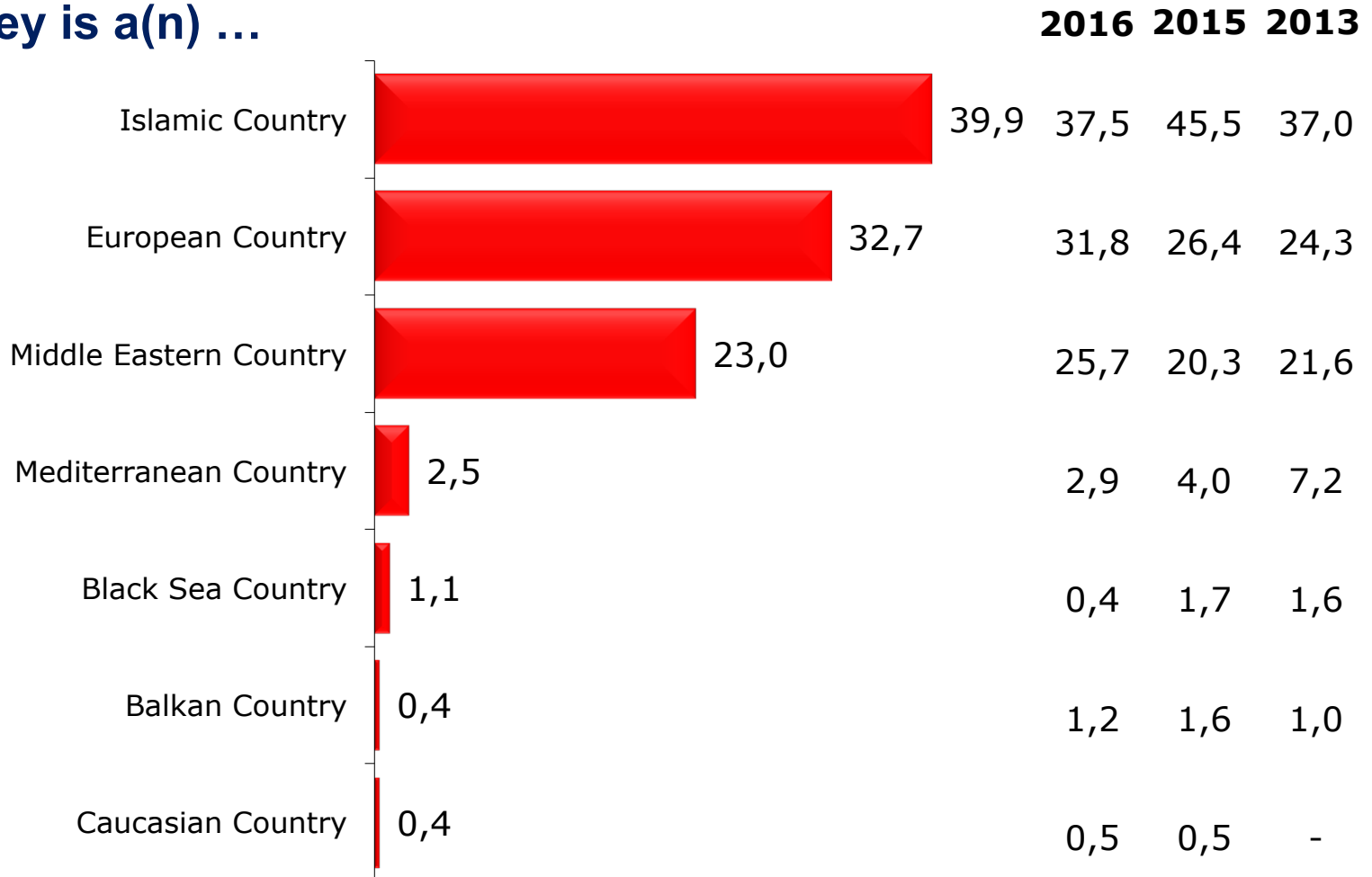




Foreign Policy Image

Which one of the following represents Turkey the best?

Turkey is a(n) ...

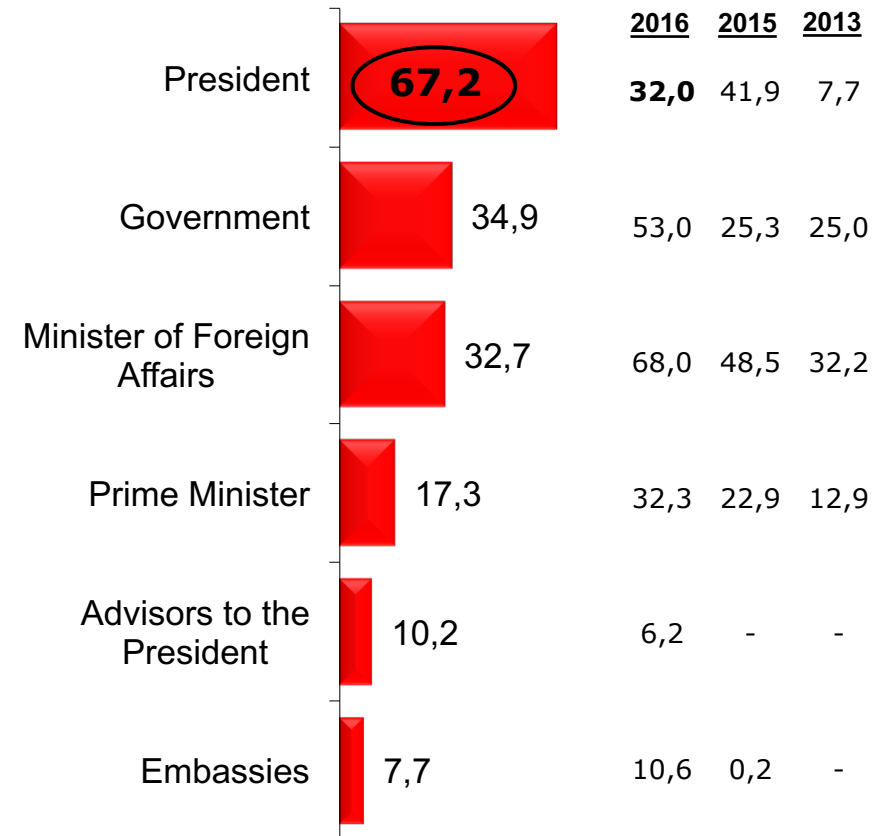
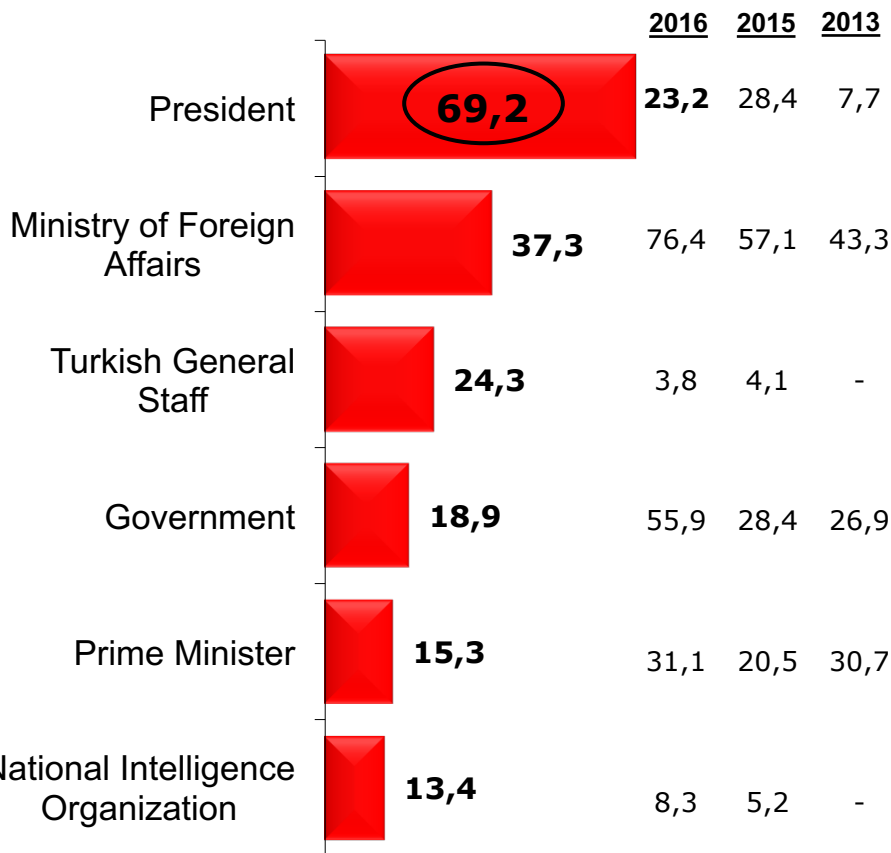




Foreign Policy-Making

Which of the following institution(s) make foreign policy in Turkey?

Which of the following individuals or institutions are active in implementing foreign policy in Turkey?

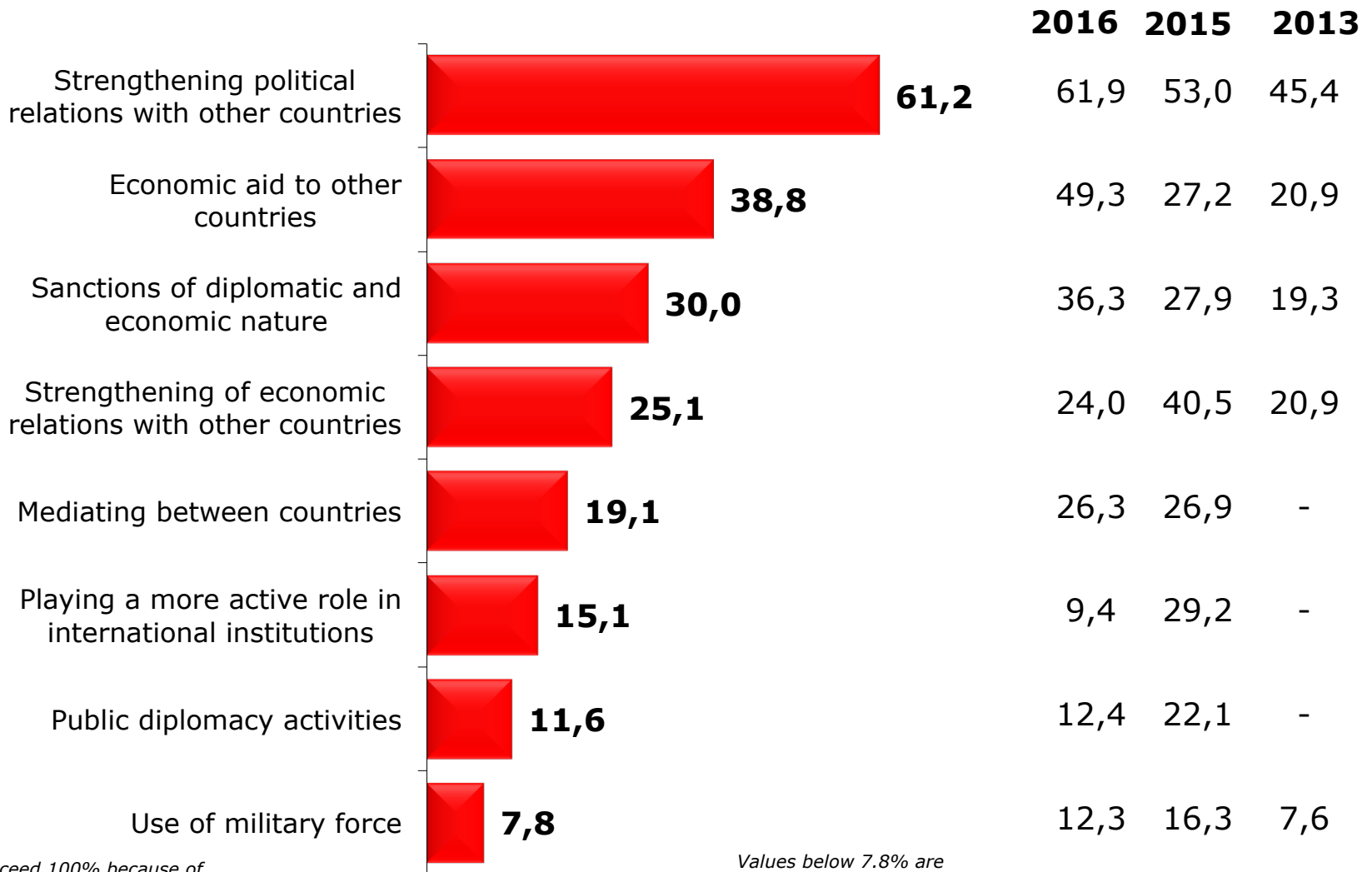


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Foreign Policy-Making

Which of the following should be prioritized for a stronger Turkish Foreign Policy?



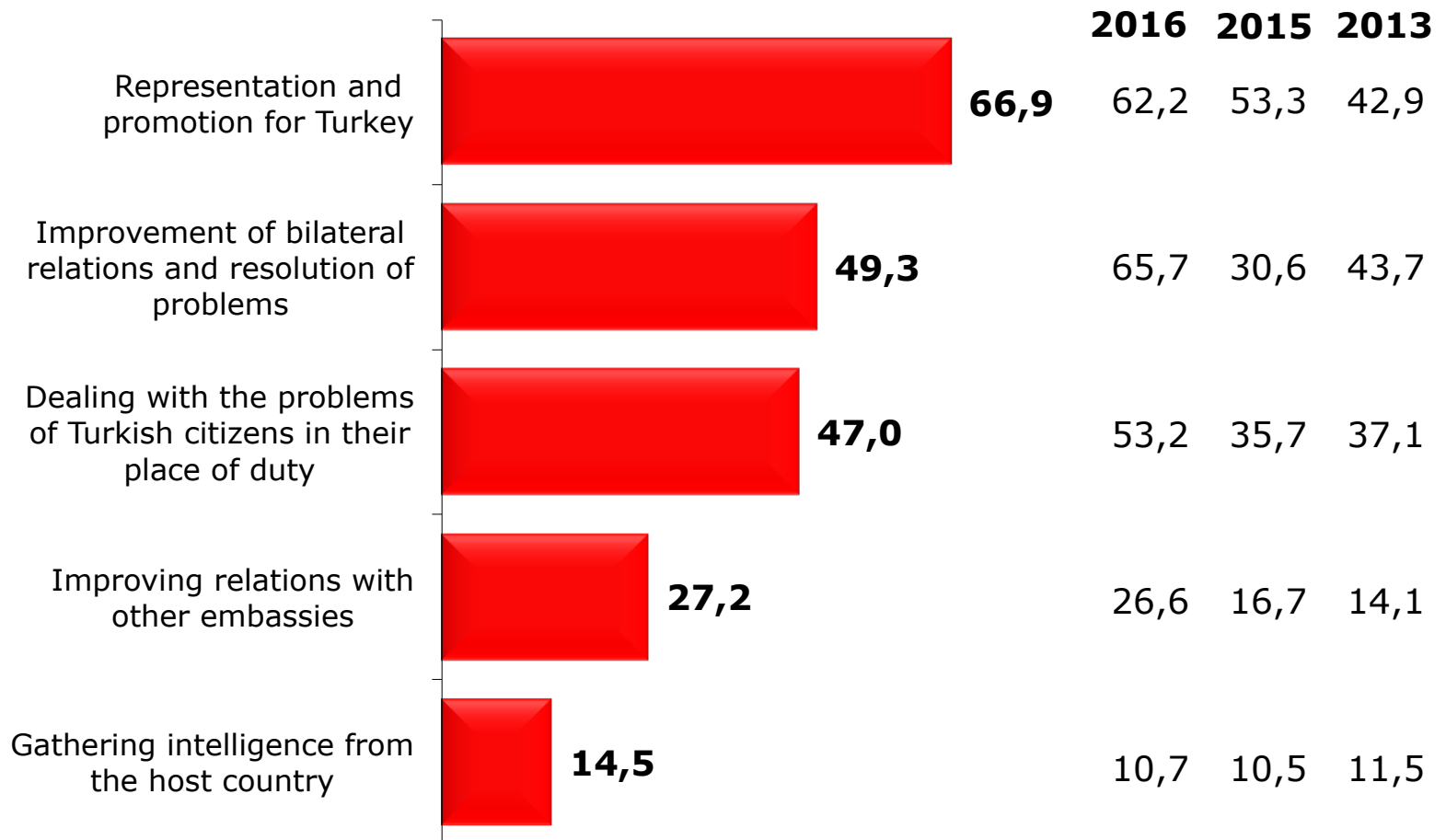
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Representation in Foreign Policy

What should be the main duties/functions of Turkish ambassadors abroad?

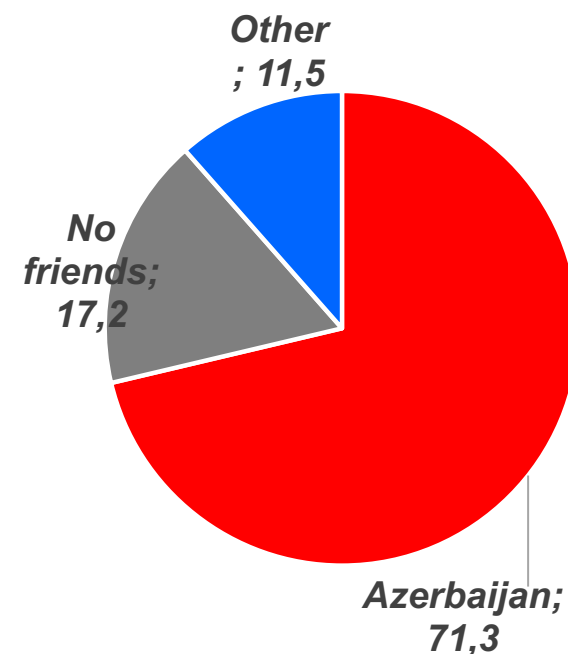




Perceptions of Amity

Which country is Turkey's closest 'friend'?

	2017	2016	2015	2013
Azerbaijan	71,3	59,3	37,2	28,0
Pakistan	2,2	1,1	2,9	2,9
Qatar	1,9	-	-	-
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus	1,8	2,0	8,9	3,8
Albania	0,9	2,0	1,8	0,8
Bosnia-Herzegovina	0,8	0,8	6,0	0,5
USA	0,6	2,6	5,9	7,4
Russia	0,6	0,3	1,6	1,4
Germany	0,5	1,4	2,1	2,2
China	0,5	0,6	0,4	0,3
Syria	0,5	1,1	1,2	1,3
Japan	0,3	0,7	2,2	1,3
Saudi Arabia	0,2	2,4	2,8	0,9
Iraq	0,2	0,6	0,8	0,3
Belgium	0,1	-	-	-
Austria	0,1	-	-	-
Iran	0,1	0,3	2,3	1,3
Macedonia	0,1	-	-	-
Turkey has no friends	17,2	23,1	38,9	38,6





Threat Perceptions

Which country or countries pose a threat to Turkey?

	2017	2016	2015	2013
USA	66,5	44,1	35,3	41,7
Israel	37,4	26,0	42,6	37,1
EU Countries	24,0	10,4	10,2	12,8
Russia	18,5	34,9	10,2	10,6
Armenia	18,0	9,8	20,3	7,2
Syria	16,7	30,4	22,1	23,9
Iran	12,5	7,3	14,8	18,4
Greece	10,2	4,8	10,6	6,5
Iraq	3,8	5,7	10,9	13,5
Entire world	0,8	0,4	2,0	1,3
Saudi Arabia	0,3	0,2	0,3	0,1
There are no threats facing Turkey	8,4	2,7	8,7	7,4

8.4% of the Turkish public state that there are no threats against Turkey.



Perceptions of Cooperation

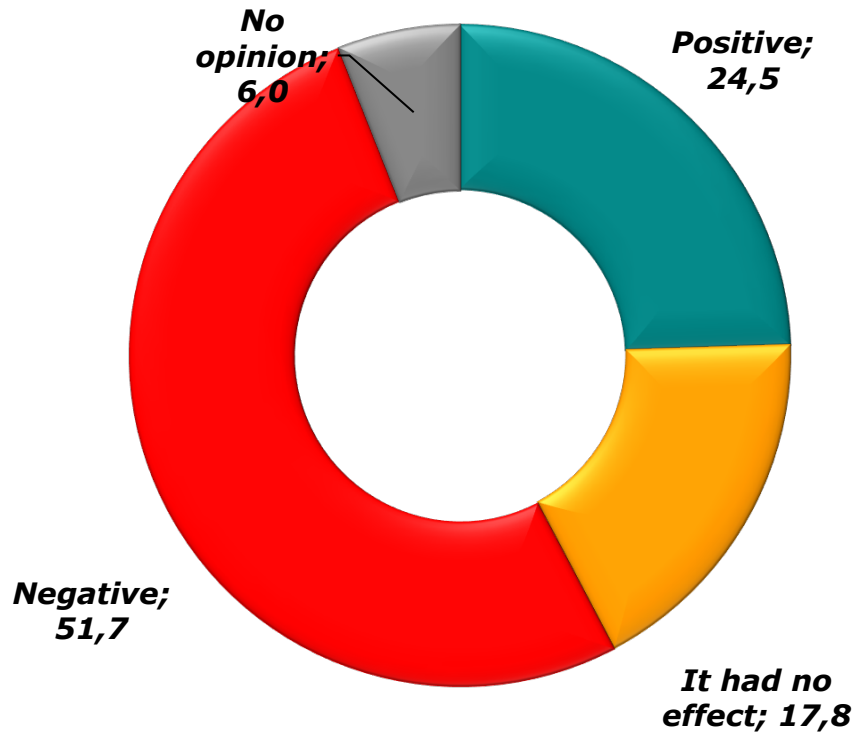
With which countries Turkey should cooperate in implementing its foreign policy?

	2017	2016	2015	2013
Azerbaijan	59,0	48,5	18,7	12,4
Turkic Republics	37,4 ↑	16,7	16,2	11,3
Muslim Countries	22,4 ↑	9,8	19,5	12,5
Russia	7,8	3,0	9,4	6,8
NATO countries	7,1	-	-	-
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus	5,4	3,6	6,3	1,9
Pakistan	4,7	1,3	1,3	0,8
European Union	4,1	8,1	7,0	10,3
China	3,4	3,1	3,7	4,2
USA	2,5 ↓	7,2	12,6	14,2
Germany	2,2	1,7	4,3	7,2
Iran	1,7	1,3	5,4	5,7
United Kingdom	0,9	1,0	1,8	3,6
France	0,4	1,2	1,3	2,1
Israel	0,2	0,3	0,6	1,4
Turkey should act alone	14,7	22,6	22,0	20,7

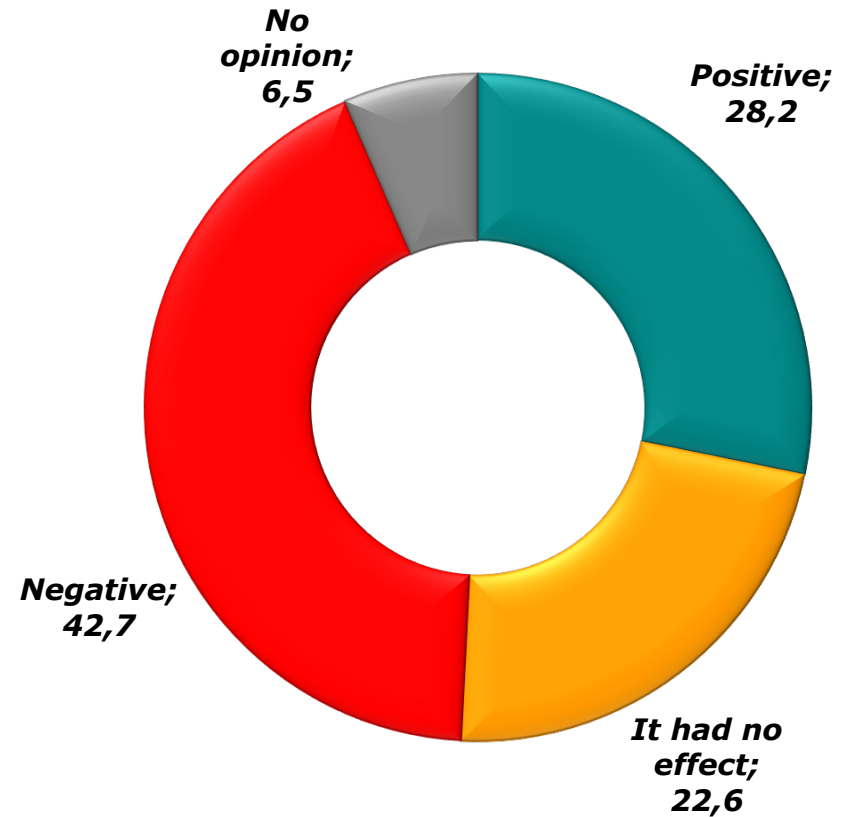


15th July-Coup Attempt

How did the 15th July-coup attempt influence Turkish foreign policy?

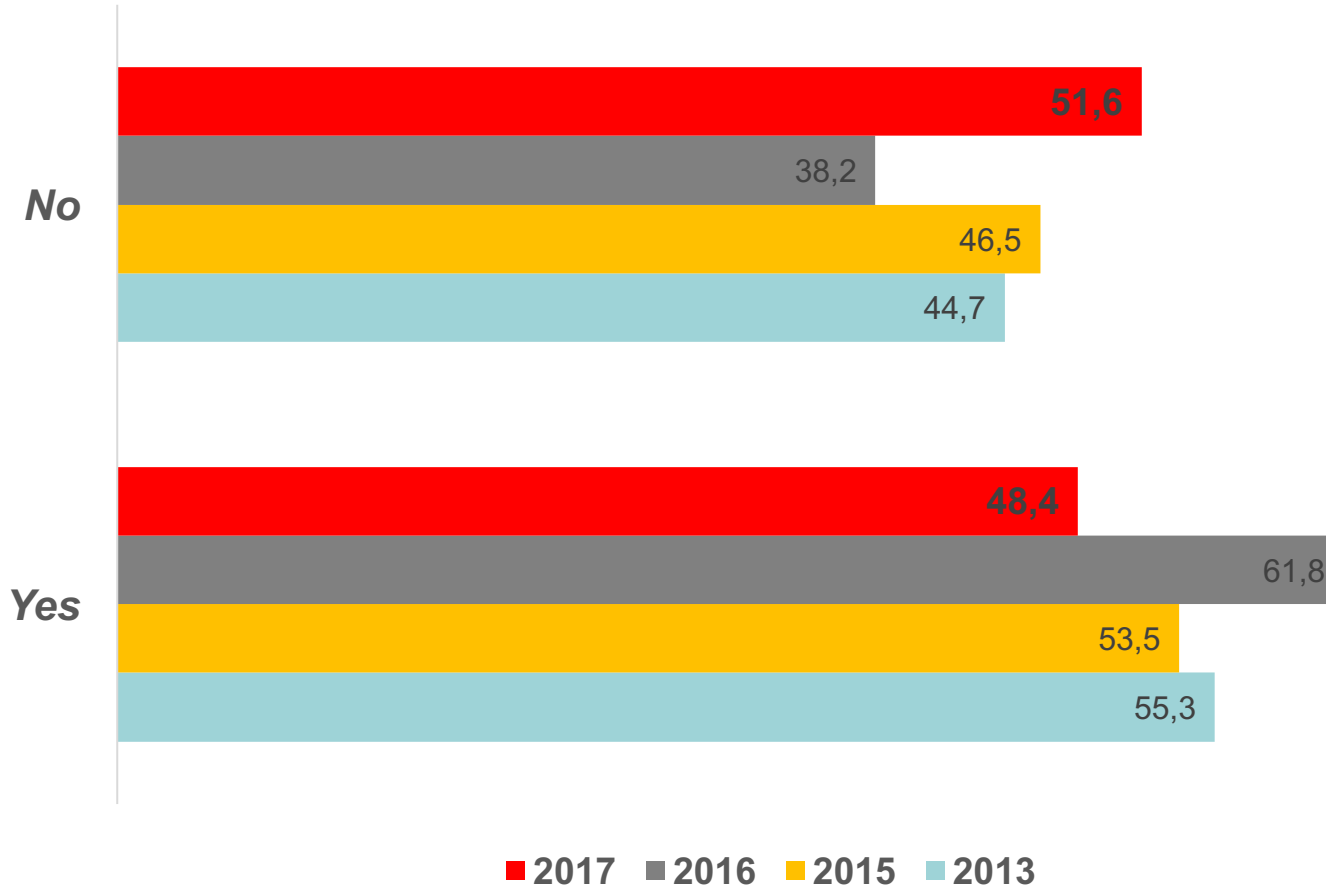


How do measures taken during the state of emergency influence Turkey's image abroad?





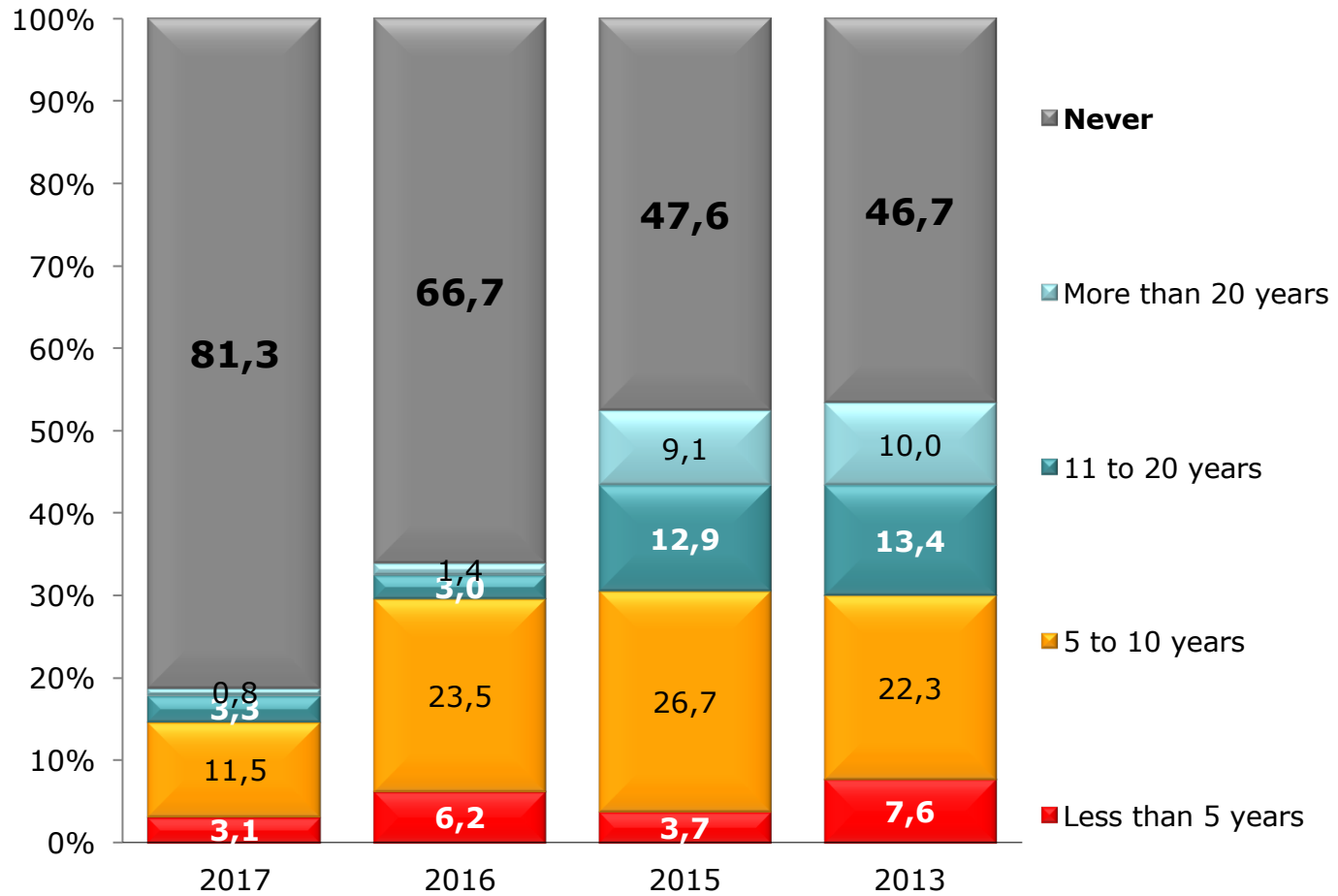
Do you want Turkey to become an EU member?



After the weighted distribution of the undecided vote, which was 14.1% in 2013 and 20.7% in 2015...



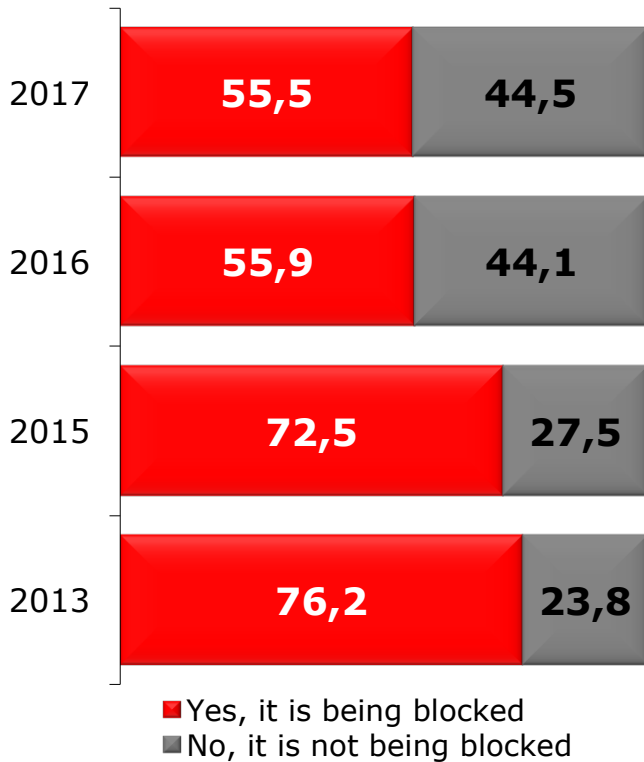
When Turkey can be a full-member of the EU?



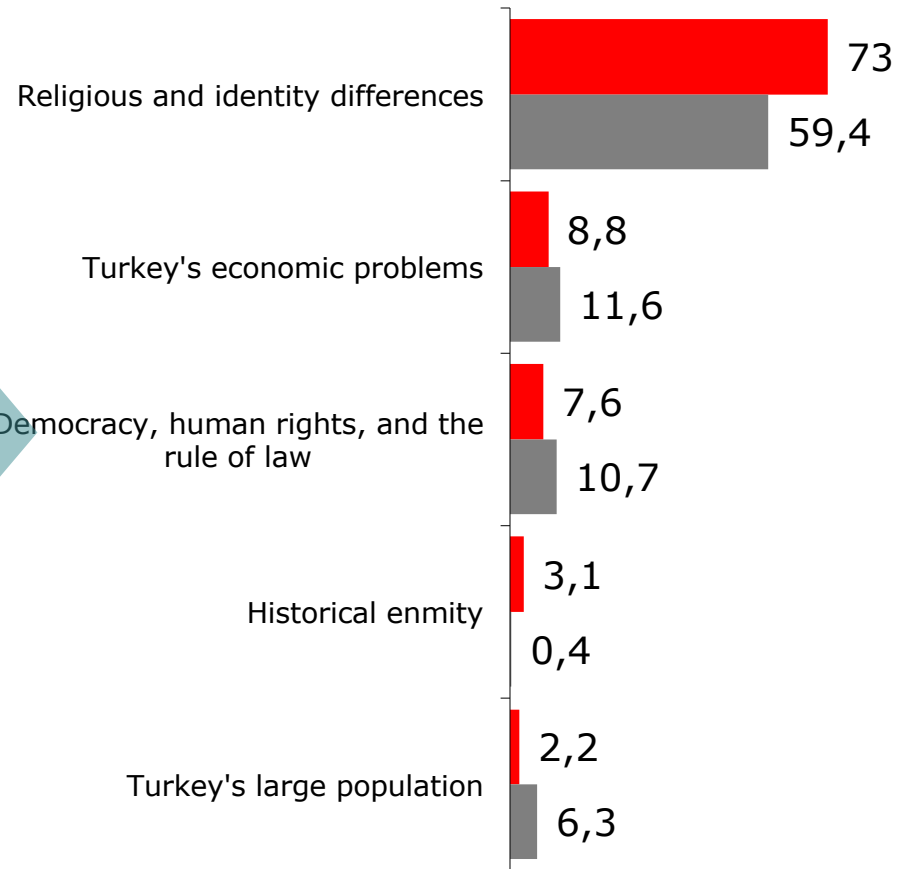


Relations with the EU

Do you think that Turkey's membership to the EU is being blocked?



Why do you think that the EU is blocking EU membership?



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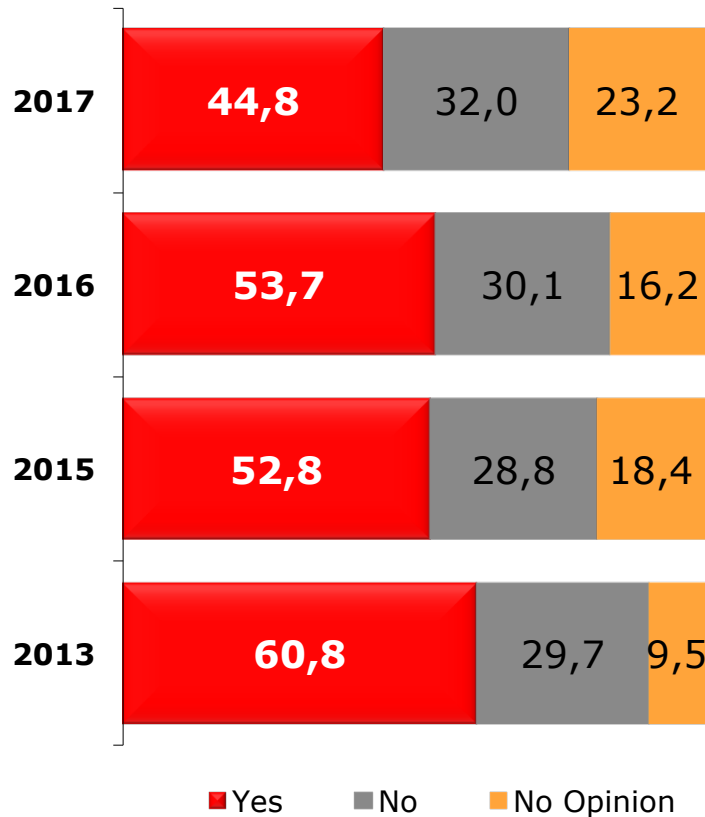
2016	2017
559	555

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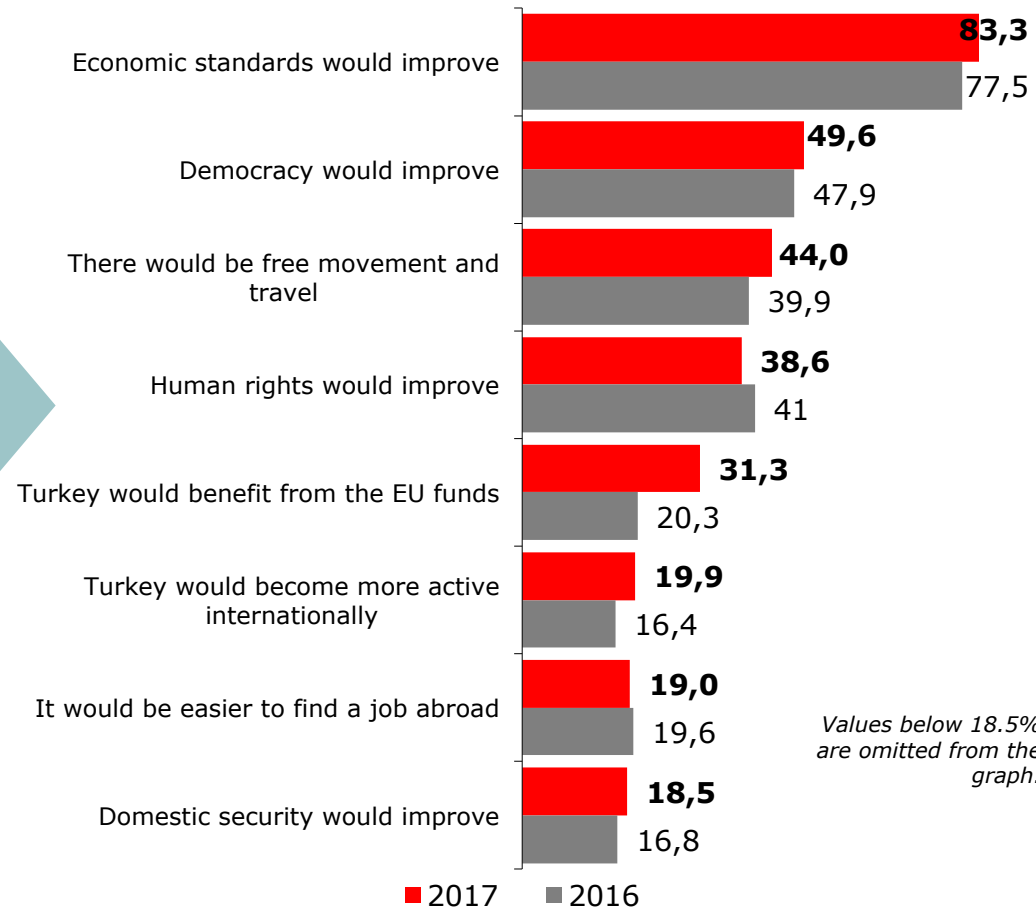


Relations with the EU

Would the EU membership be beneficial to Turkey?



How would Turkey benefit from EU membership?



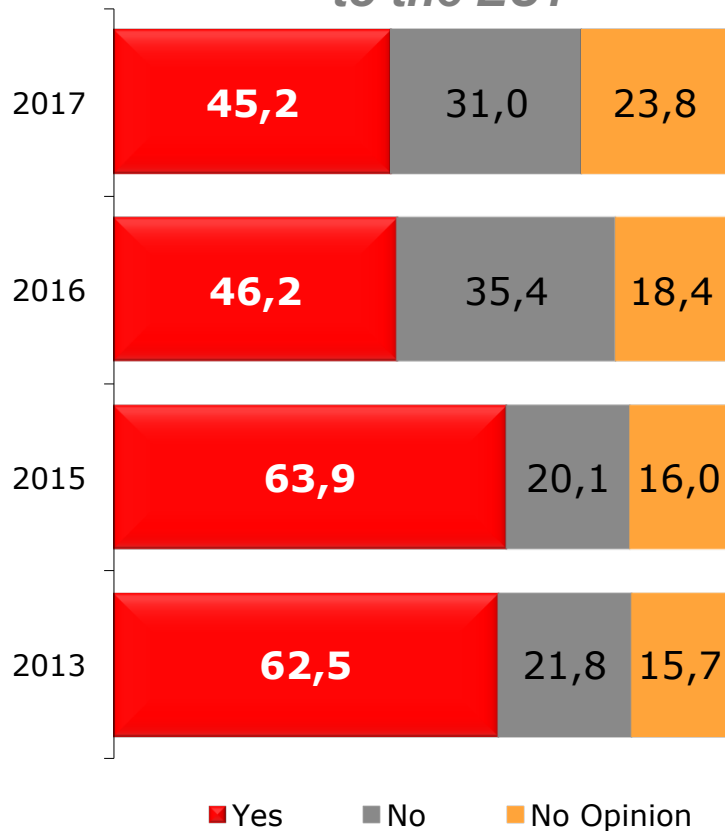
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Base: 2016 2017
537 448

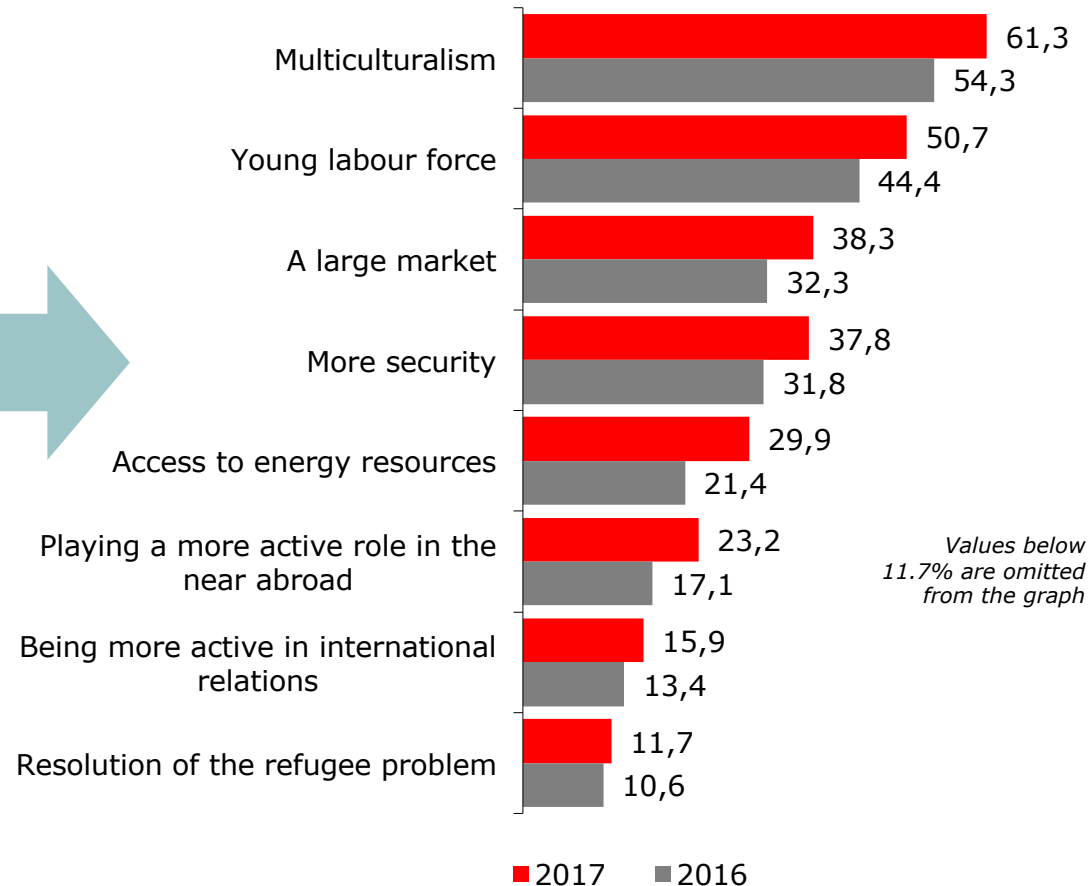
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Do you think Turkey's membership would be beneficial to the EU?



How would the EU benefit from Turkey's membership?



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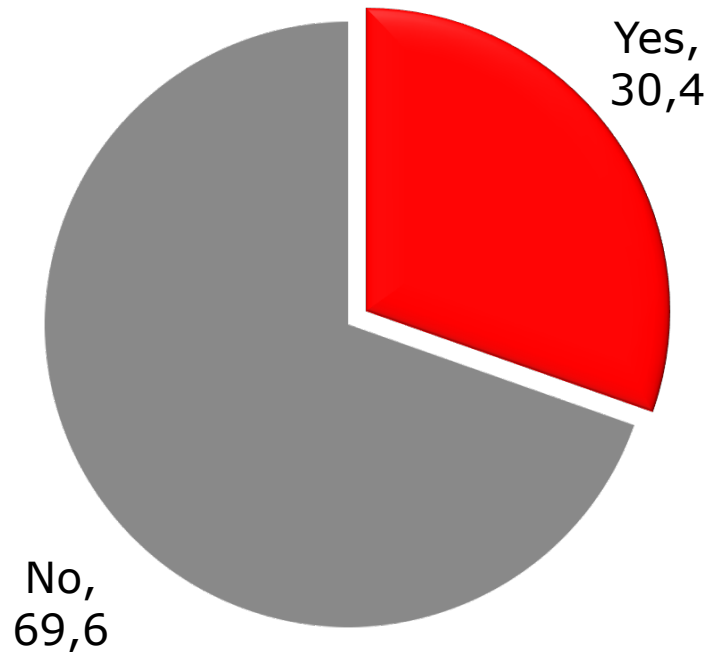
2016	2017
462	452

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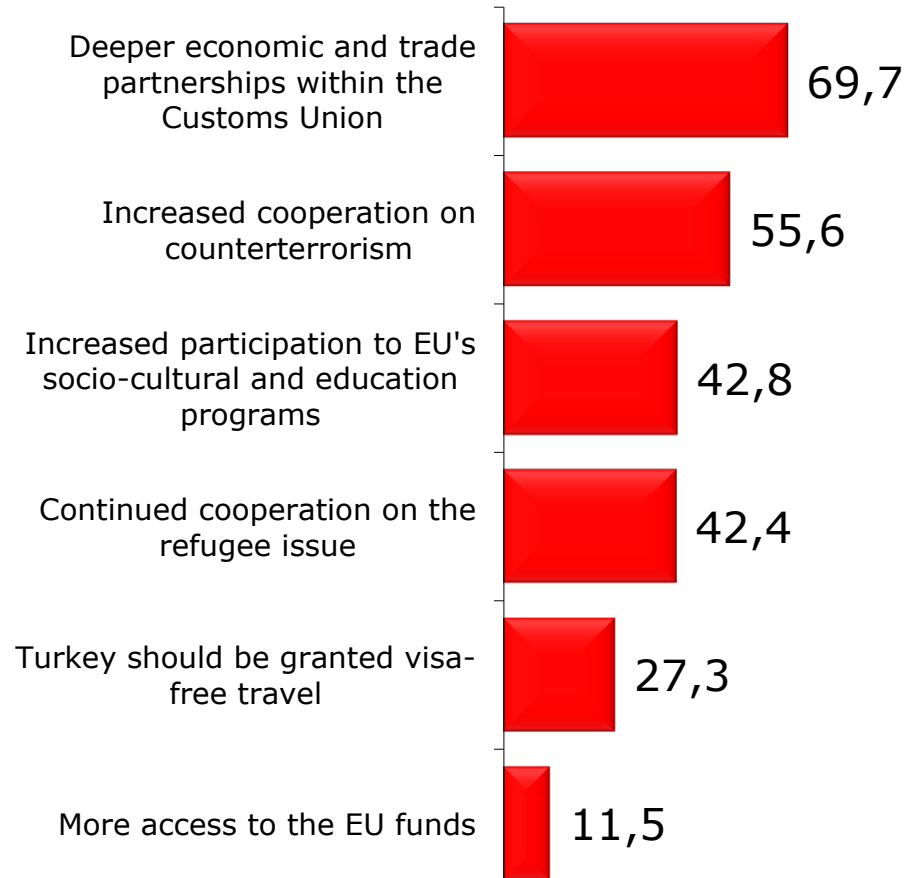
Relations with the EU

Should Turkey and the EU establish a model of relationship other than membership?



*The idea of a “privileged partnership” received positive reaction of **22.8%** in 2015, and of **23.8%** in 2016. Negative responses were **31.7%** in 2015 and **21.7%** in 2016. The rest were undecided.*

Which of the following should be the priority in a new model of relationship between the EU and Turkey?

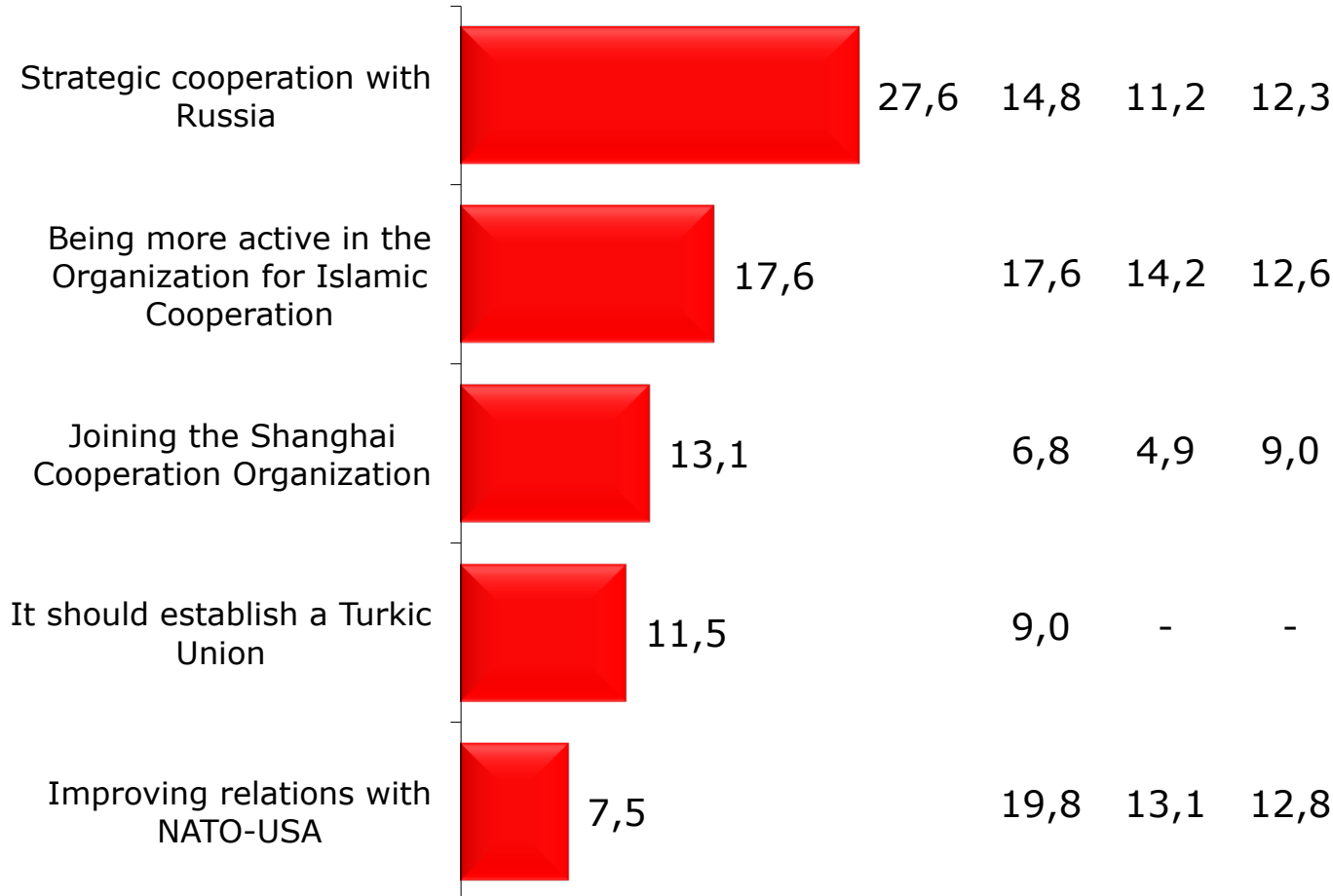




Relations with the EU

Which one of the following could be an alternative to the EU Membership?

2016 2015 2013



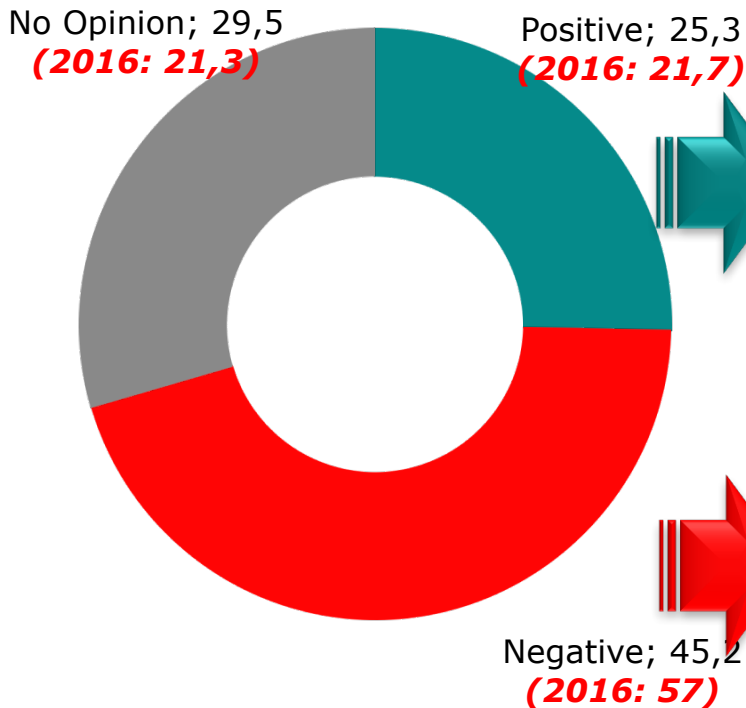
10.3 % (19.7% in 2016) stated that there is no alternative to EU membership; while **12.2% (9.9% in 2016)** stated that Turkey should not join any union.

0.2% stated no opinion.

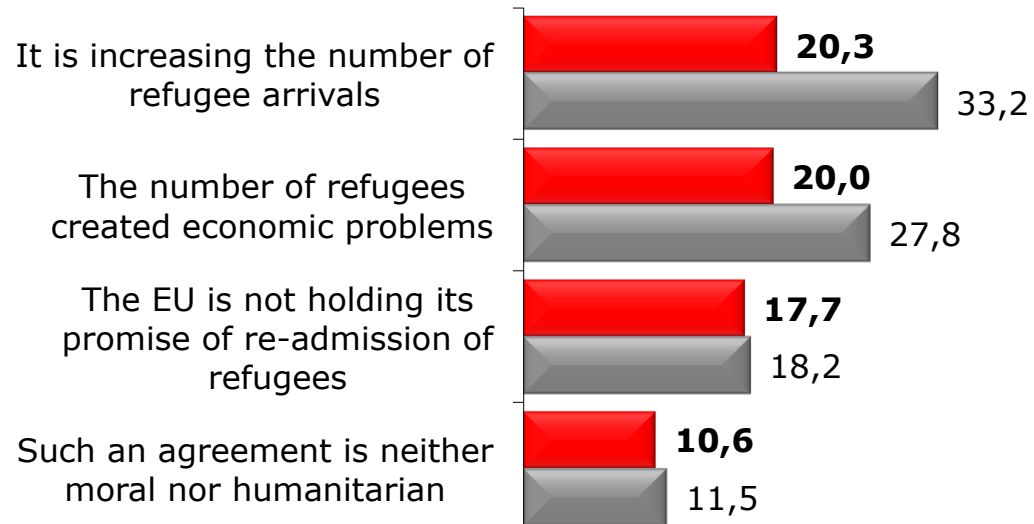
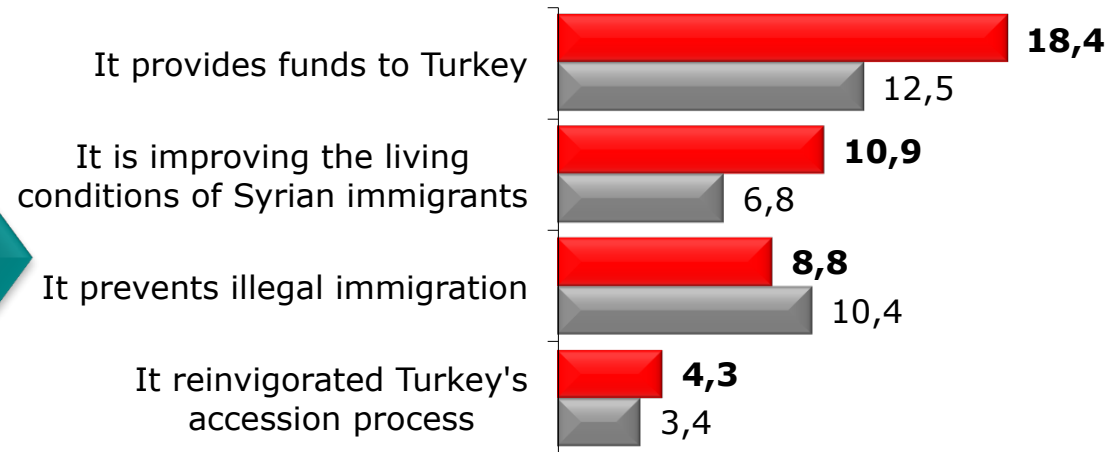


Relations with the EU

How do you assess the refugee deal between Turkey and the EU?



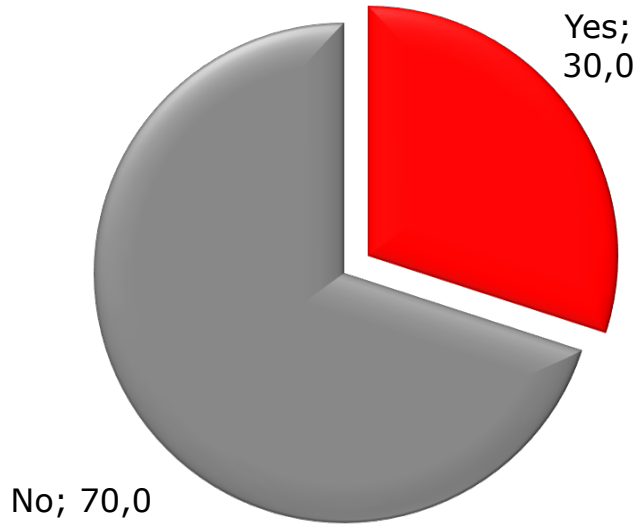
Why do you think that the refugee deal between Turkey and the EU is positive/negative?



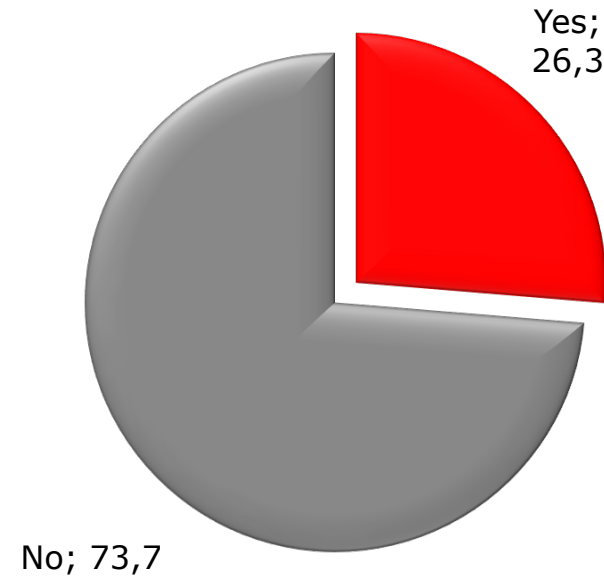


Relations with the EU

Would the EU suspend the accession talks with Turkey soon?



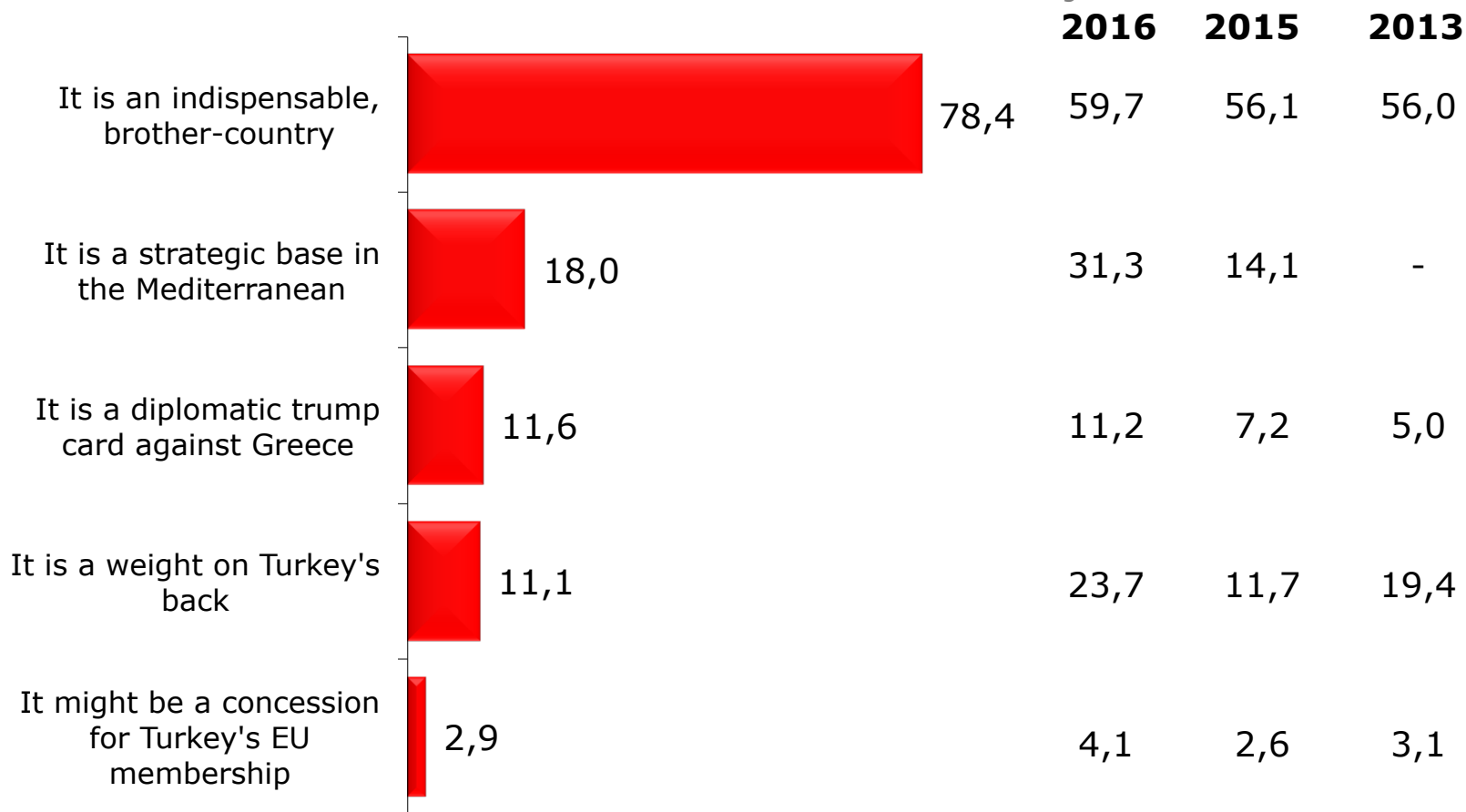
Would Turkey suspend the accession talks with the EU soon?





Relations with Cyprus

What do you think about the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in its relations with Turkey?

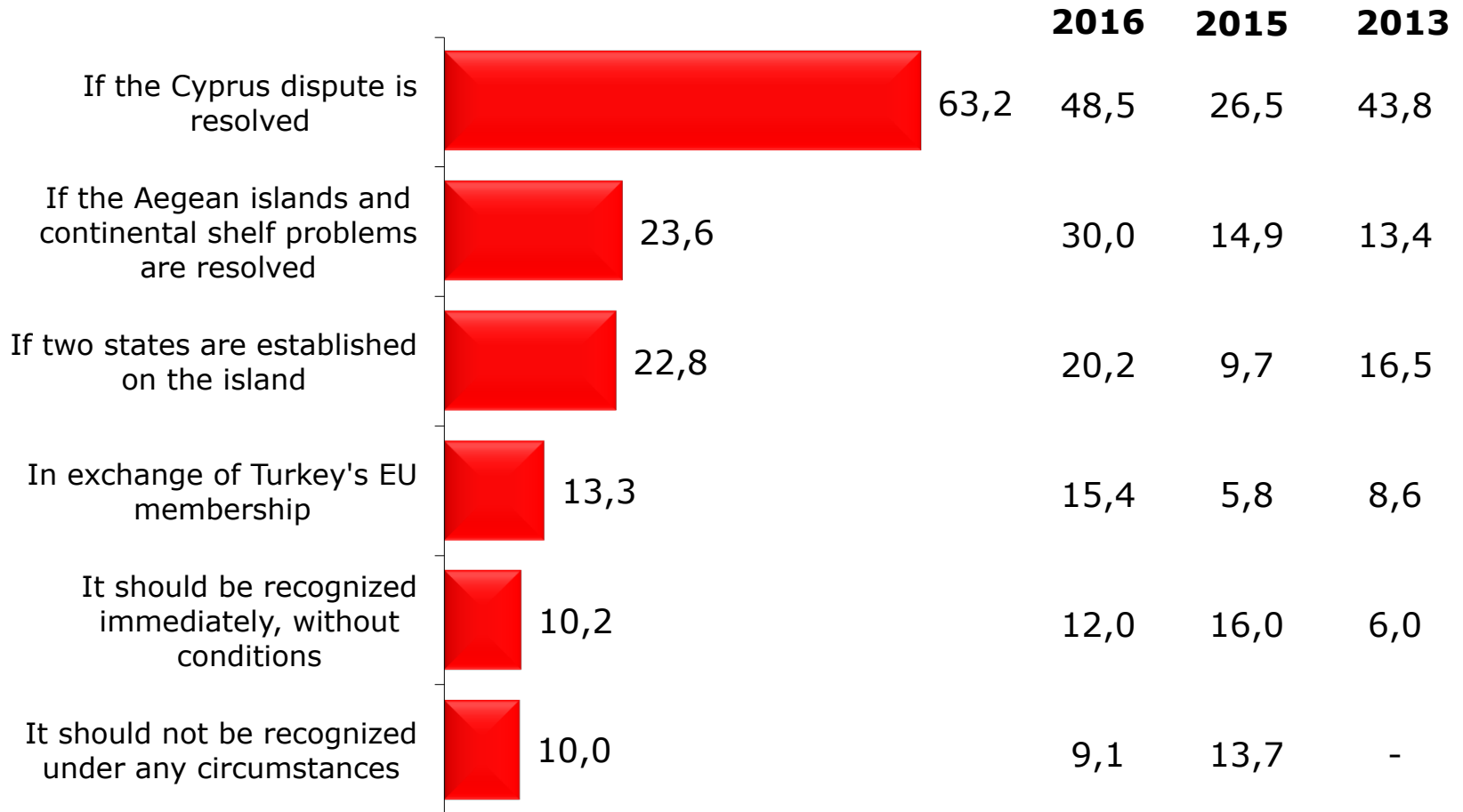


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Relations with Cyprus

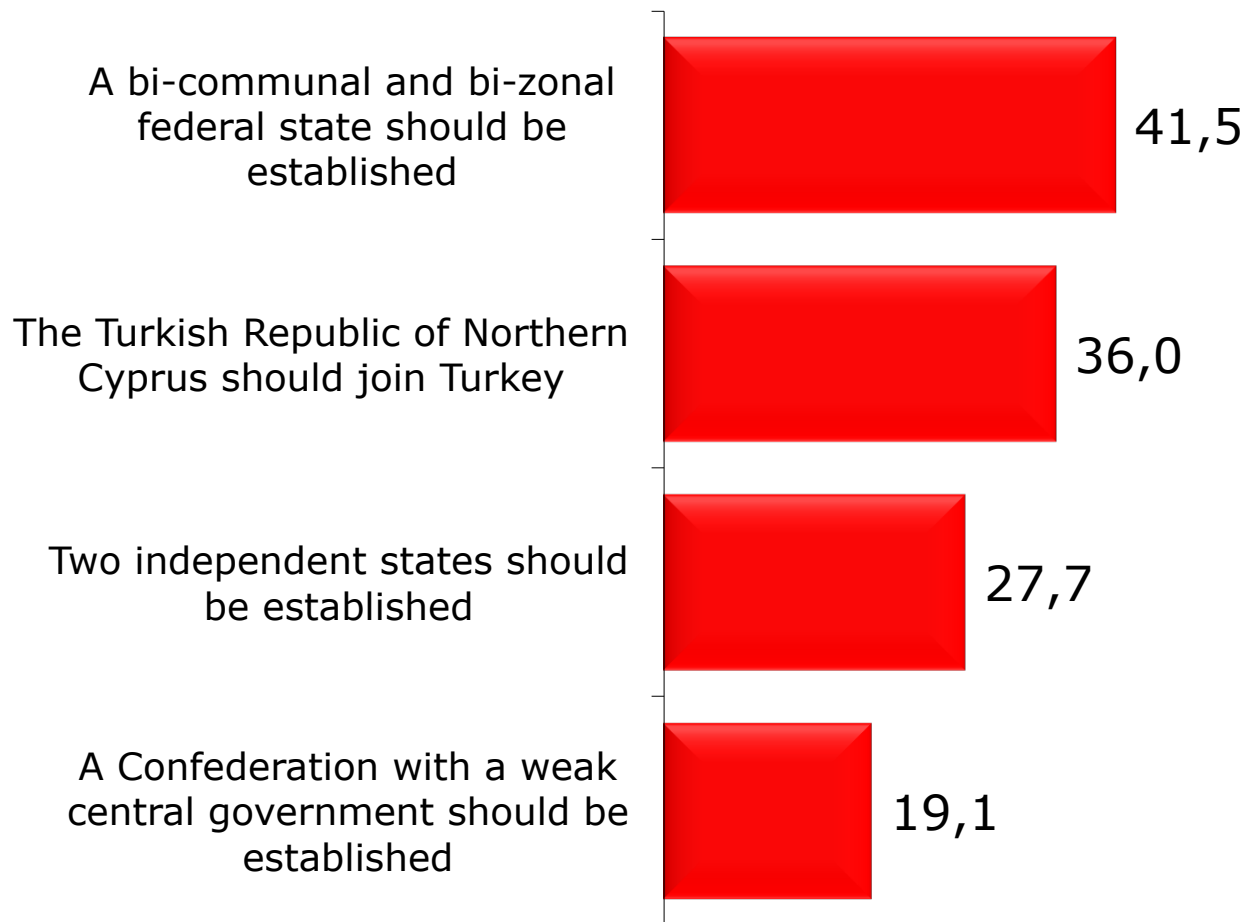
Under which condition(s) Turkey should recognize the Republic of Cyprus?



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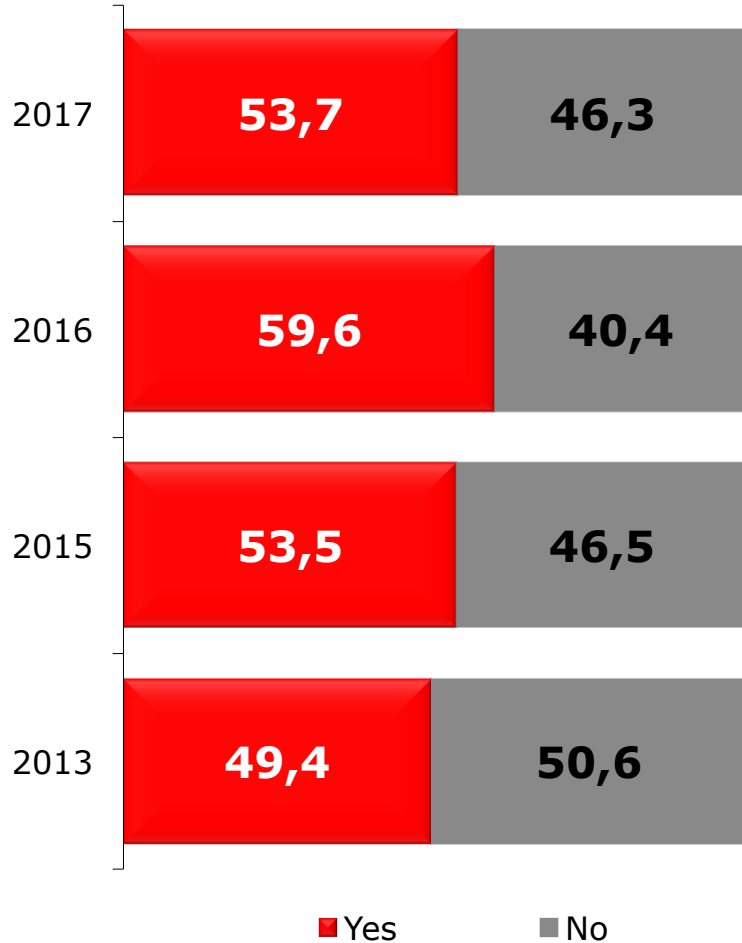
On what basis should the Cyprus dispute be resolved?



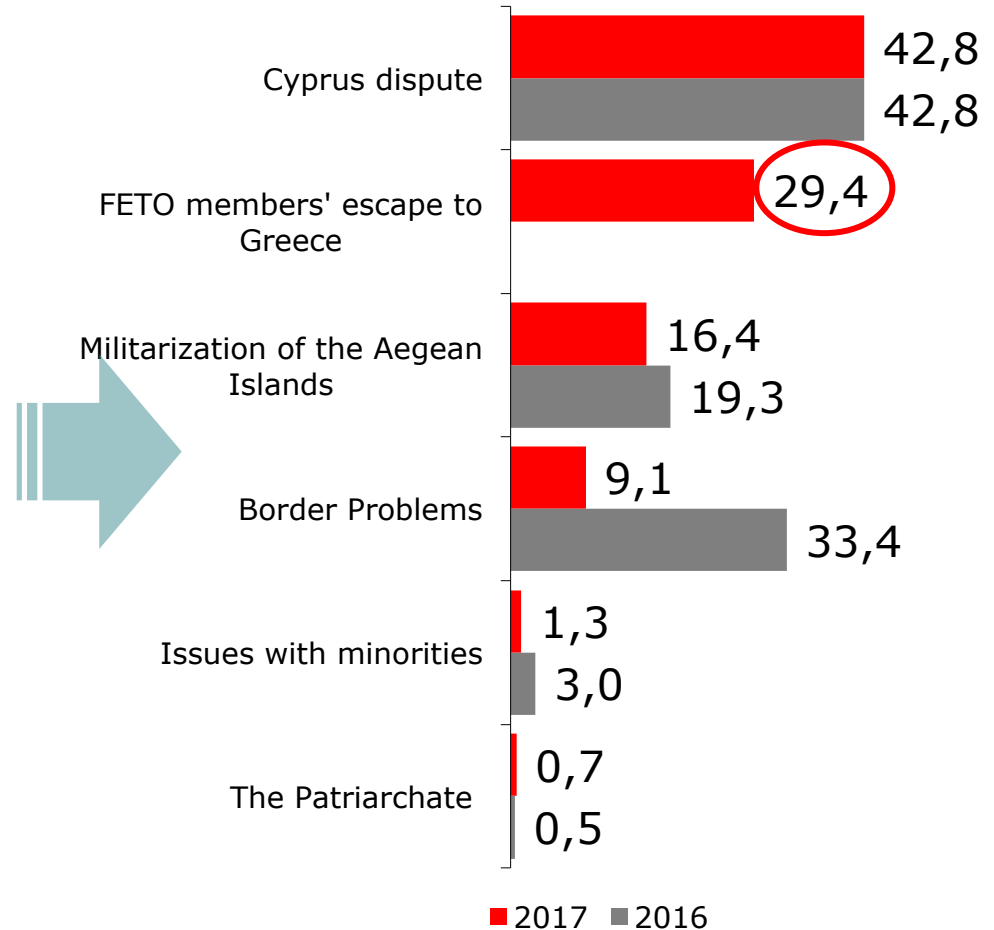


Relations with Greece

Are there any problems between Turkey and Greece?



What is the most important problem between Turkey and Greece?

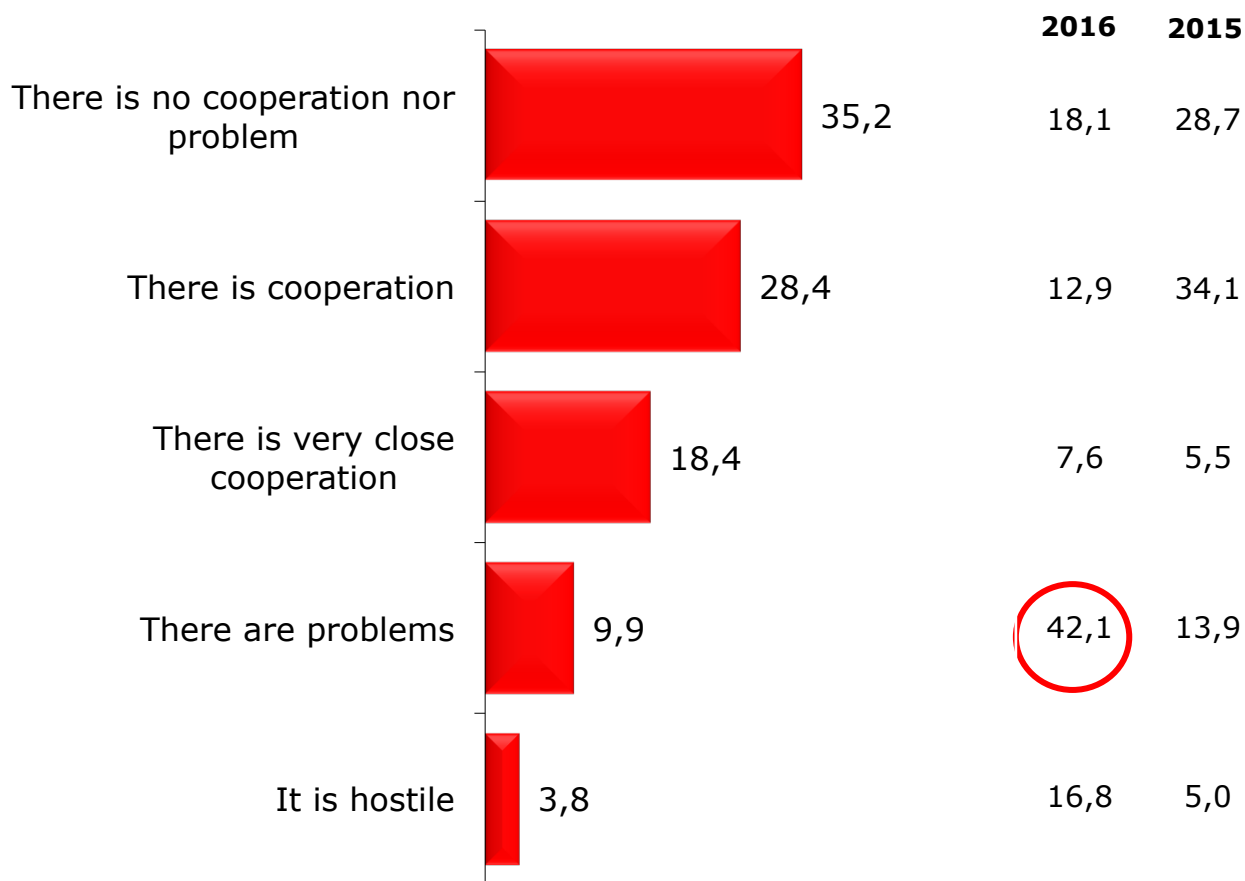


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Relations with Russia

How do you define Turkey-Russia relations?

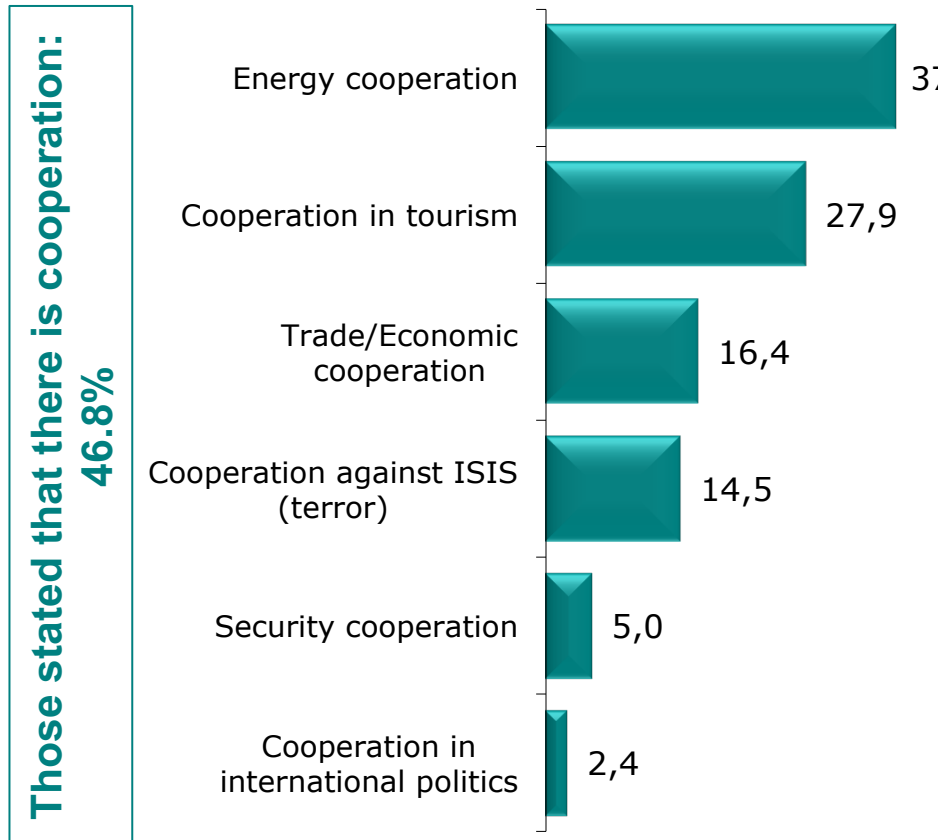


4.3% stated no opinion.

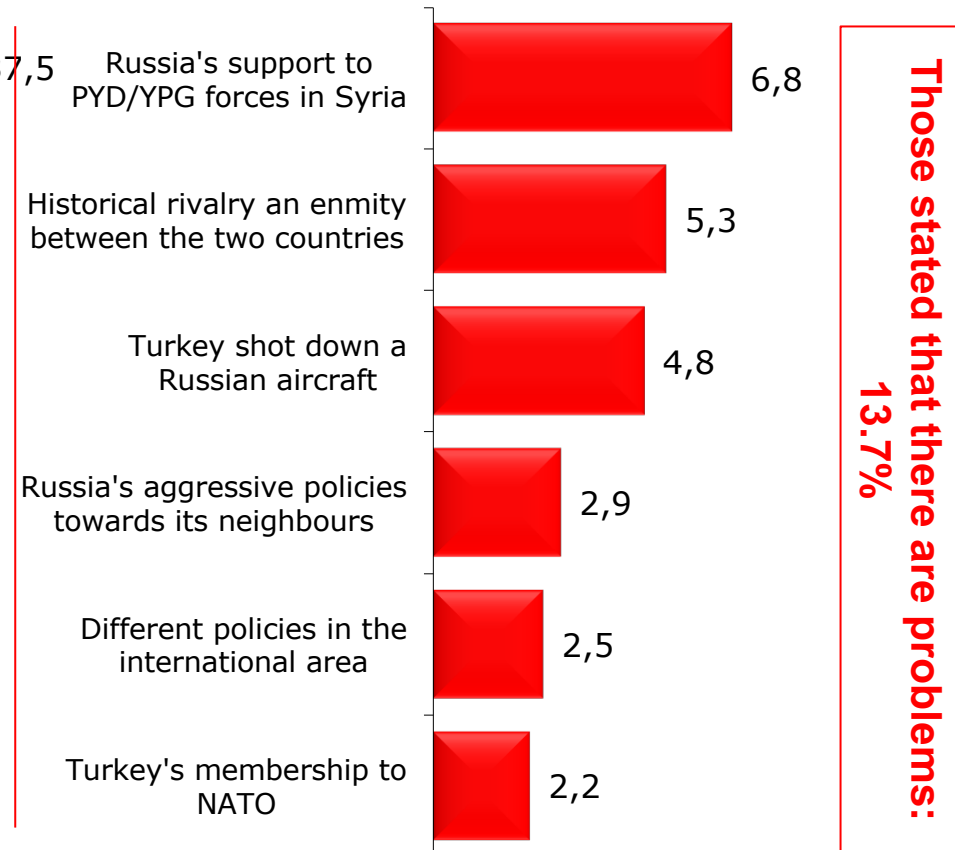


Relations with Russia

What are the most important areas of cooperation between Turkey and Russia?



What are the reasons of enmity between Turkey and Russia?





Relations with the USA

What are the most important areas of cooperation between Turkey and the USA?



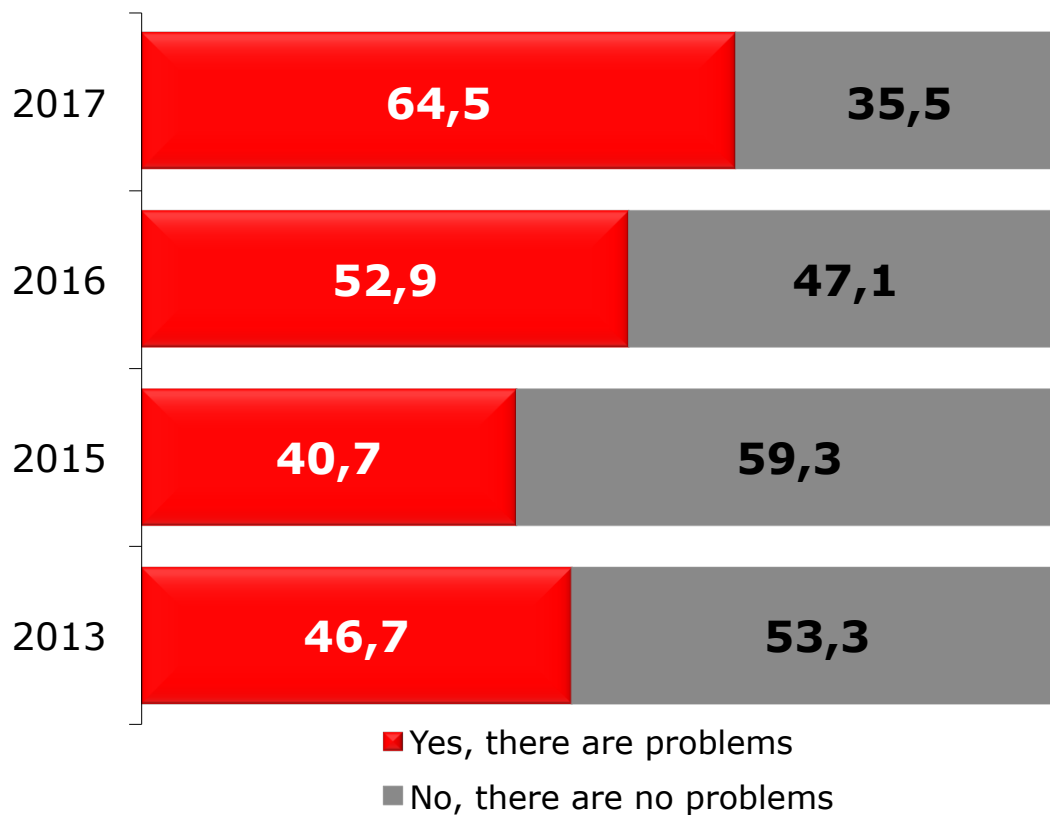
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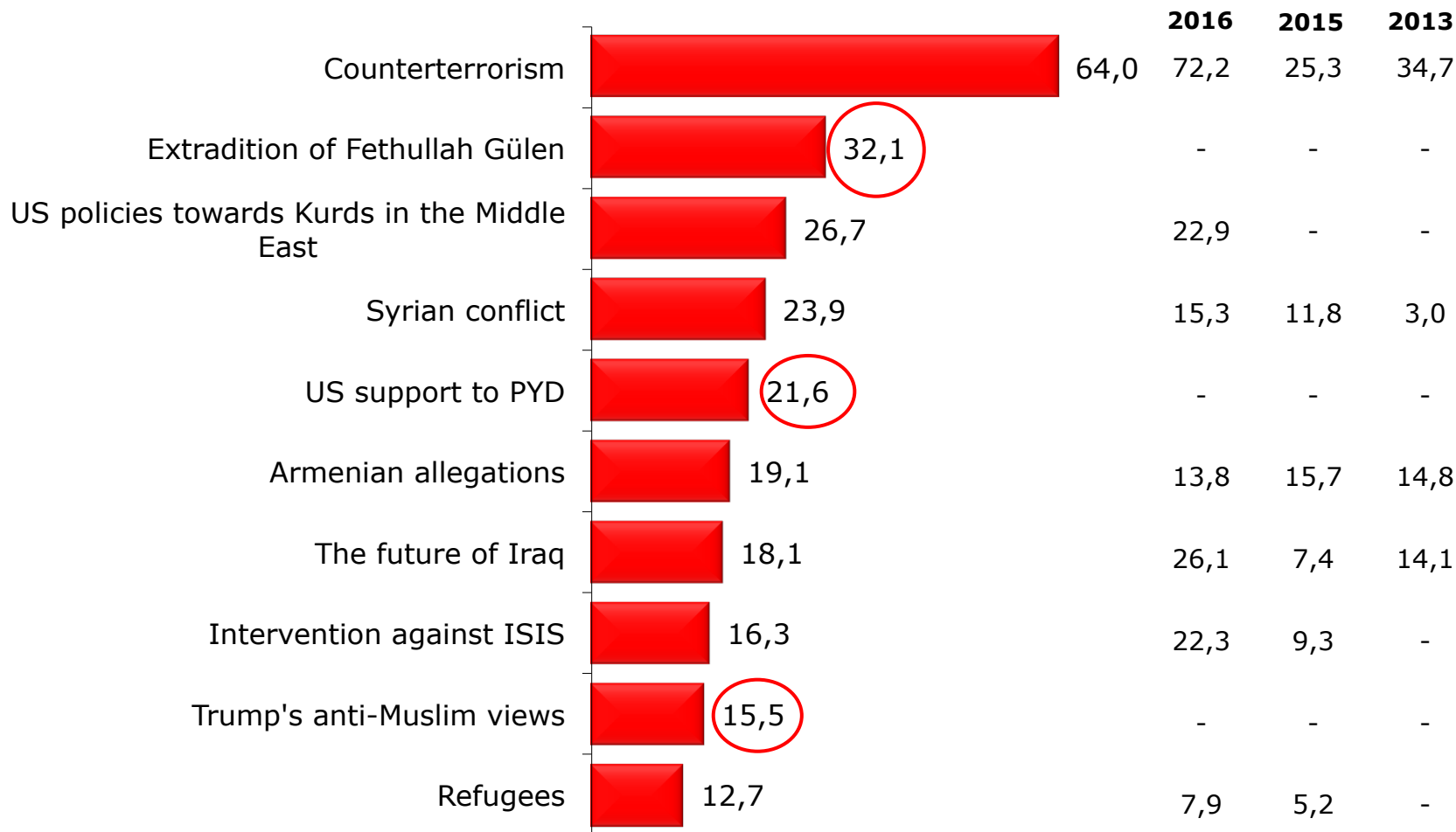
Are there any problems between Turkey and the USA?





Relations with the USA

What are the most important problems between Turkey and the USA?

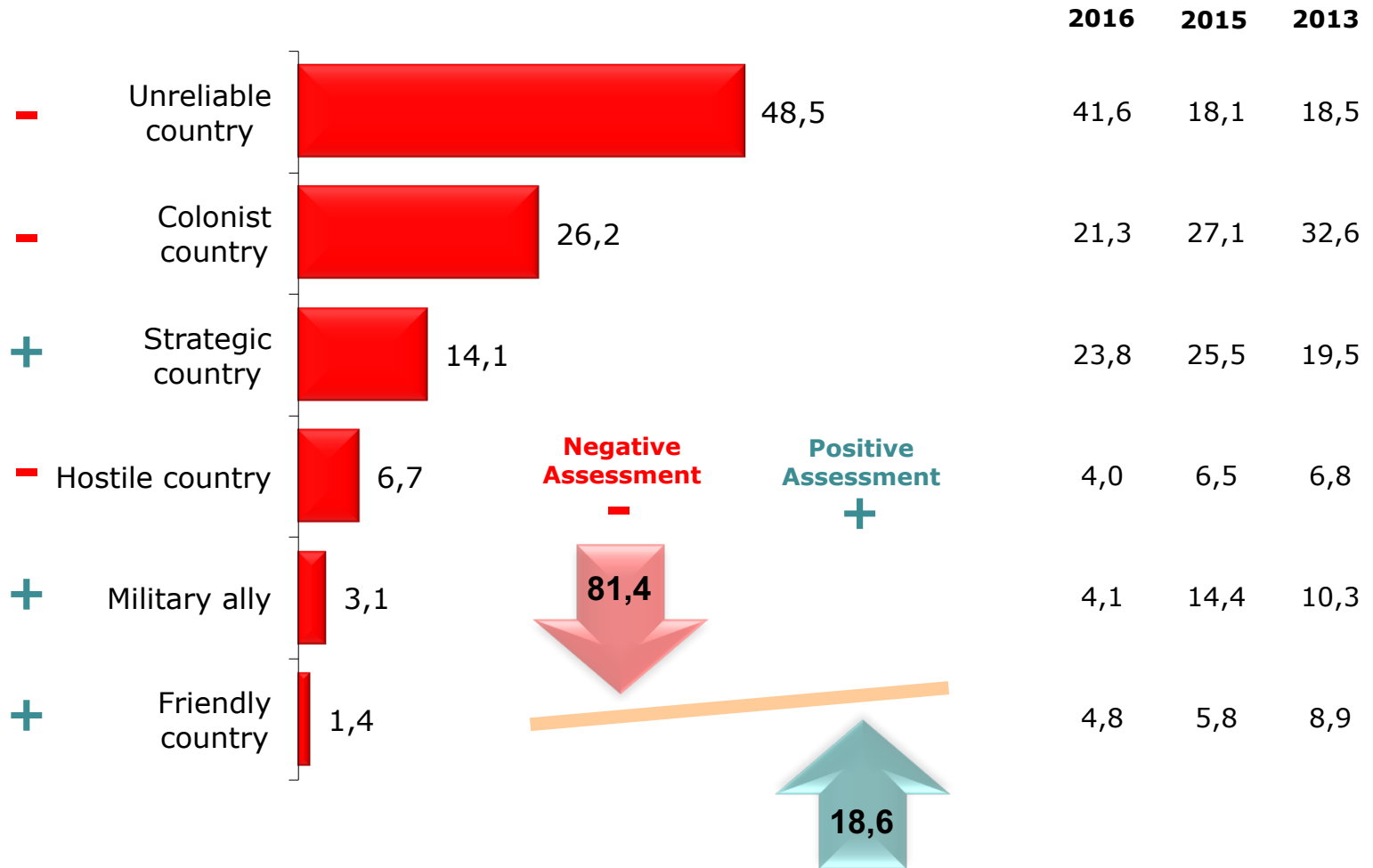


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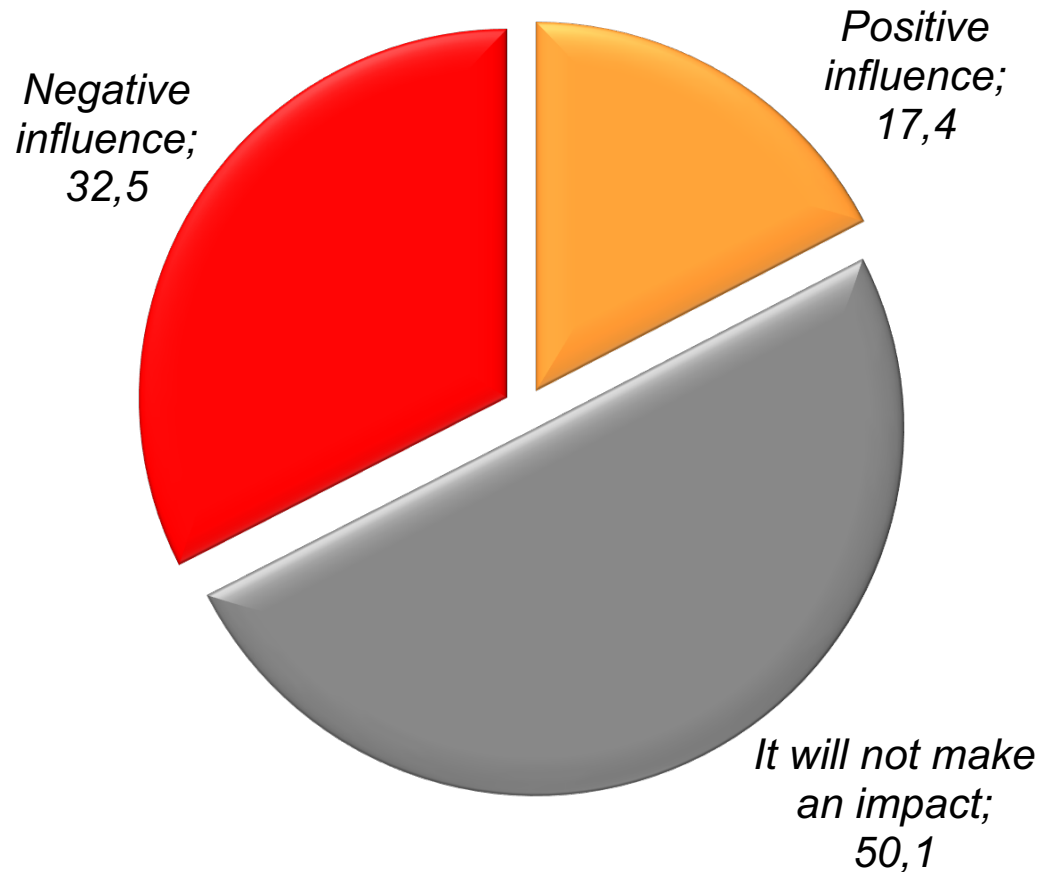
How do you define the USA in its relations with Turkey?





Relations with the USA

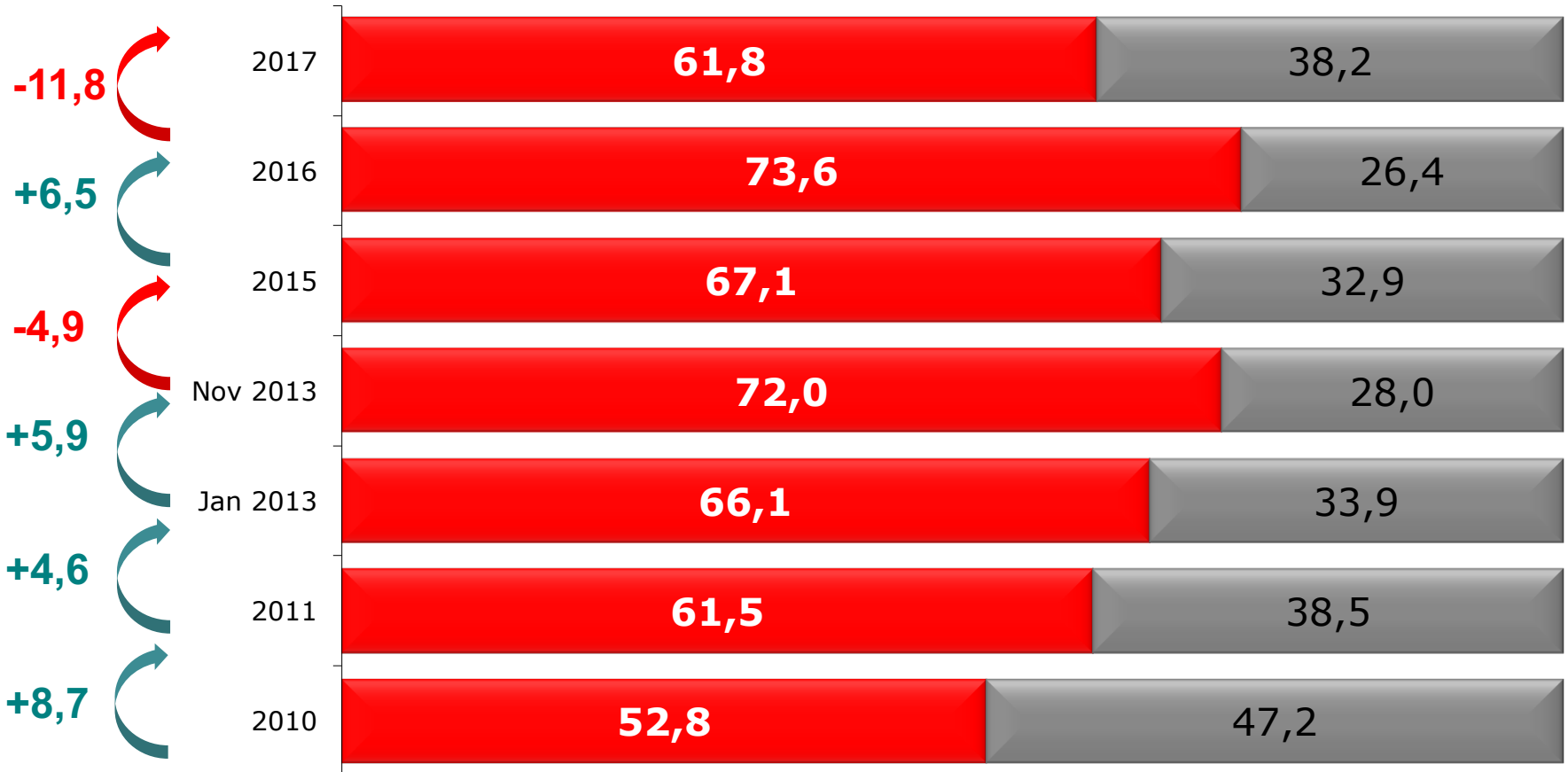
How will the Donald Trump administration will influence the course of Turkey-USA relations?





Relations with International Organizations

Do you think that Turkey's membership to NATO should continue?



■ Yes, it should

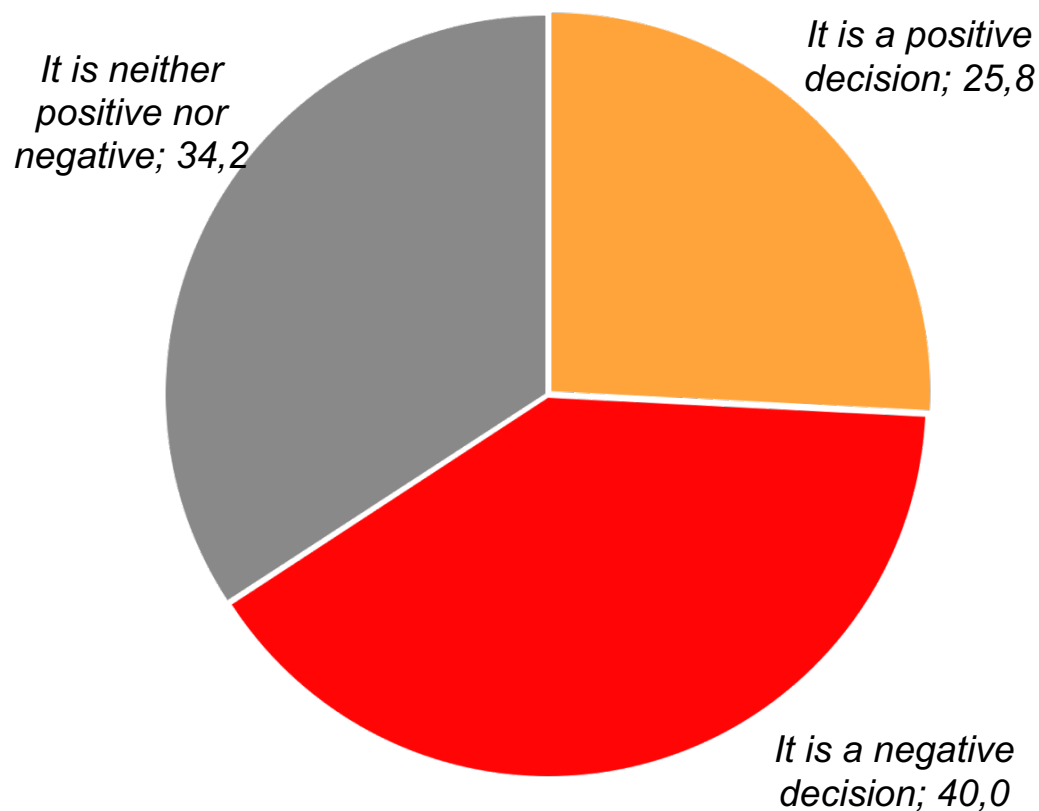
■ No, it should not

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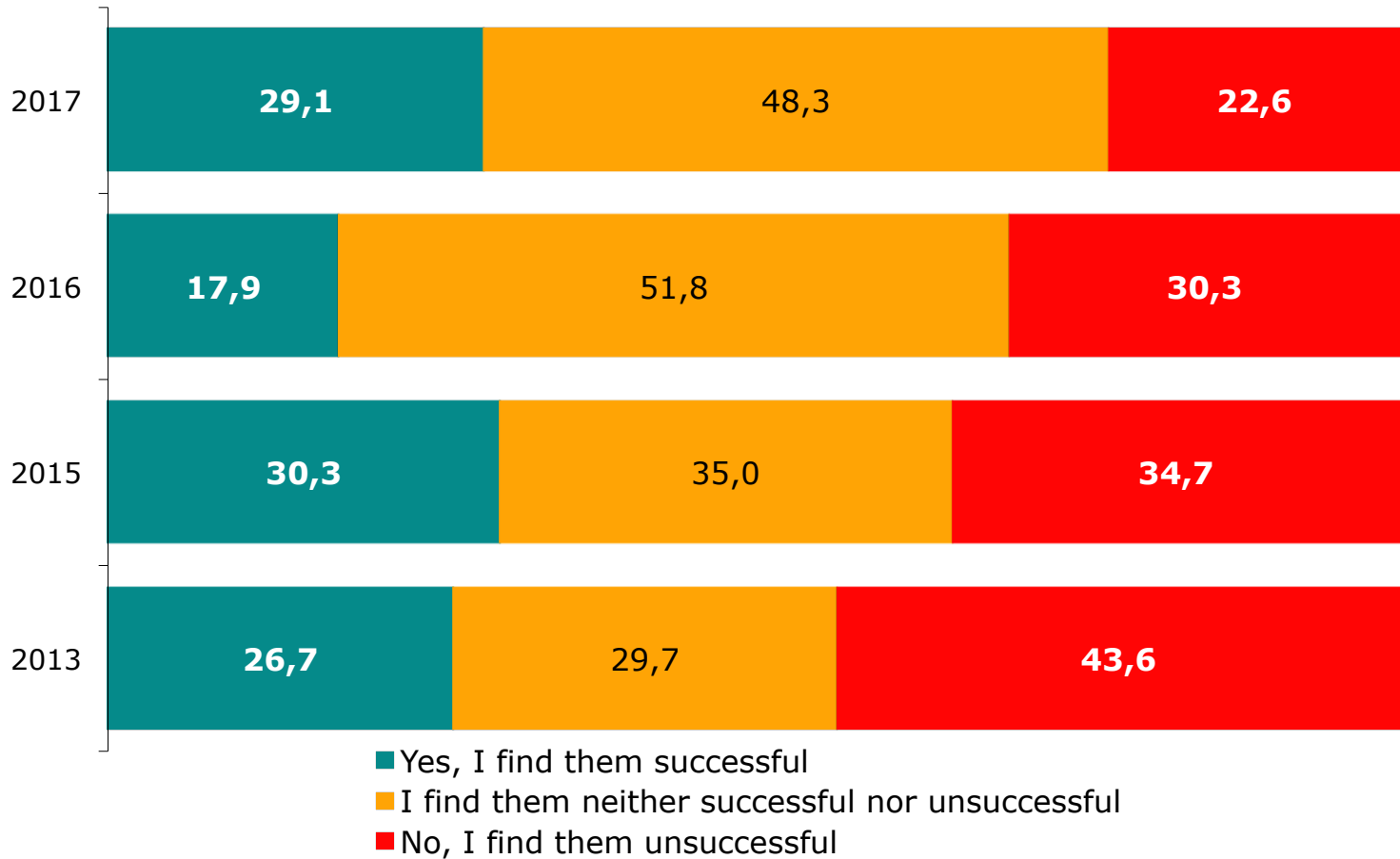
How do you assess the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe's decision to re-instate the monitoring process regarding principles of human rights and democracy in Turkey?





Do you find Turkey's policies in the face of recent developments in the Middle East successful?

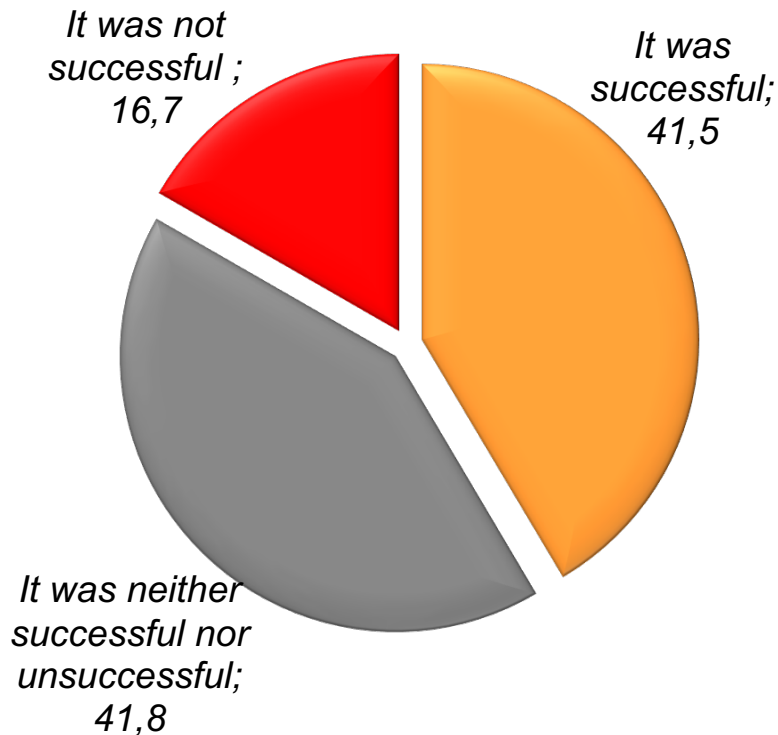
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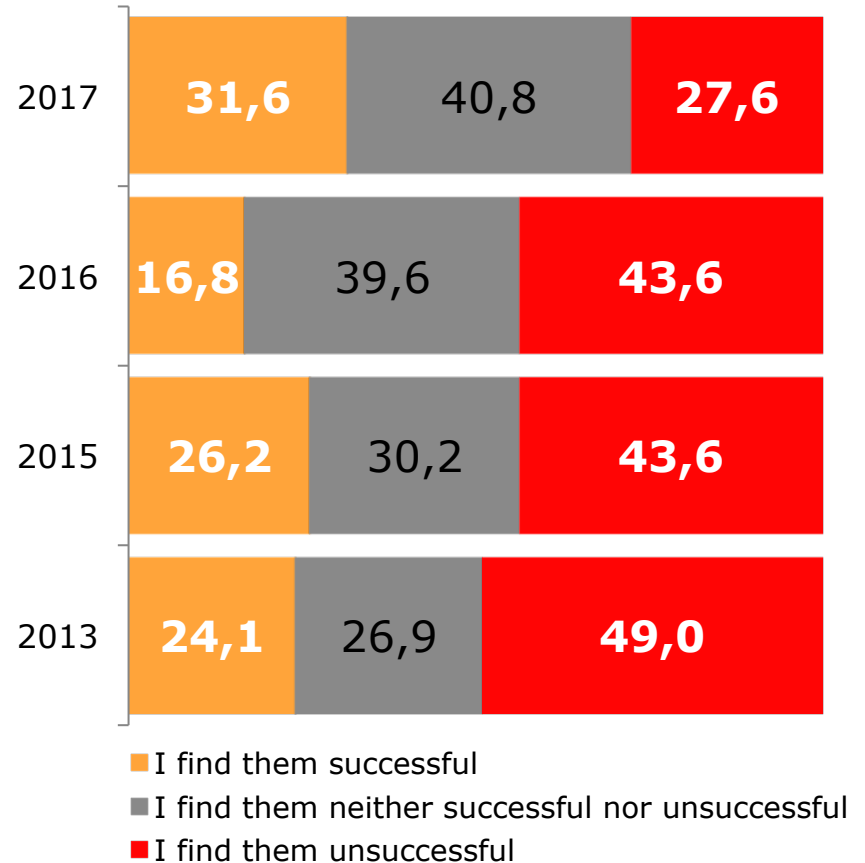


Relations with the Middle East

Do you think that the 'Operation Euphrates Shield' is successful?



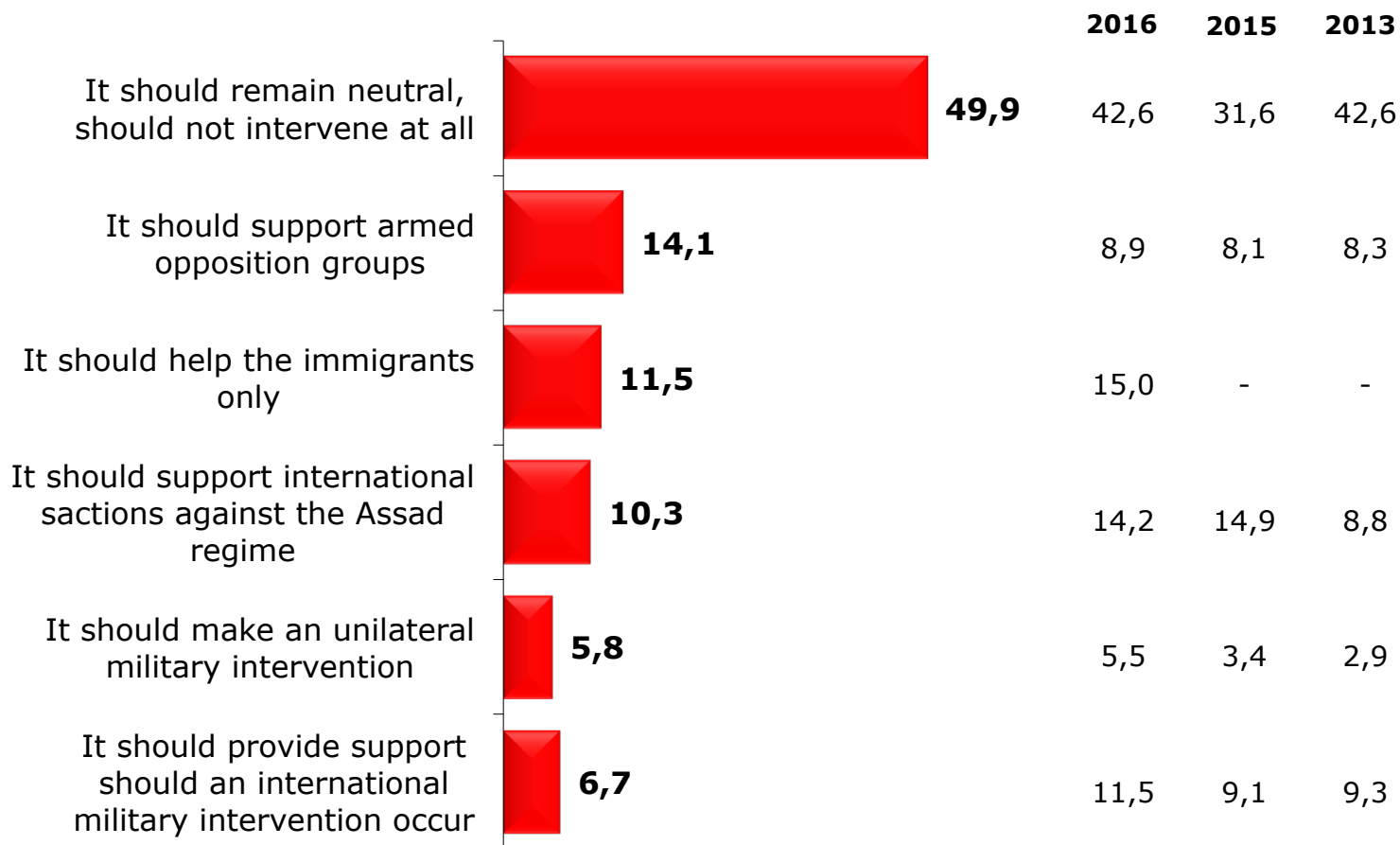
Do you find Turkey's policies in the face of recent developments in Syria successful?





Relations with the Middle East

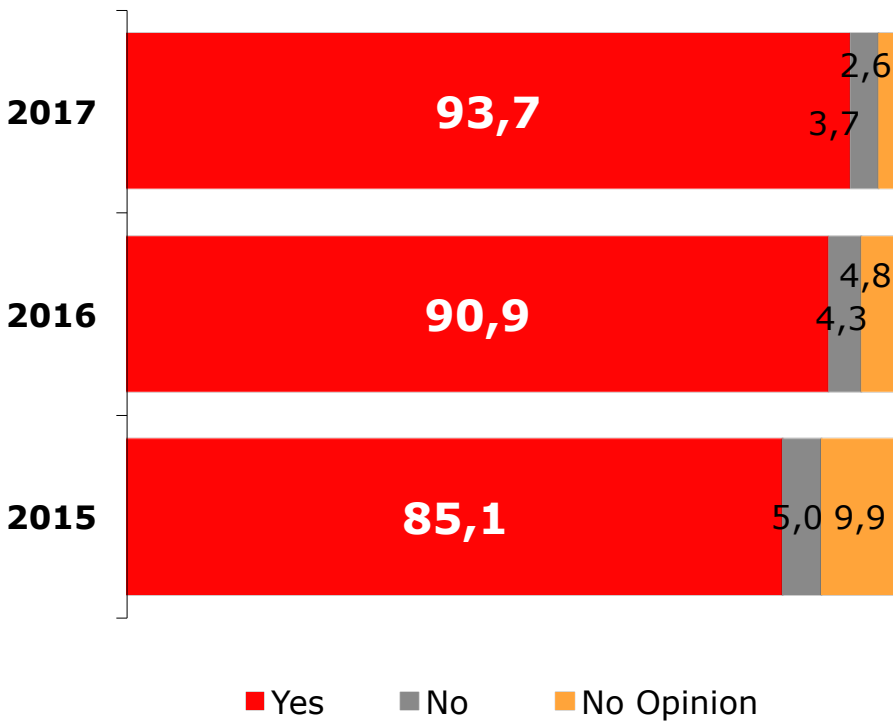
What kind of policy should Turkey adopt in Syria?



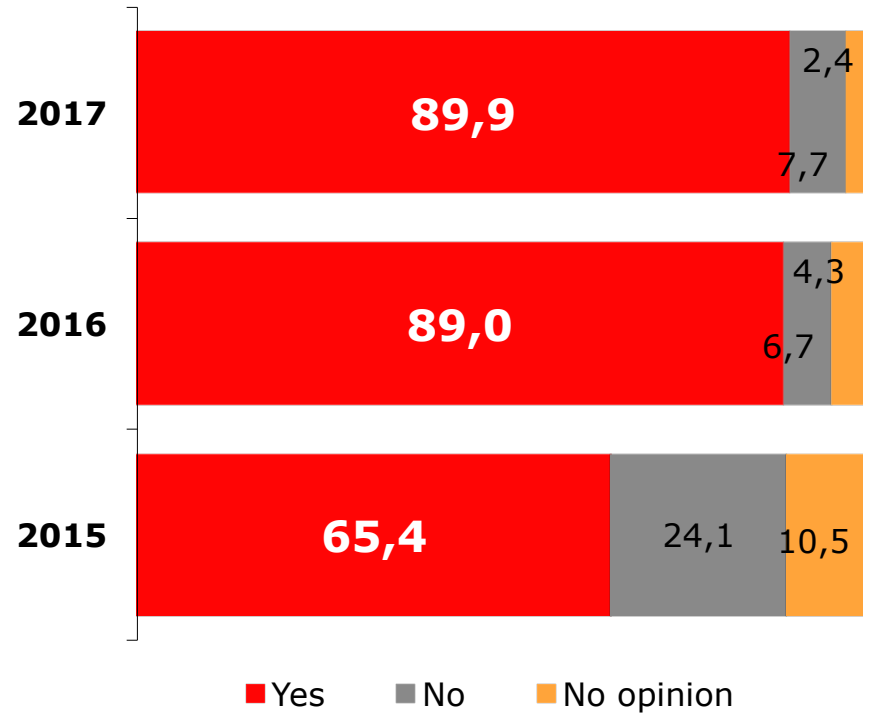
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Is ISIS a terrorist organization?



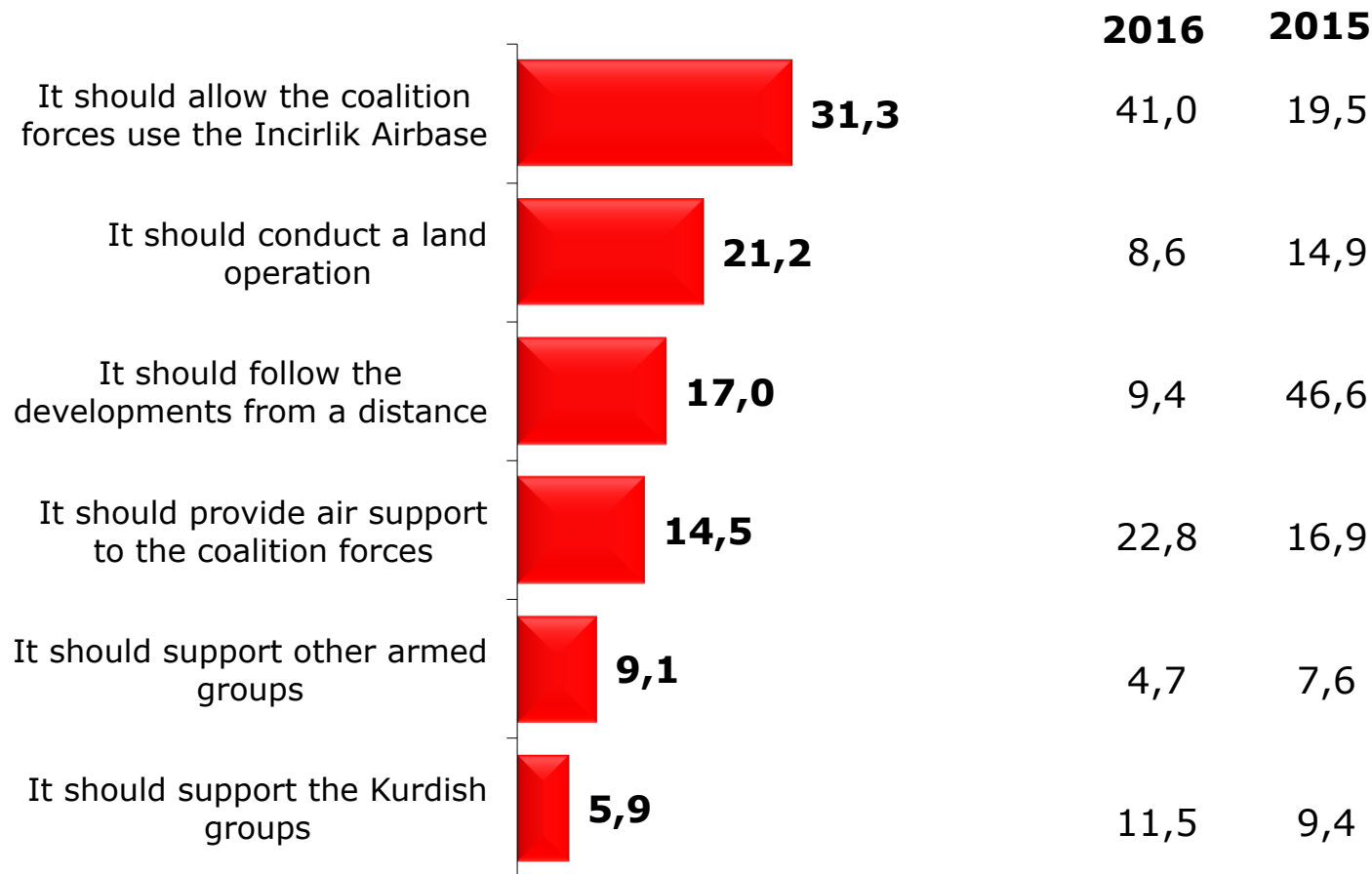
Does ISIS present a threat to Turkey?





Relations with the Middle East

What kind of policy should Turkey pursue against ISIS?

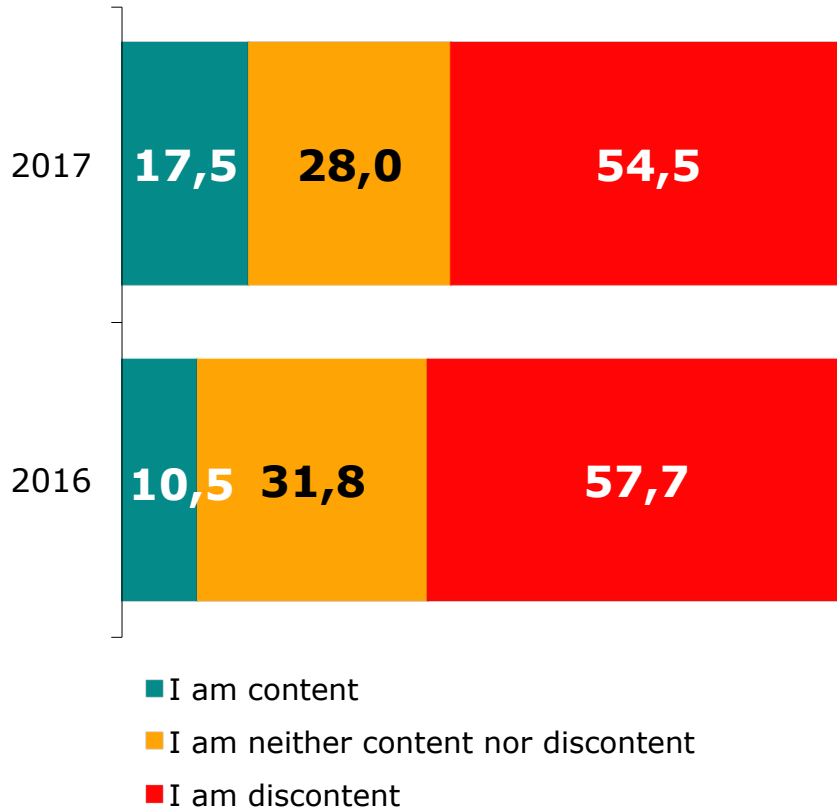


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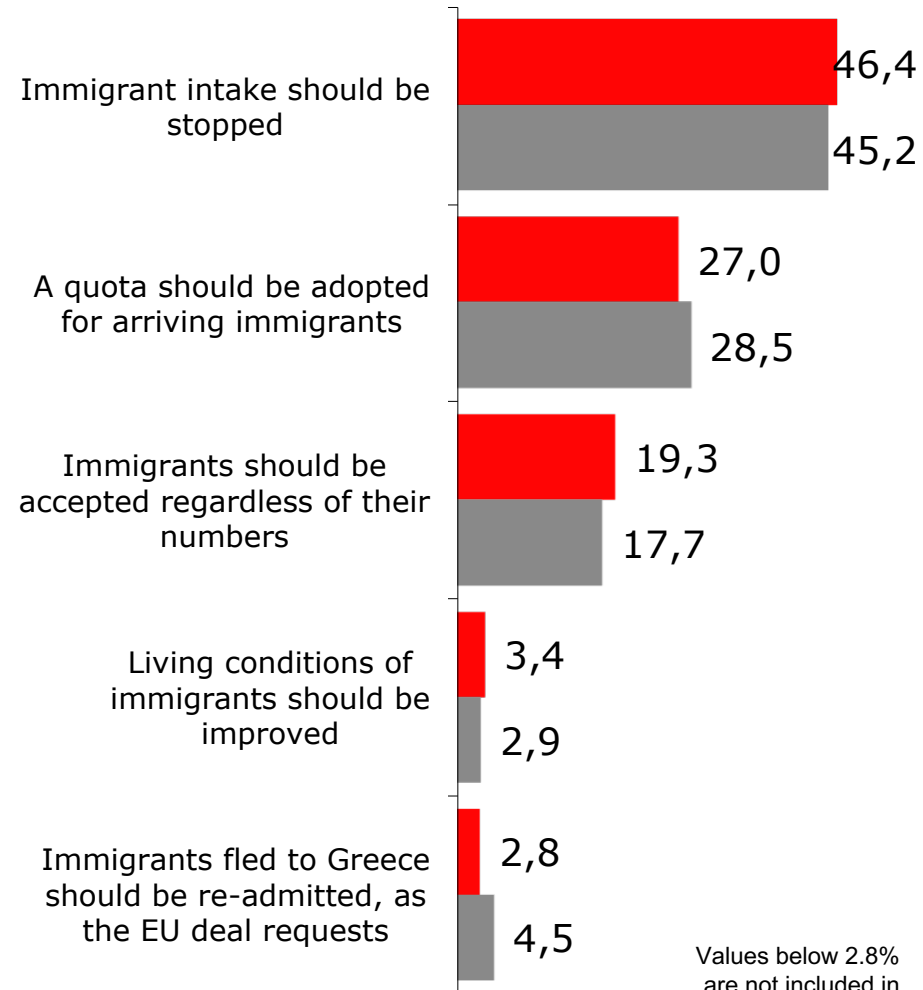


Relations with the Middle East

To what extent are you content with the presence of Syrian immigrants in our country?



What kind of policy should Turkey adopt towards immigrants?

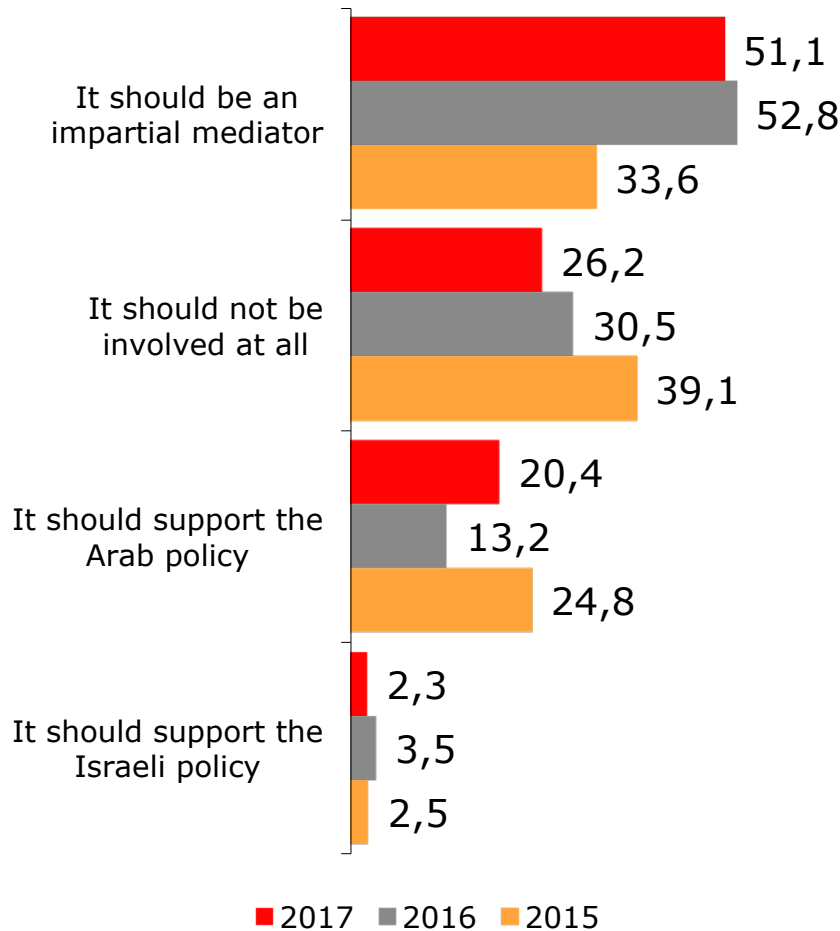


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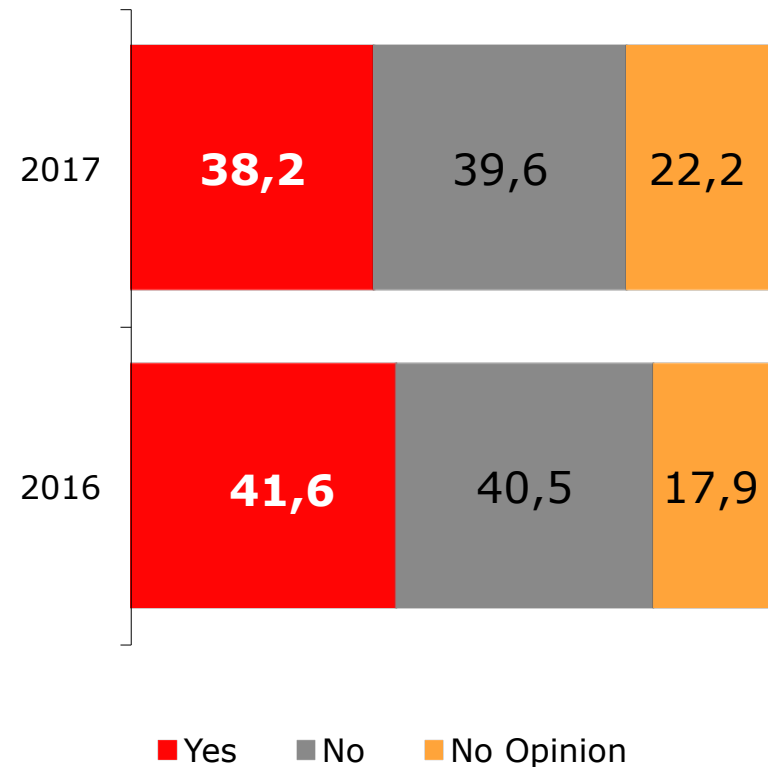


Relations with the Middle East

What should Turkey's role be in the Arab-Israeli dispute?



Do you support the normalization of relations between Turkey and Israel?





Relations with the Middle East

Which country has the most influence in shaping the future of the Middle East after the Arab Spring?

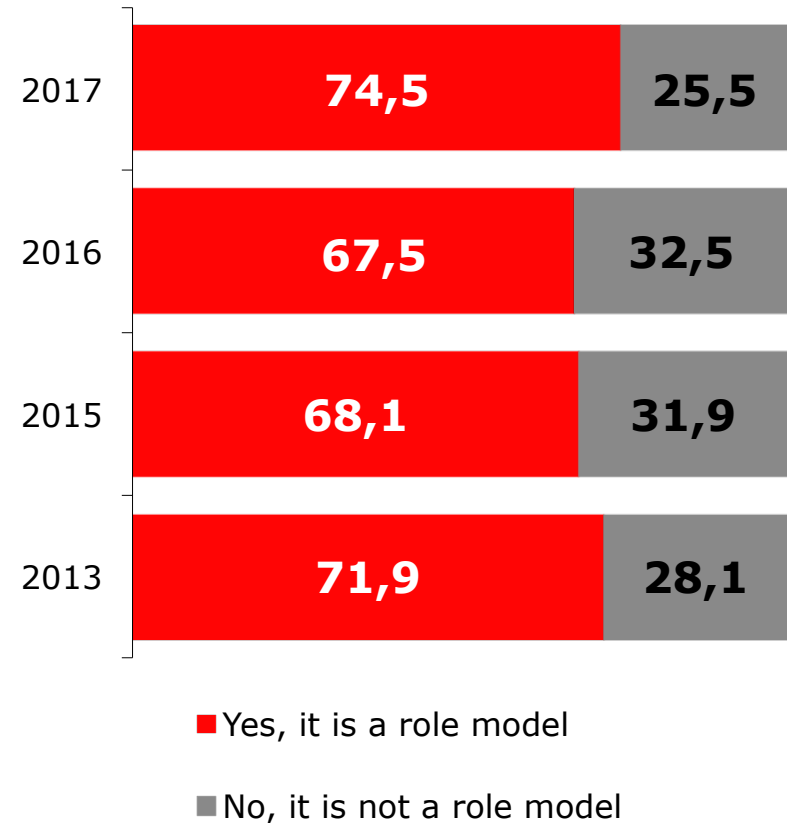
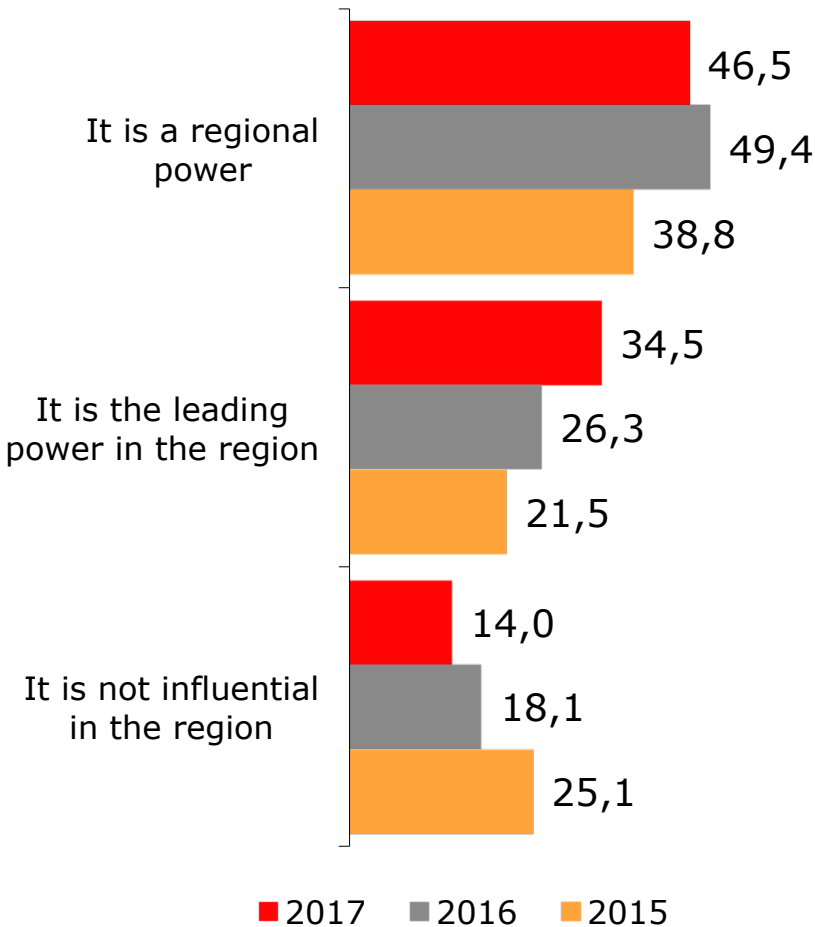
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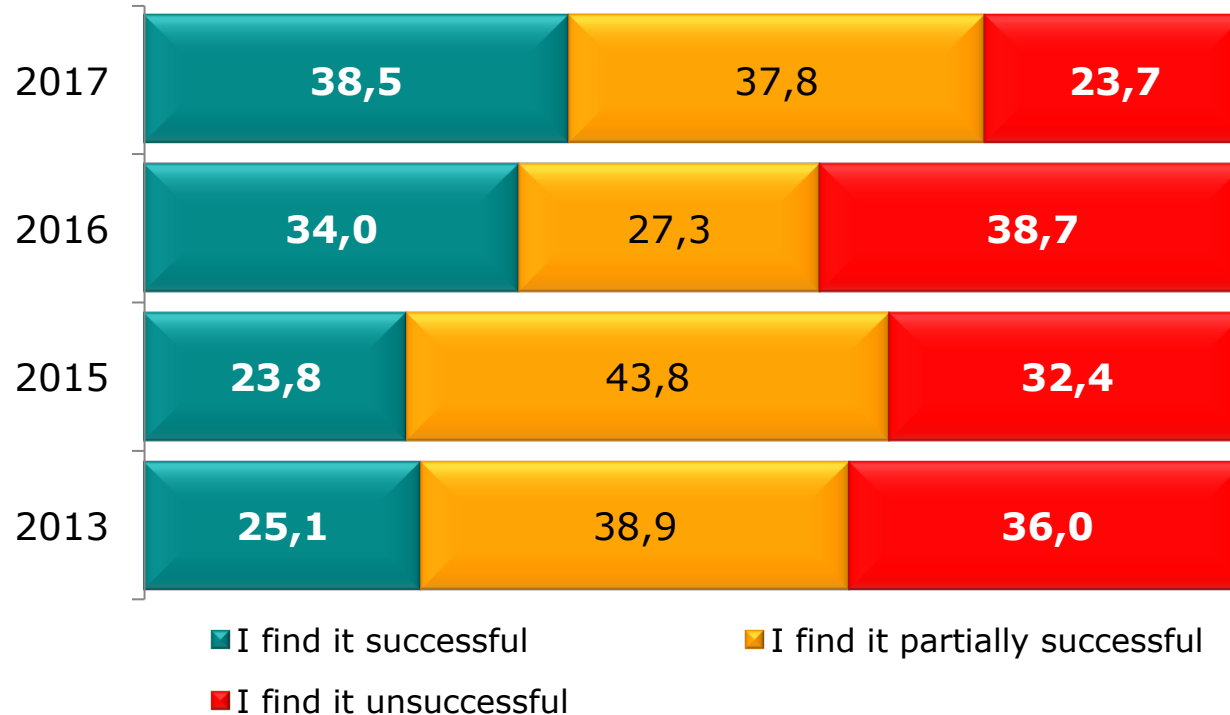
How do you assess Turkey's position in the Middle East?

Can Turkey be an example or a role model for Muslim countries?





To what extent do you consider the government's foreign policy successful?





THANK YOU...

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