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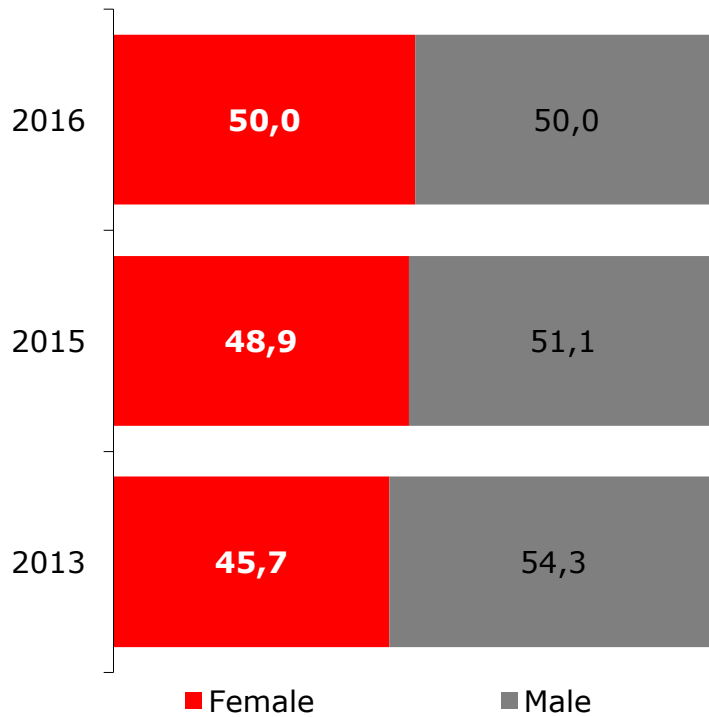


General Framework

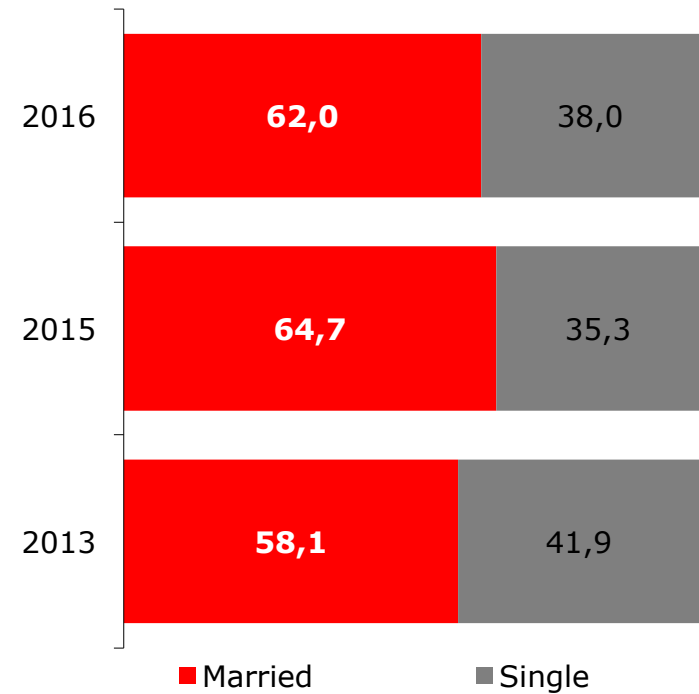
Purpose	Purpose of the Study	: Revealing the public opinion on Turkish foreign policy
Method	Research Method	: Quantitative Research
	Data Collection Technique	: Face to face interviews based on a pre-prepared questionnaire
Sample	Universe	: Turkey-wide representation; 18 years and older, Istanbul, Ankara, Konya, Bursa, Kocaeli, Izmir, Aydın, Manisa, Tekirdağ, Balıkesir, Adana, Antalya, Hatay, Zonguldak, Samsun, Kastamonu, Kayseri, Kırıkkale, Trabzon, Gaziantep, Diyarbakır, Mardin, Malatya, Bitlis, Erzurum and Ağrı provinces, representing IBBS Level 2
	Sample	: 1.000
Schedule	Fieldwork	: 1 April 2016 – 11 April 2016
	Data Control and Analysis	: 12 April 2016 – 20 April 2016
	Reporting	: 21 April 2016 – 5 May 2016



Gender Distribution



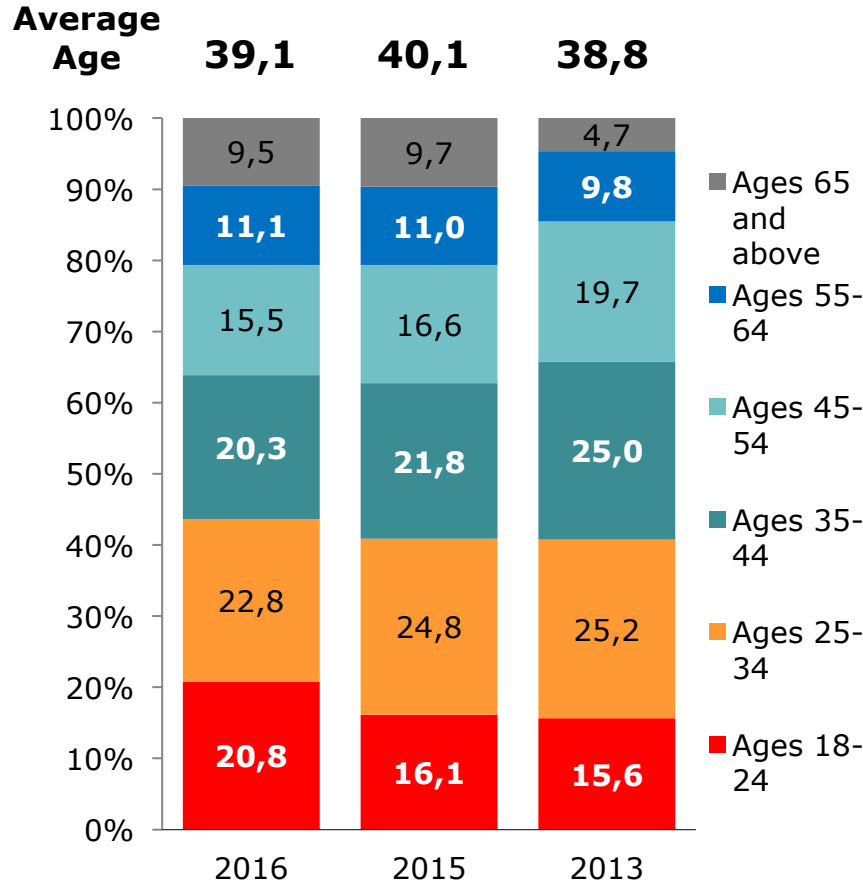
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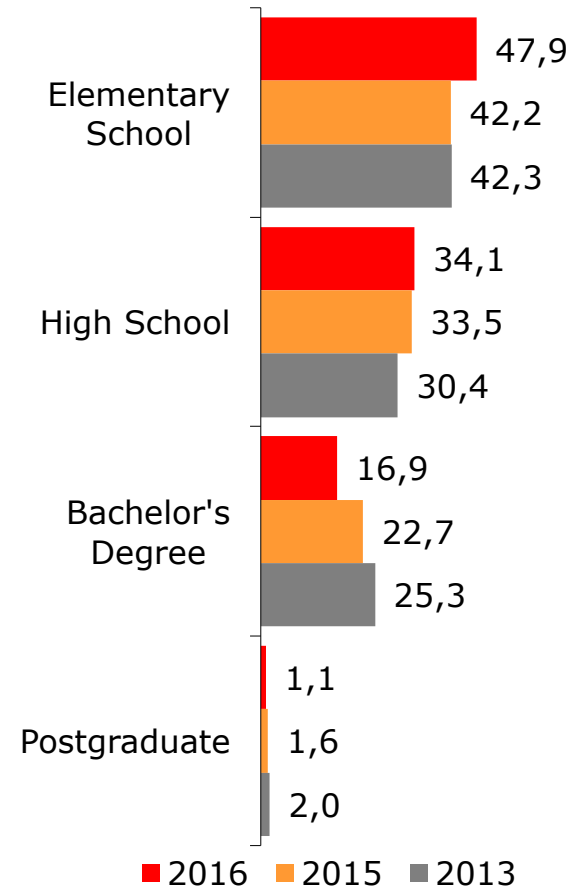


Demographics

Age

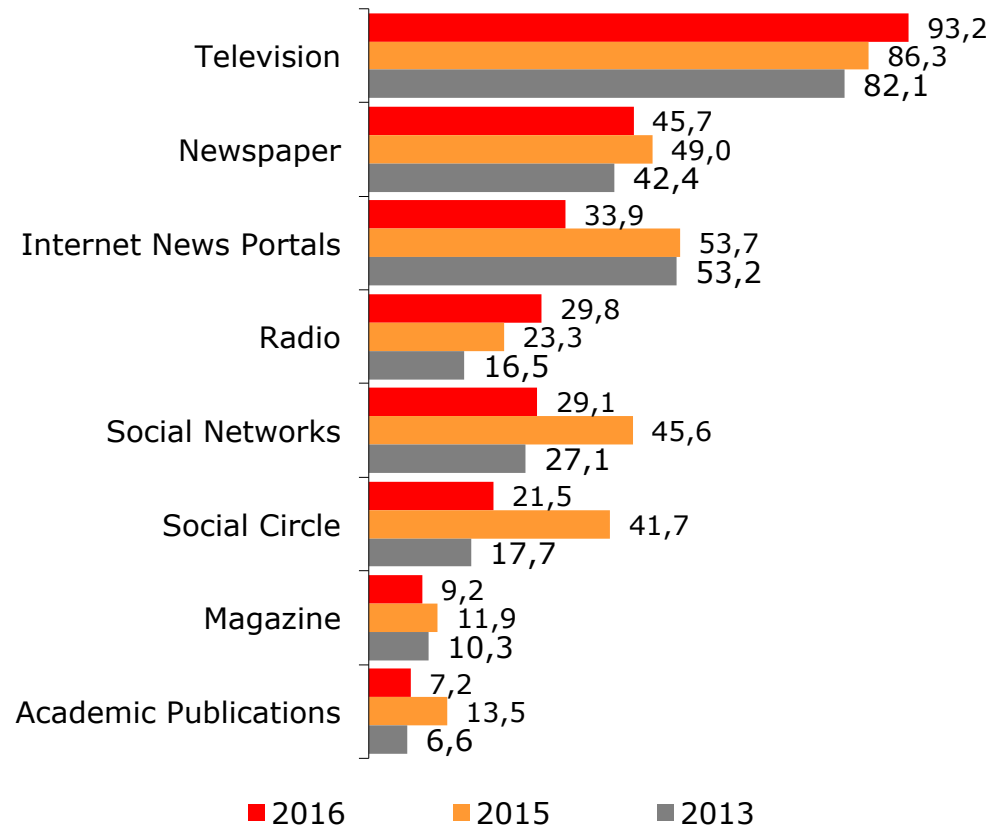


Education



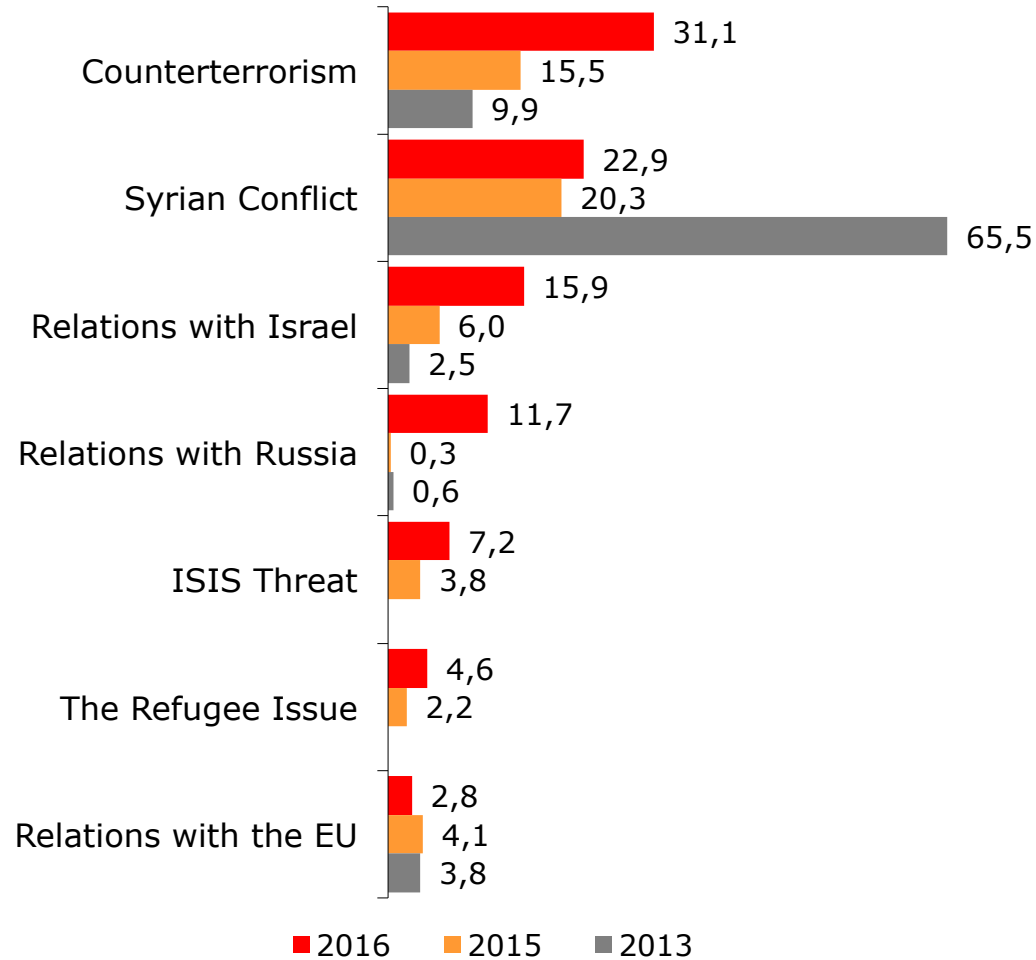


Which of the following information sources do you consult for receiving news about Turkish Foreign Policy?





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

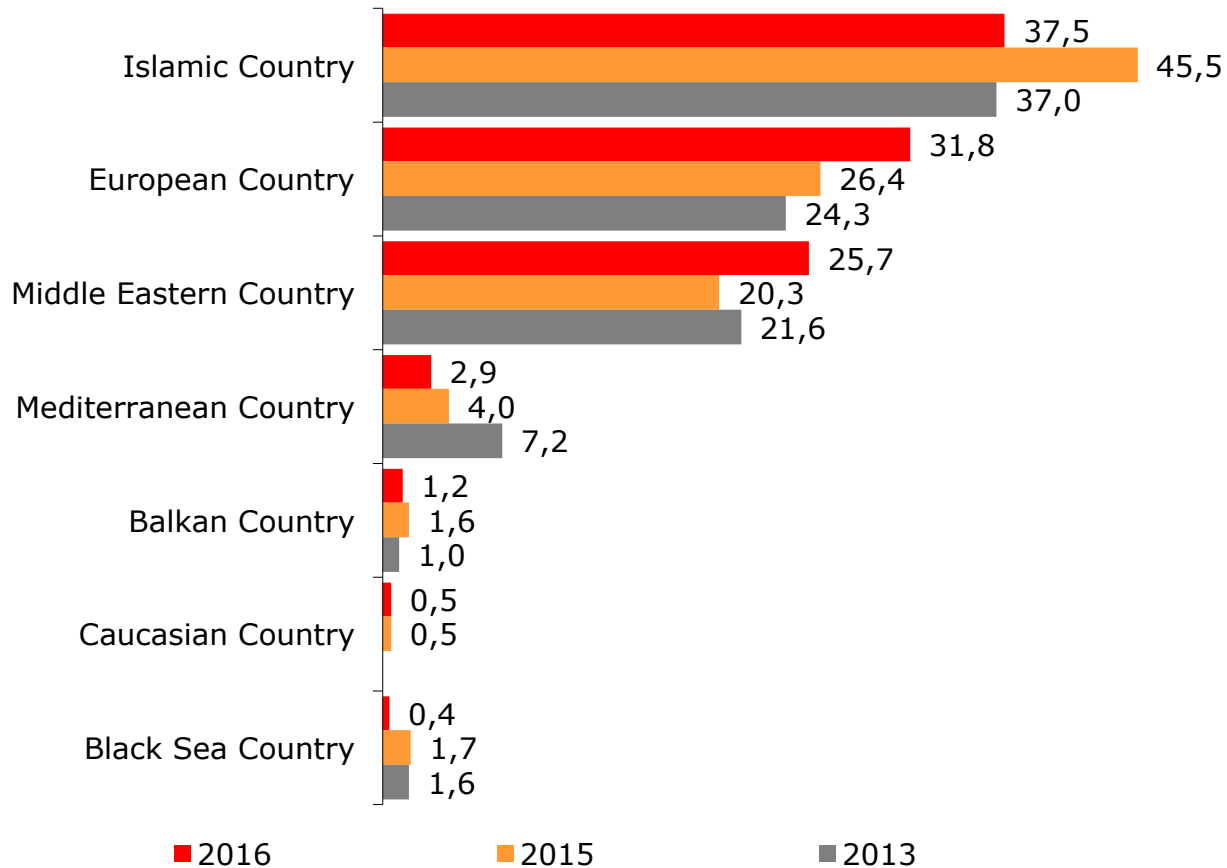




Foreign Policy Image

Which one of the following represents Turkey best?

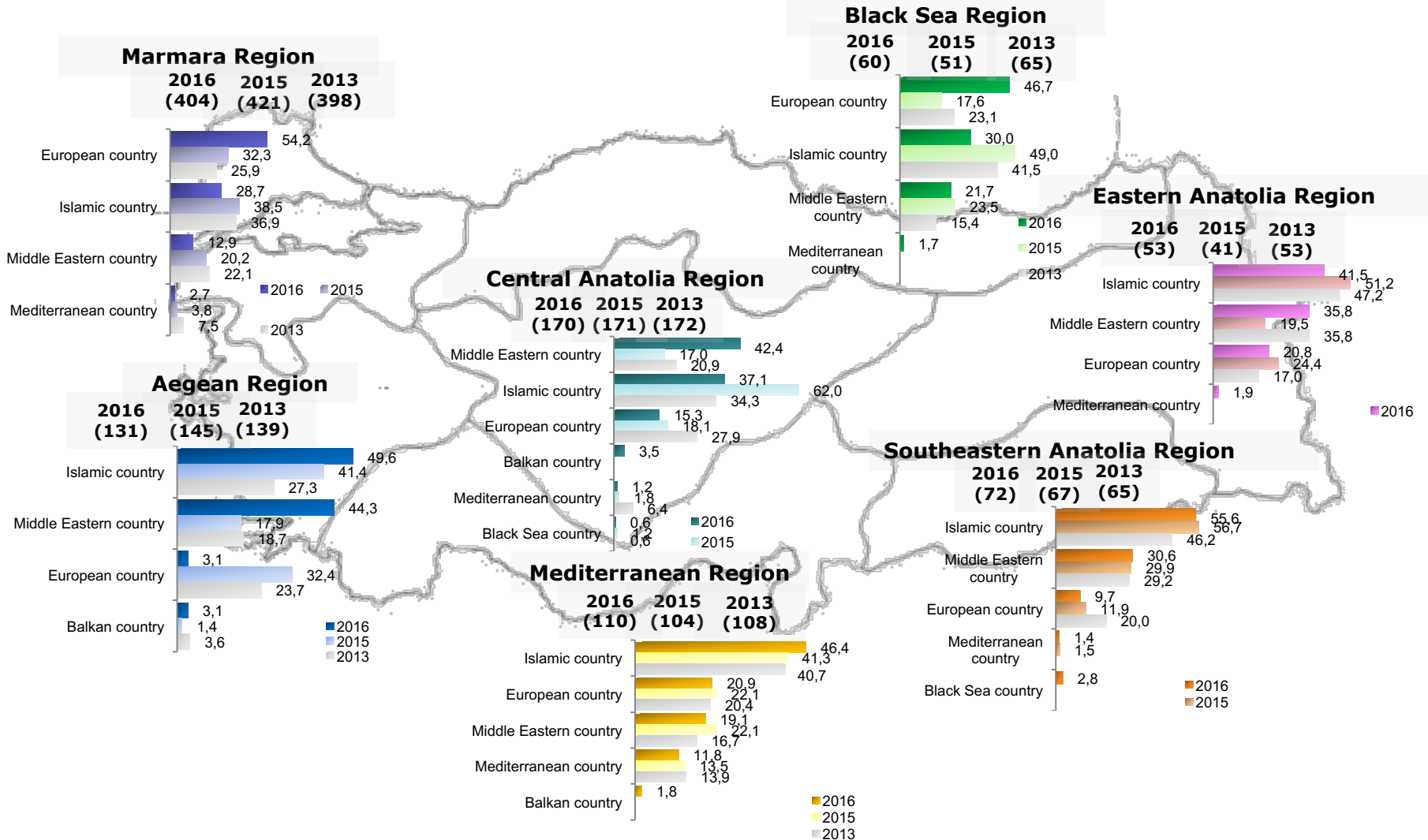
Turkey is a(n)...





Foreign Policy Image

In terms of regional distribution, Turkey is firstly a(n)...

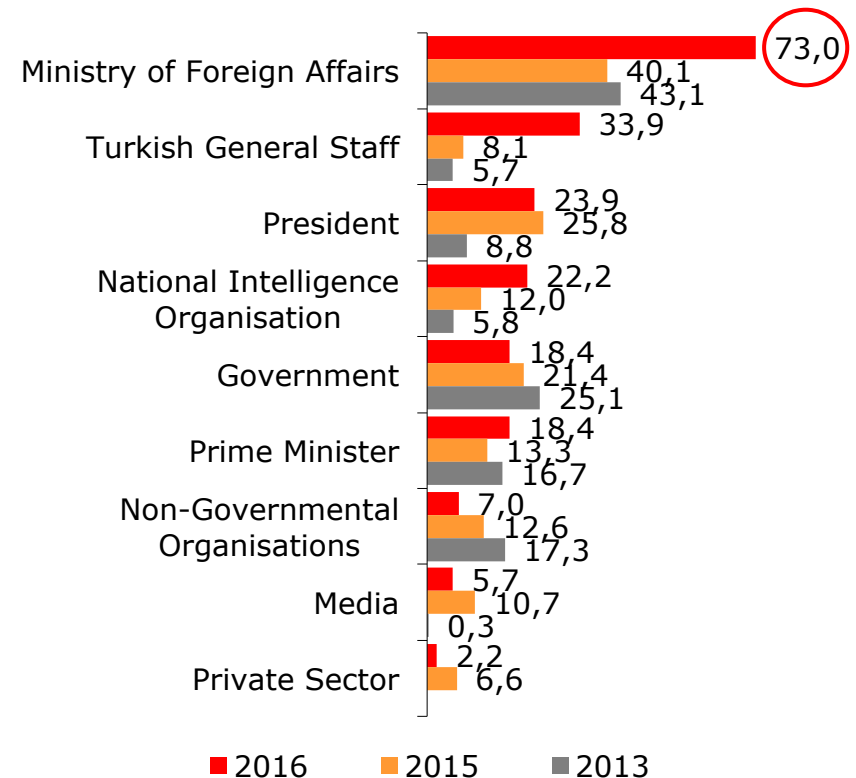
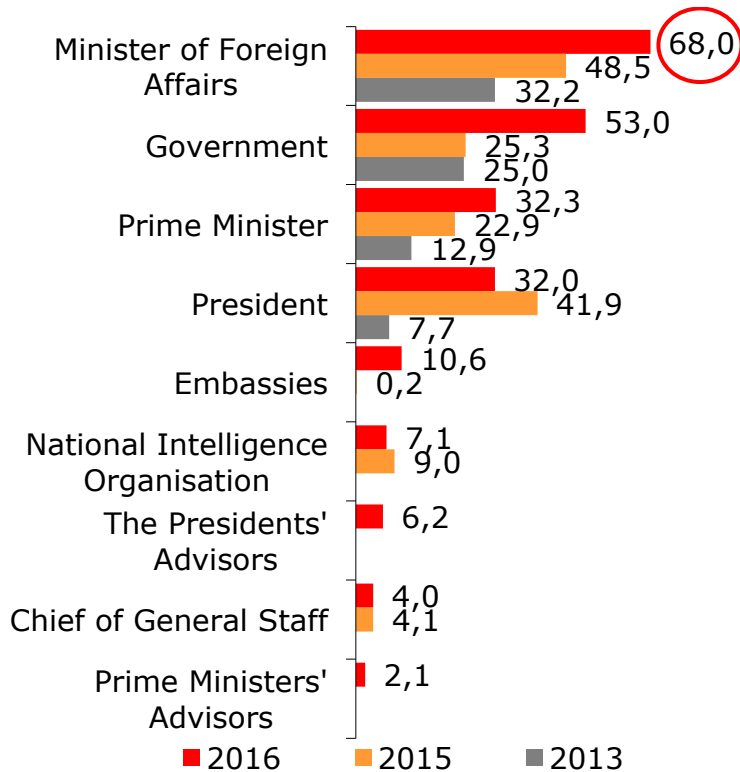




Foreign Policy-Making

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

Which of the following individuals or institutions should contribute to the making of Turkish Foreign Policy?

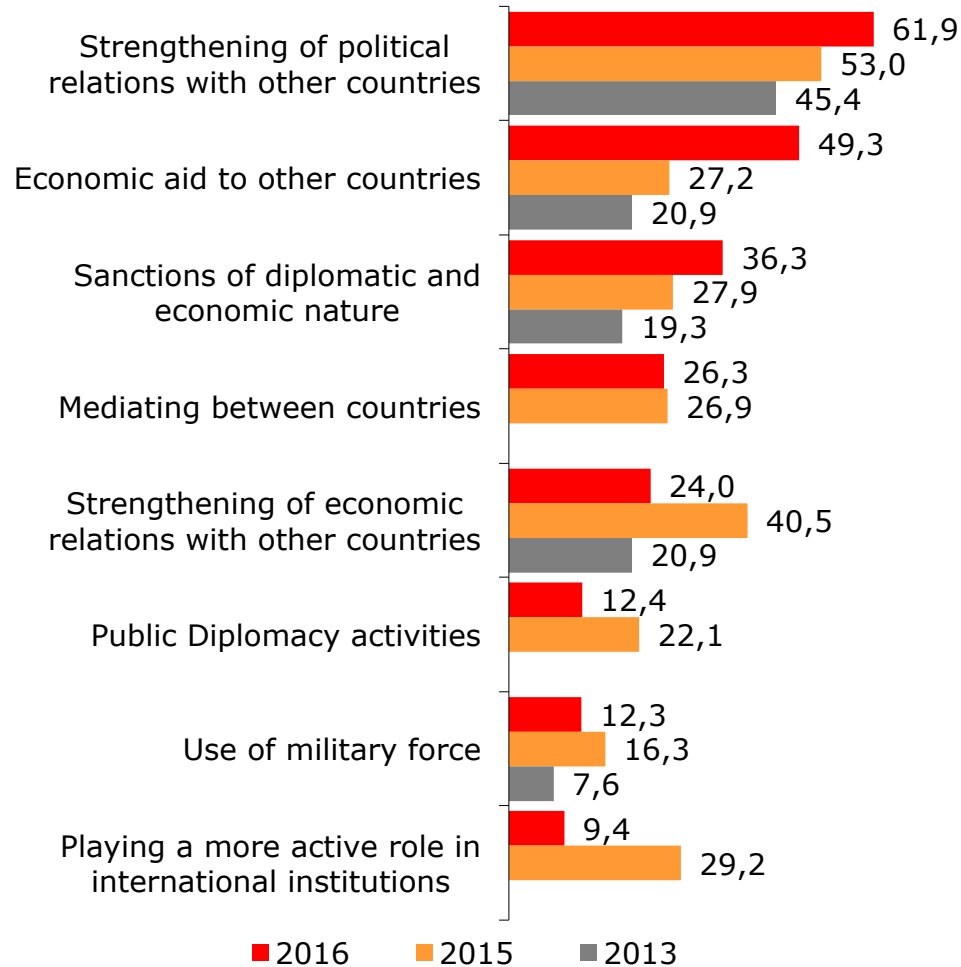


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Foreign Policy-Making

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



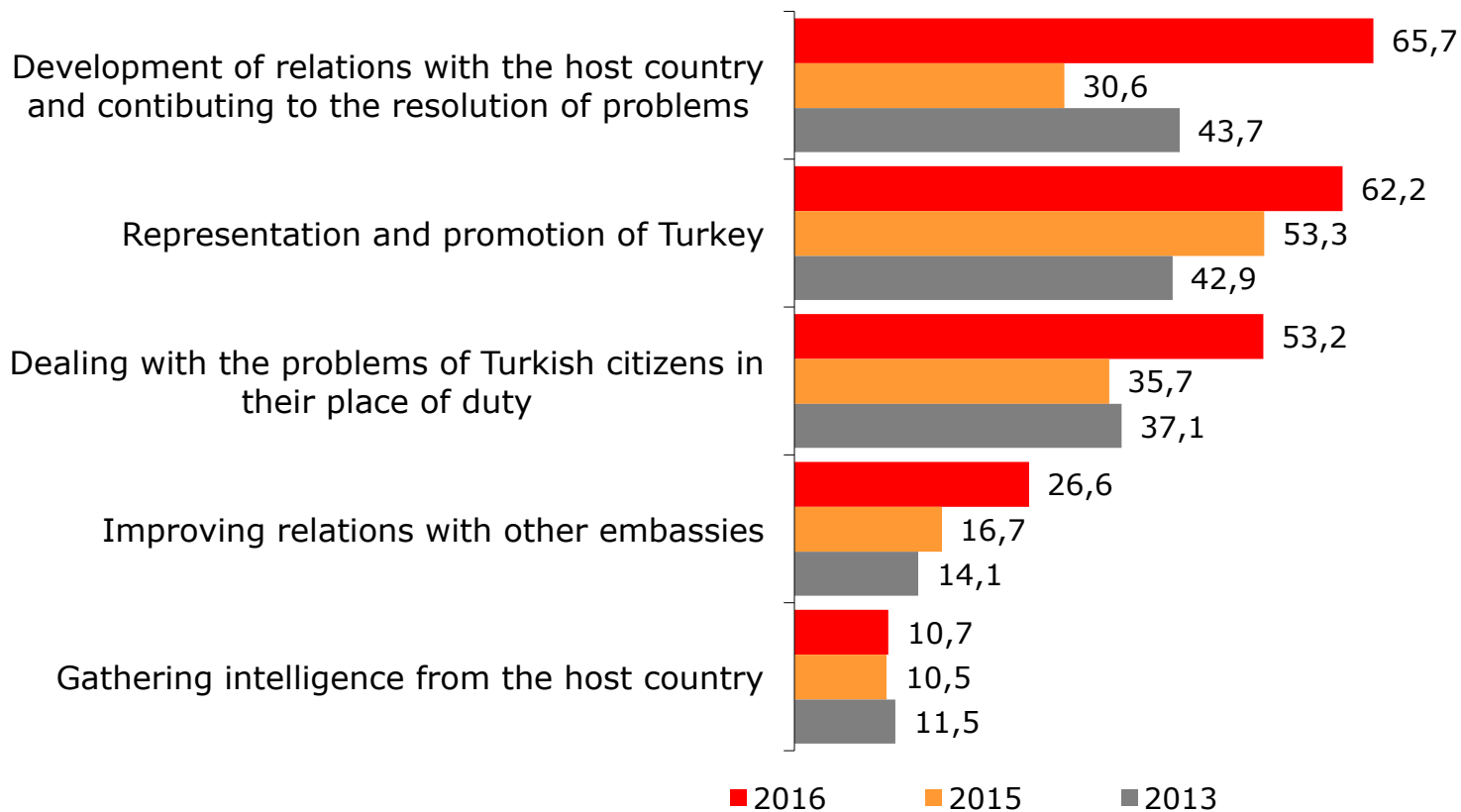
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Representation in Foreign Policy

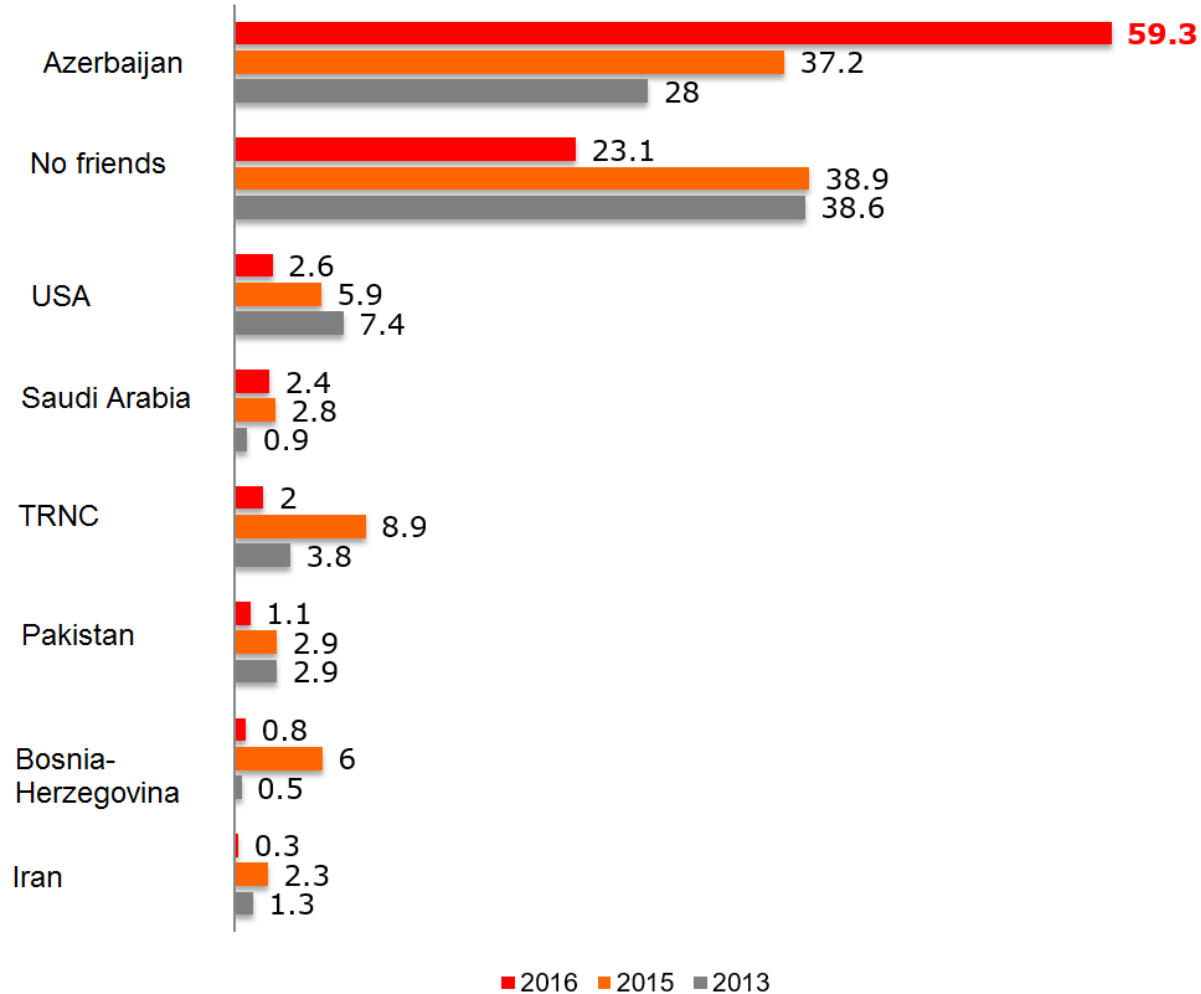
What should be the main duties/functions of Turkish Ambassadors abroad?





Perceptions of Friendship

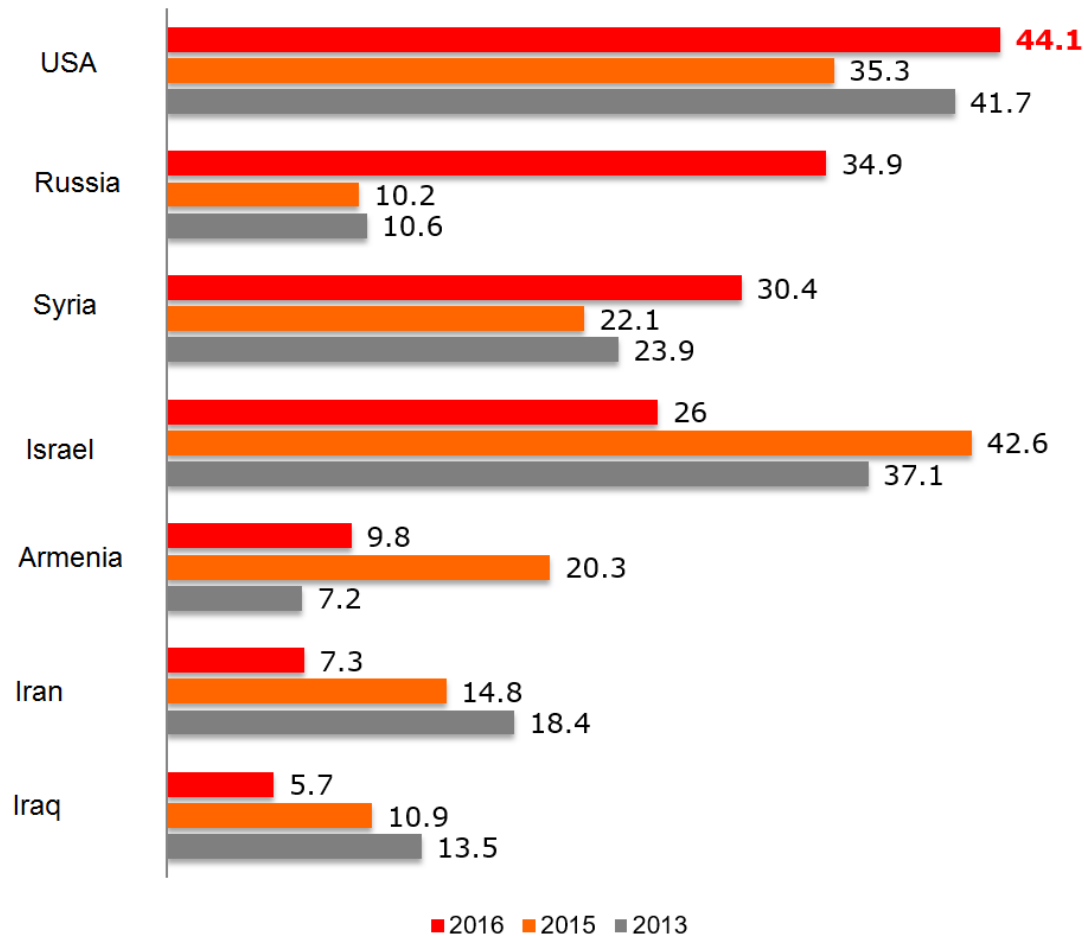
Which country is Turkey's closest 'friend'?





Threat Perceptions

Which country or countries constitute the most severe threat to Turkey?

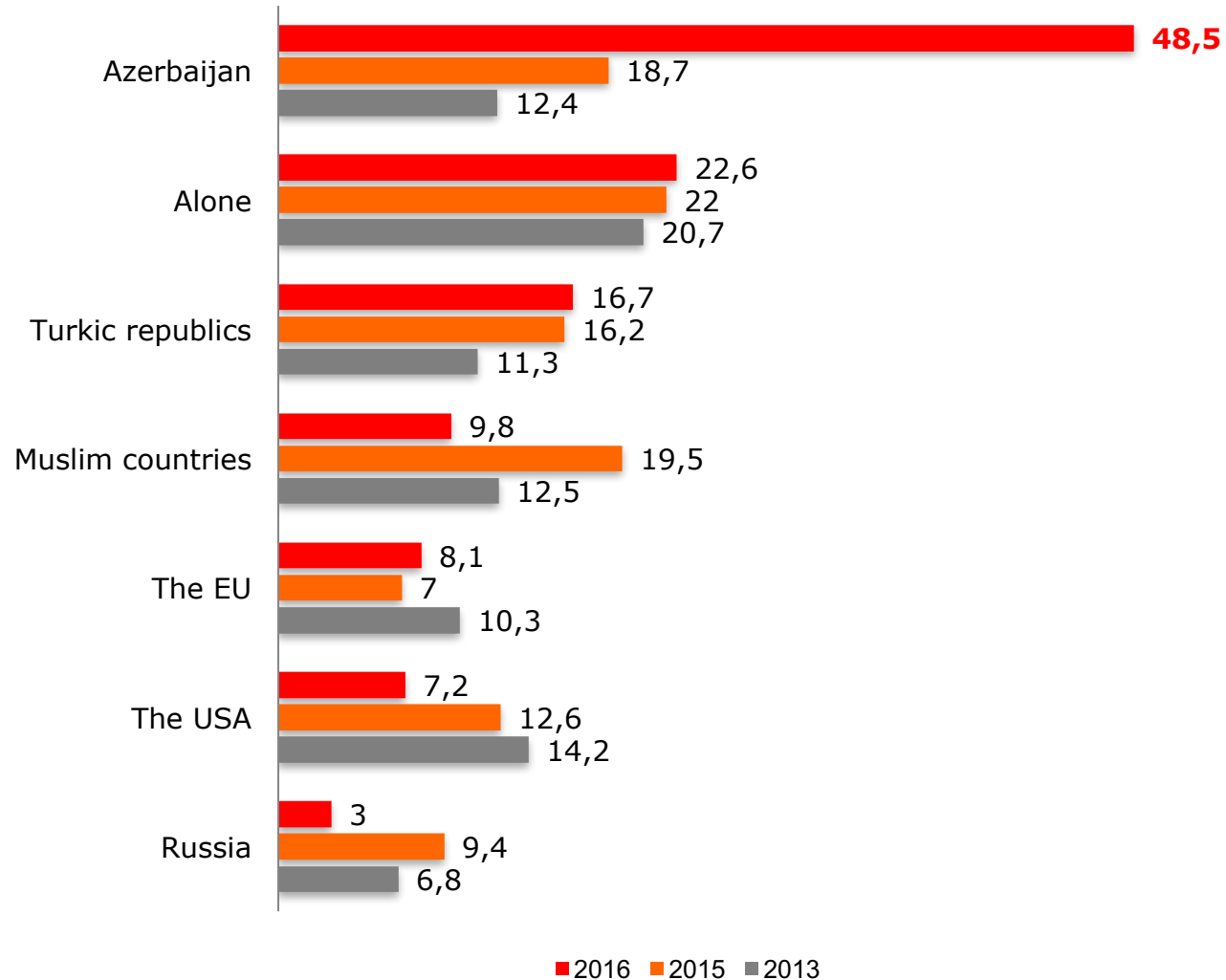


2,7% of the public state that there are no threats against Turkey.



Perceptions of Cooperation

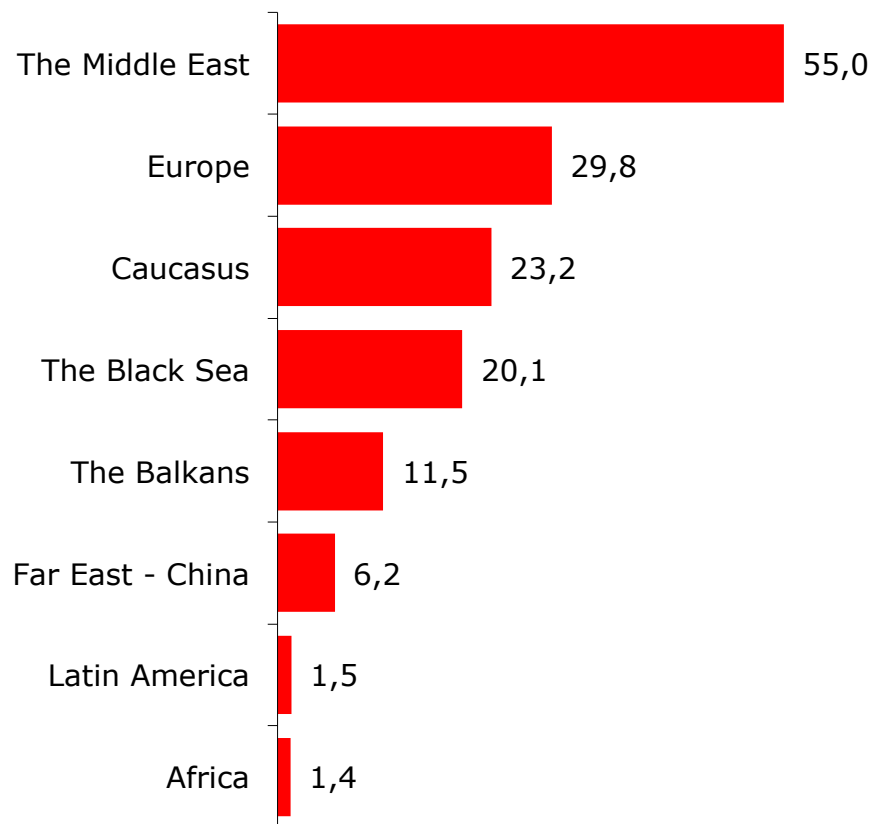
With which country or countries Turkey should cooperate in implementing its foreign policy?





Perceptions of Cooperation

In which regions Turkey should adopt a more active foreign policy?

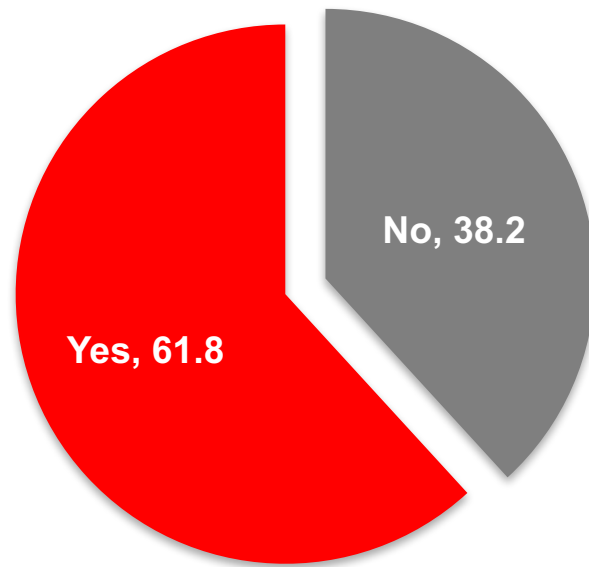


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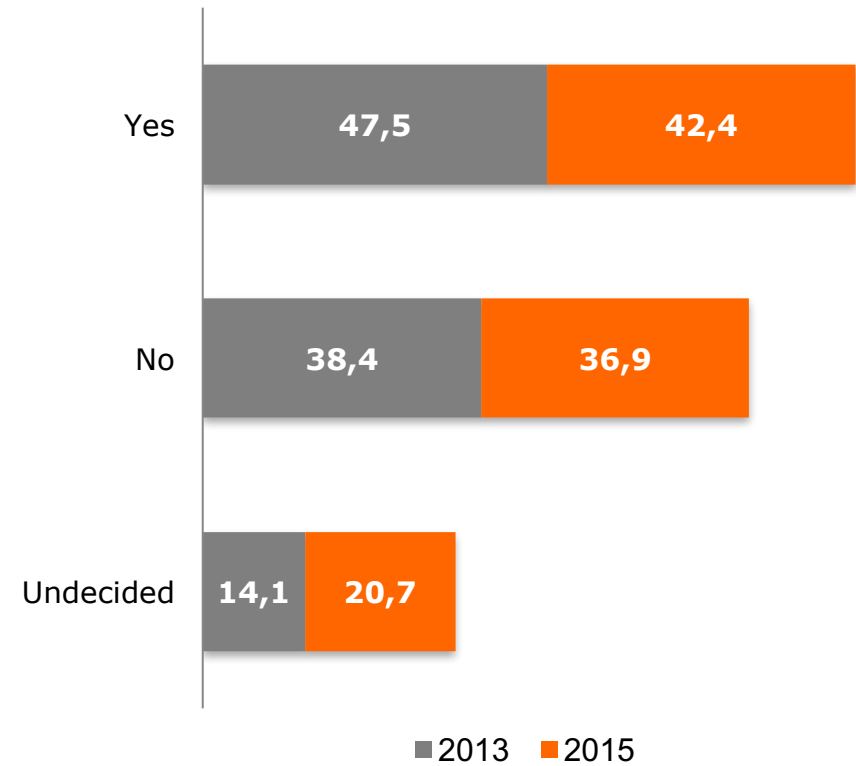


Relations with the EU

Do you want Turkey to become a member of the EU?



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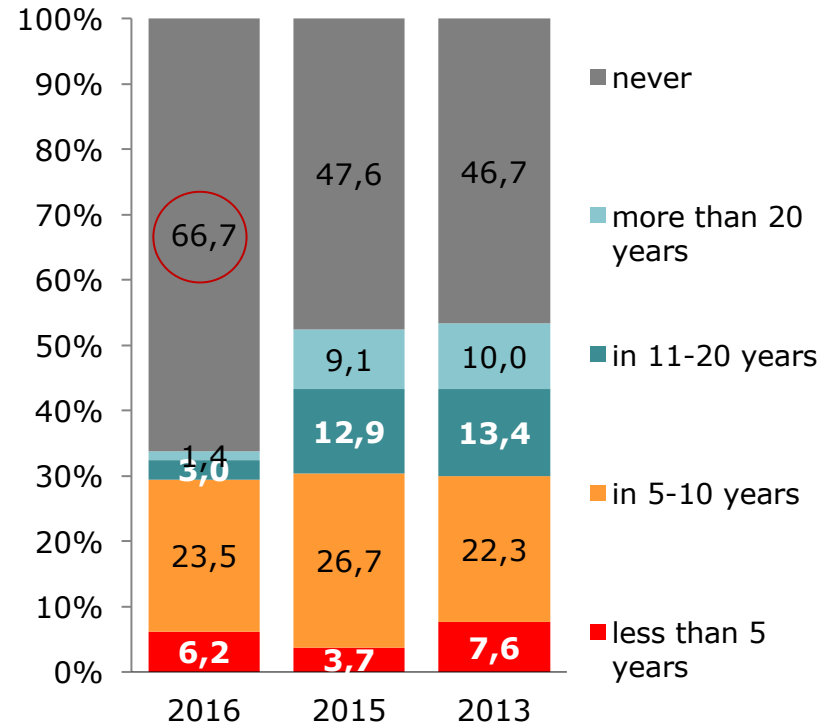




Relations with the EU

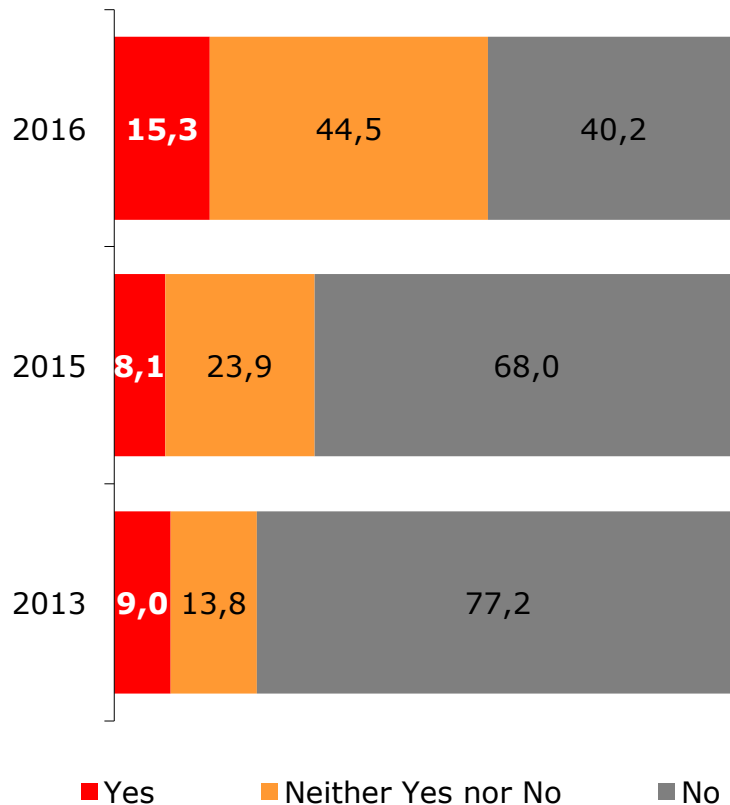
When Turkey can be a full member of the EU?

8,1 Yrs* 15,5 Yrs* 11,8 Yrs*



*Those say 'never' are not included in the projected time.

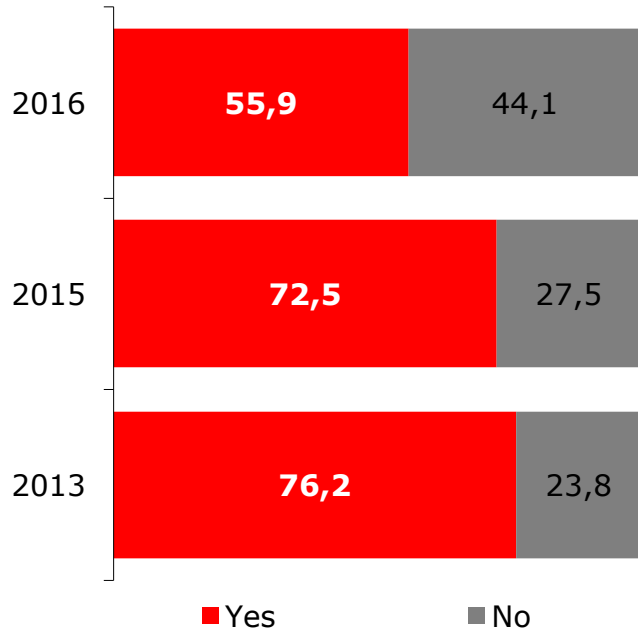
Do you think that the EU is behaving credibly and sincerely towards Turkey?





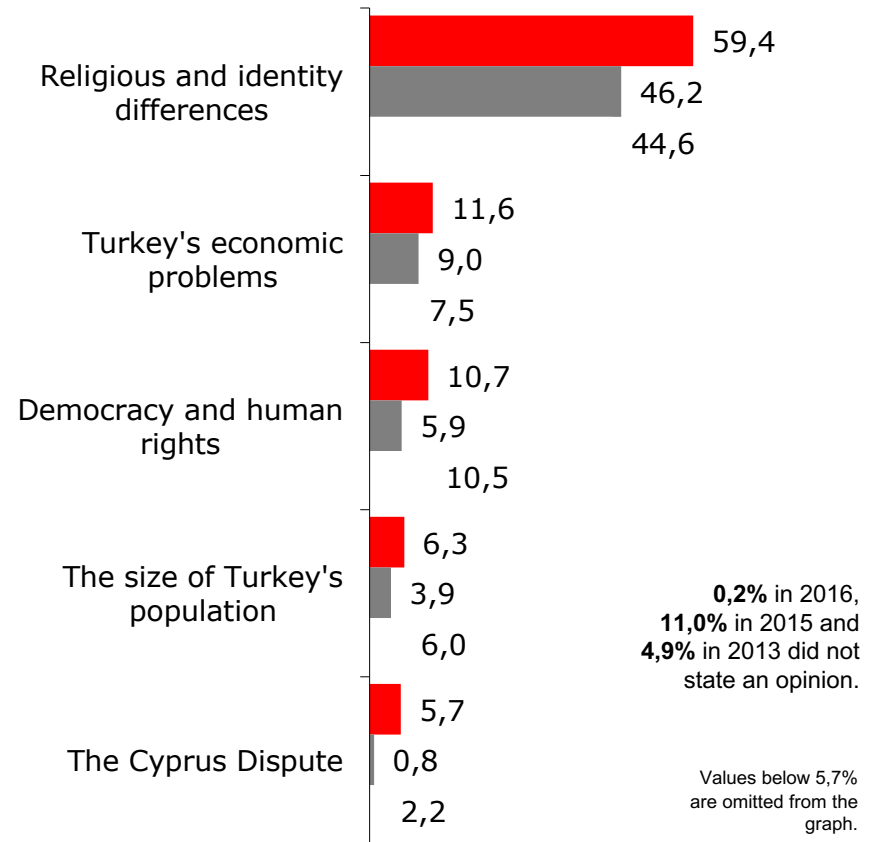
Relations with the EU

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



3 out of 5 people think that Turkey's membership to the EU is being blocked.

Why do you think that the EU is blocking Turkey's membership?

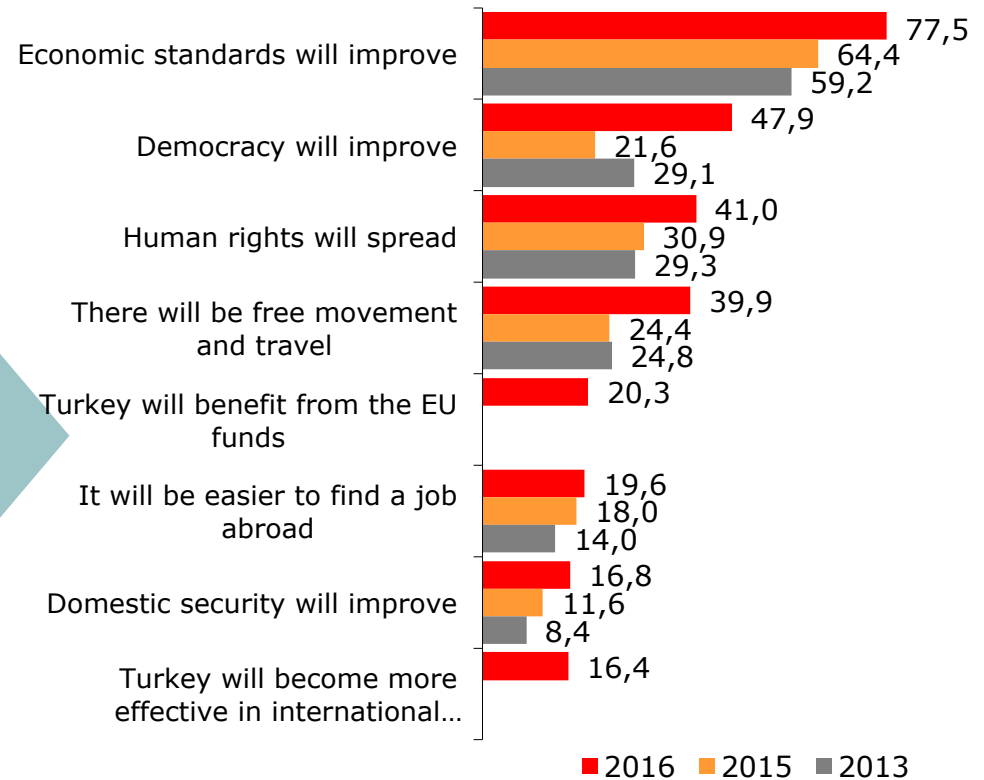
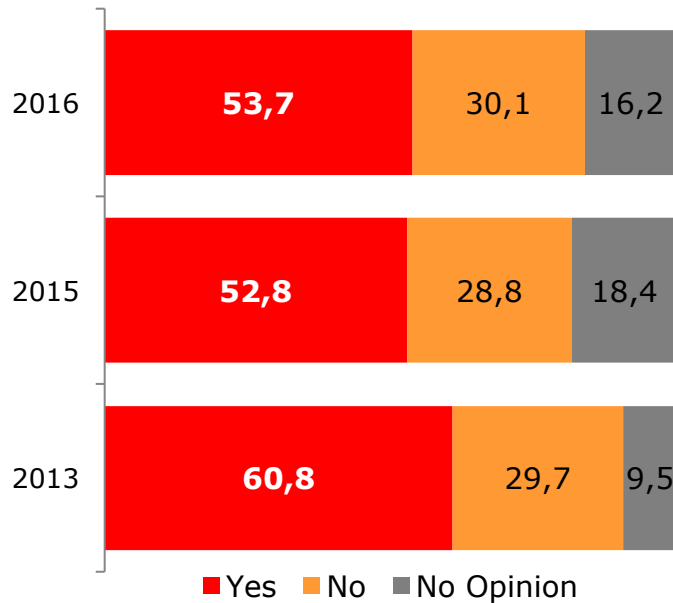


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Base	762	725	559



How will Turkey benefit from EU membership?

Will the EU membership be beneficial to Turkey?



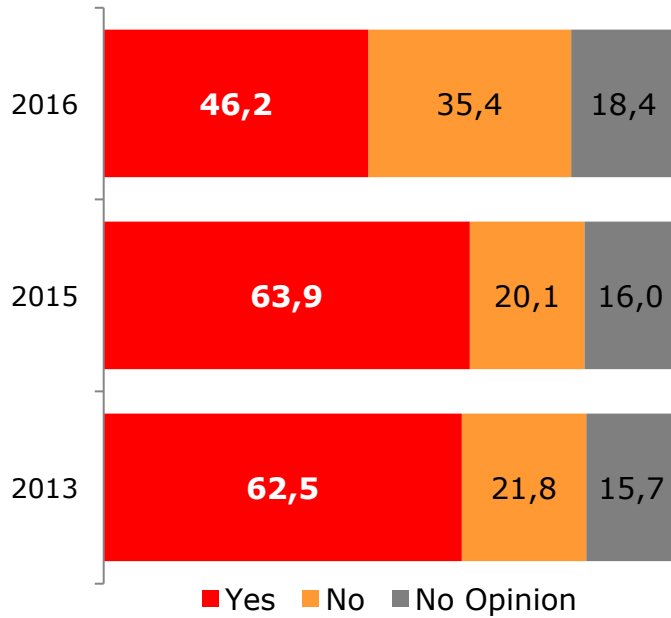
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	608	528	537

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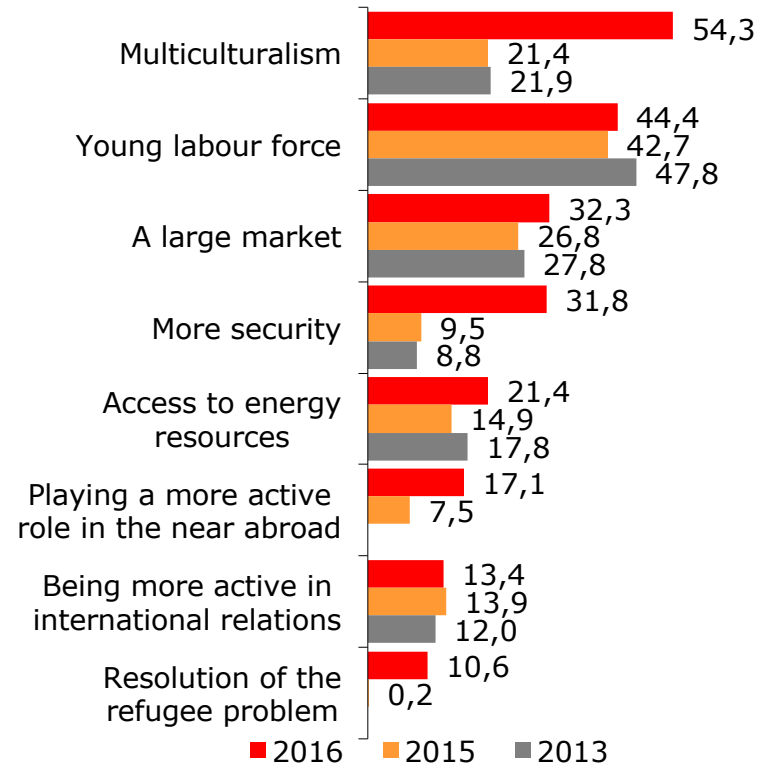


Relations with the EU

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



How will the EU benefit from Turkey's membership?



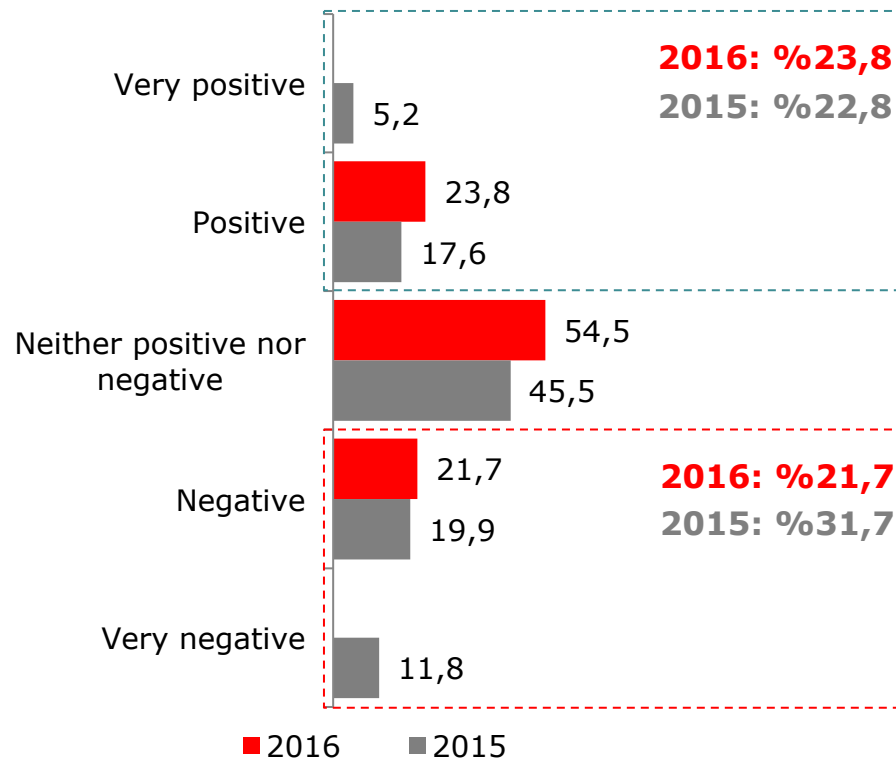
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	625	639	462

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Relations with the EU

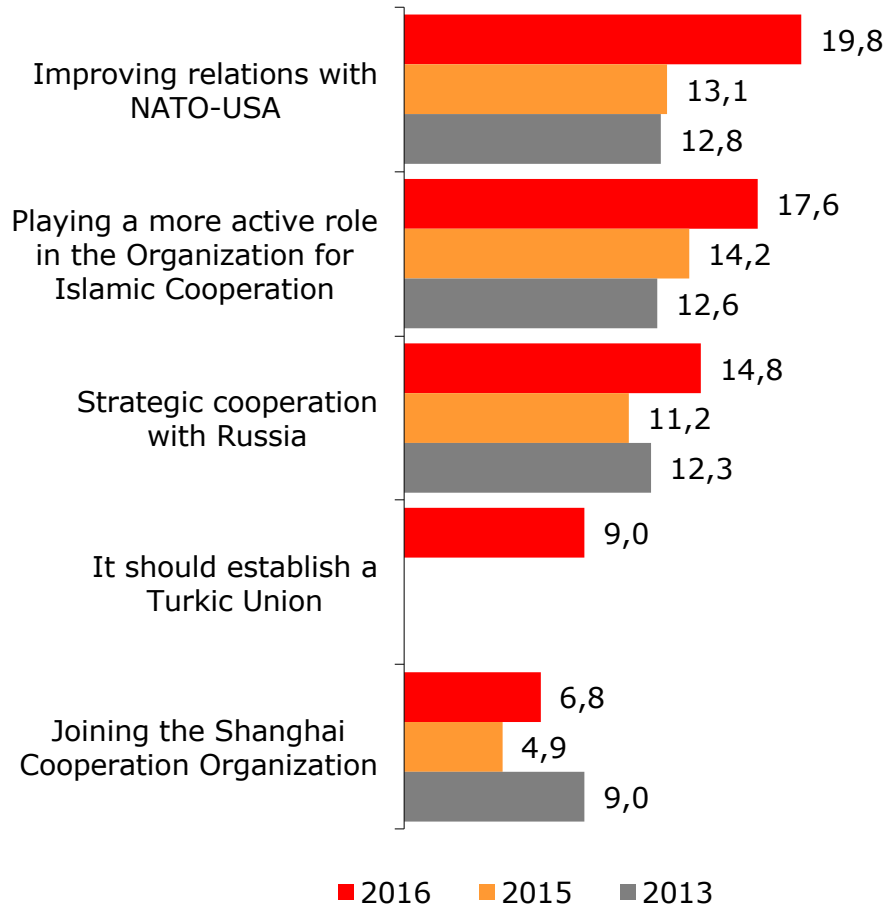
How do you assess privileged partnership as an alternative to full EU membership?





Relations with the EU

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

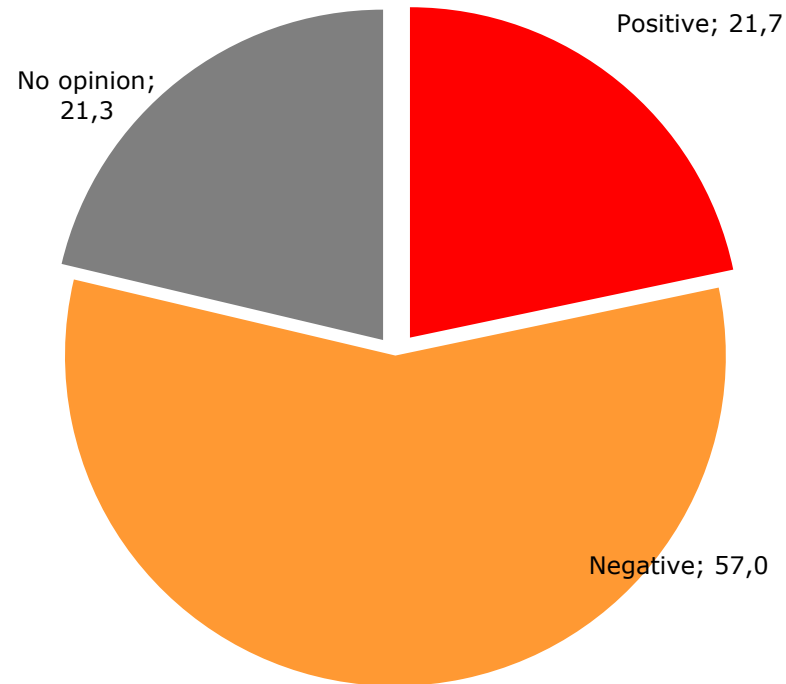


19,7% of the respondents stated that there is no alternative to the EU membership and the accession process should continue; while 9,9% stated that Turkey should not join any union.

2,1% stated no opinion.



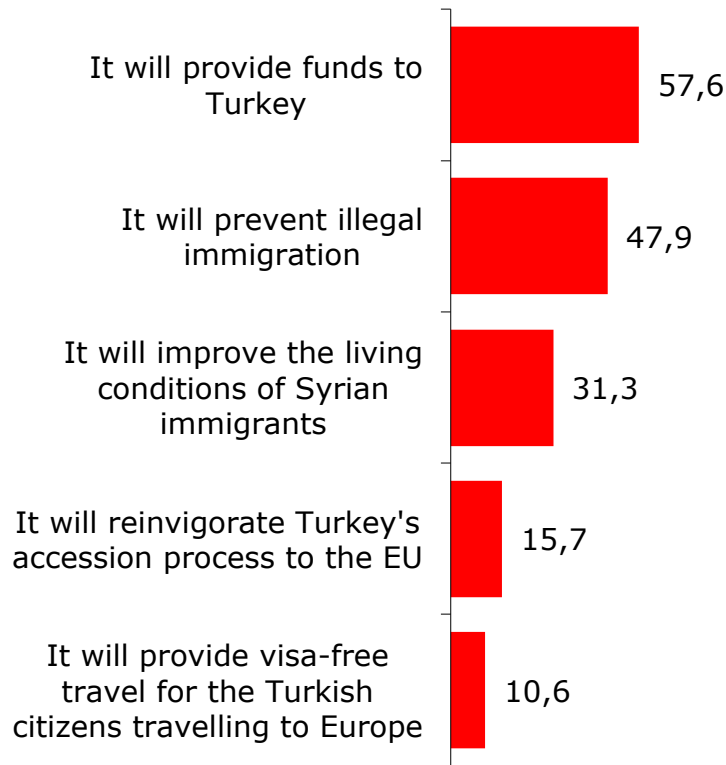
How do you assess the refugee deal between Turkey and the EU?





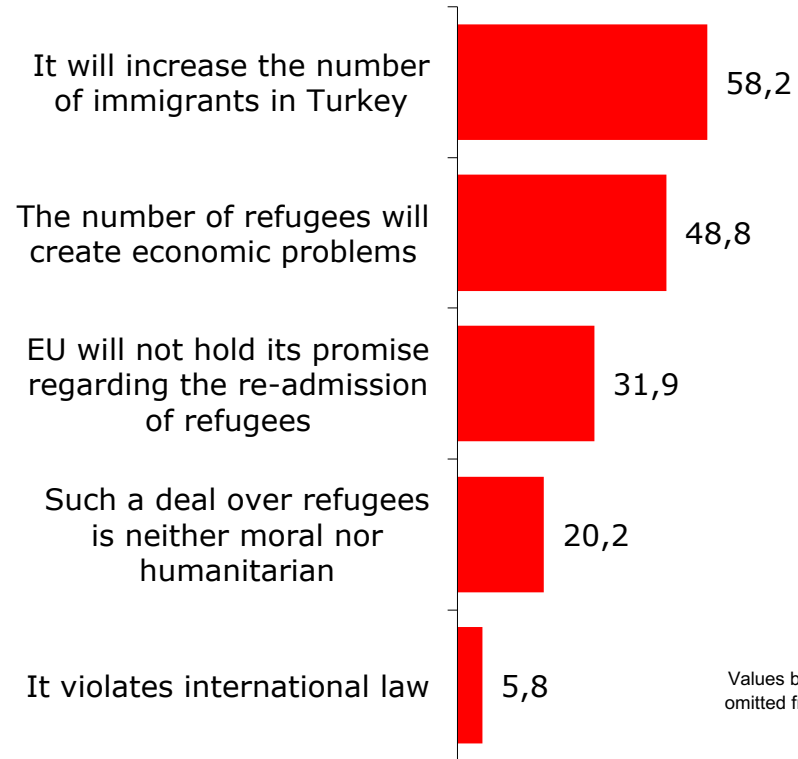
Relations with the EU

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



Base:217

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



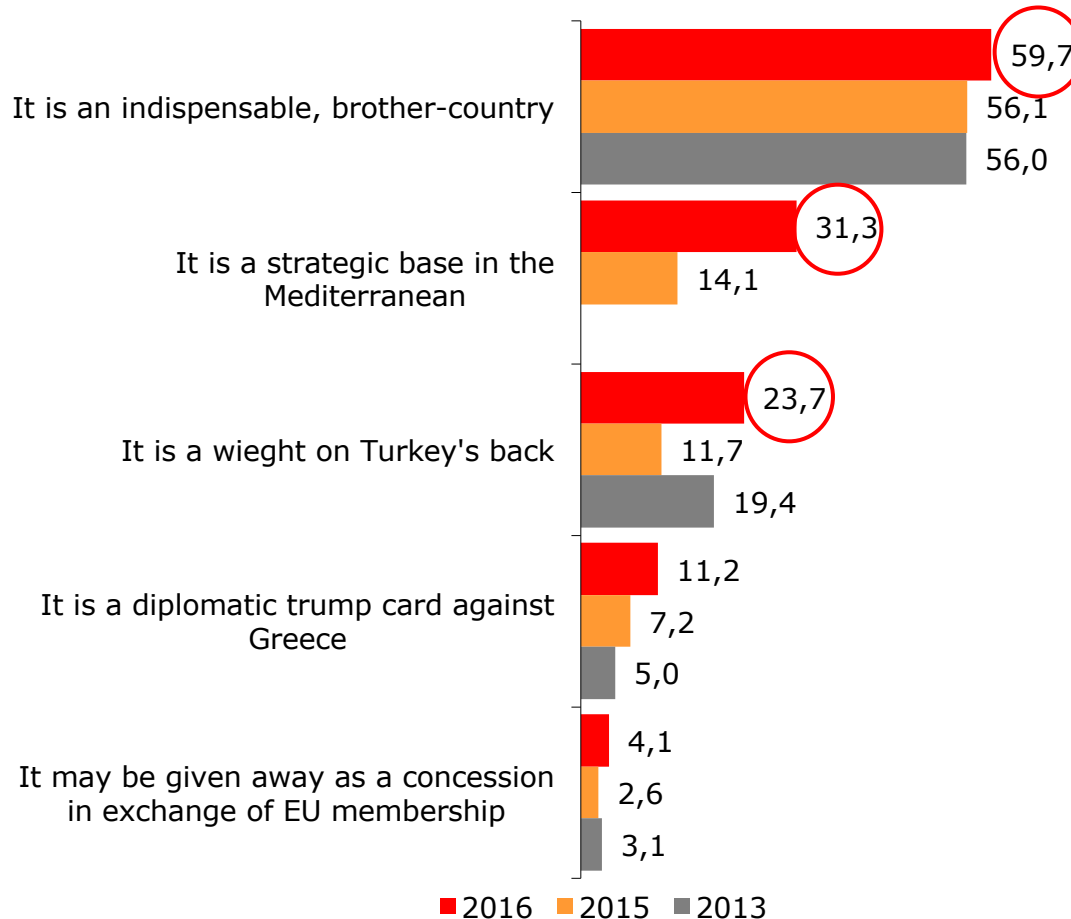
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Relations with Cyprus

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

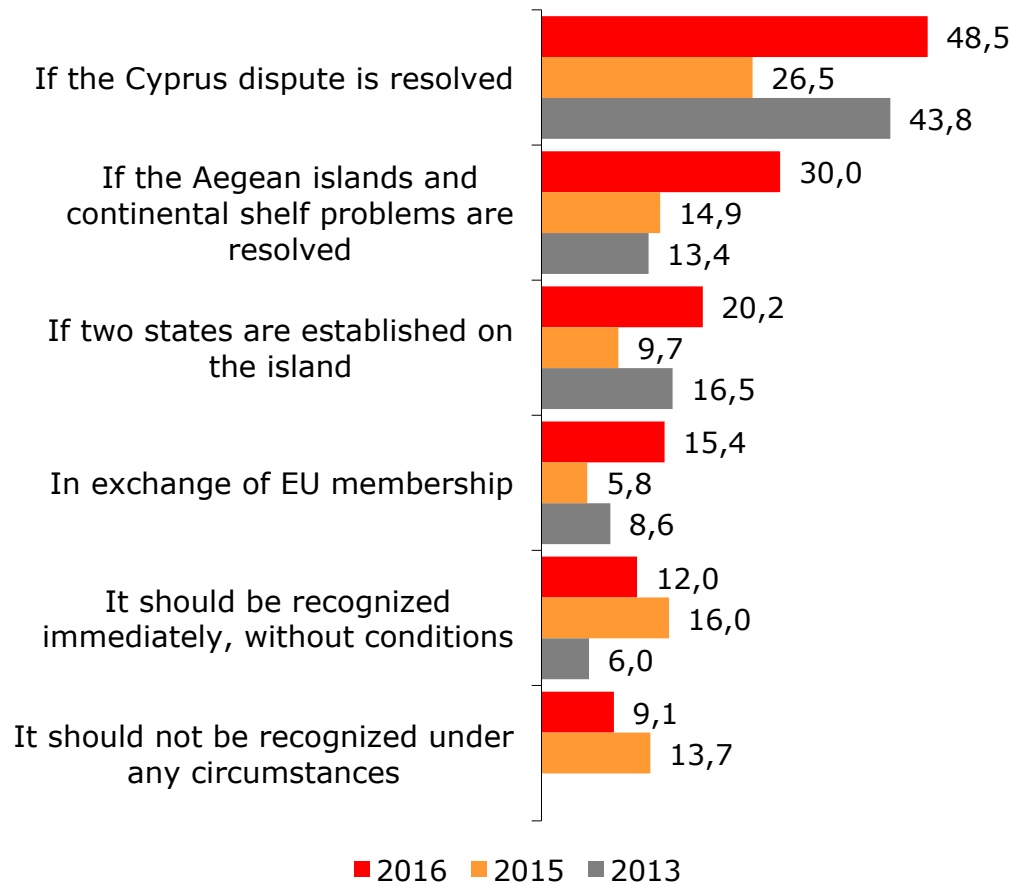


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Relations with Cyprus

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



0,6% of participants in 2016, 20,1% in 2015, and 9,7% in 2013 did not state an opinion.

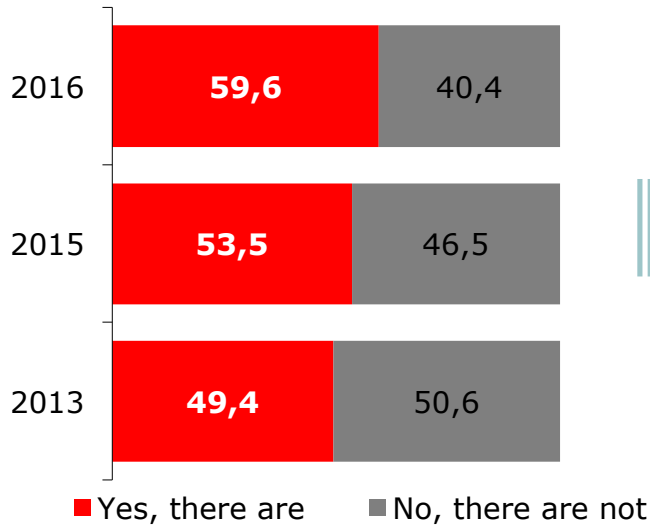
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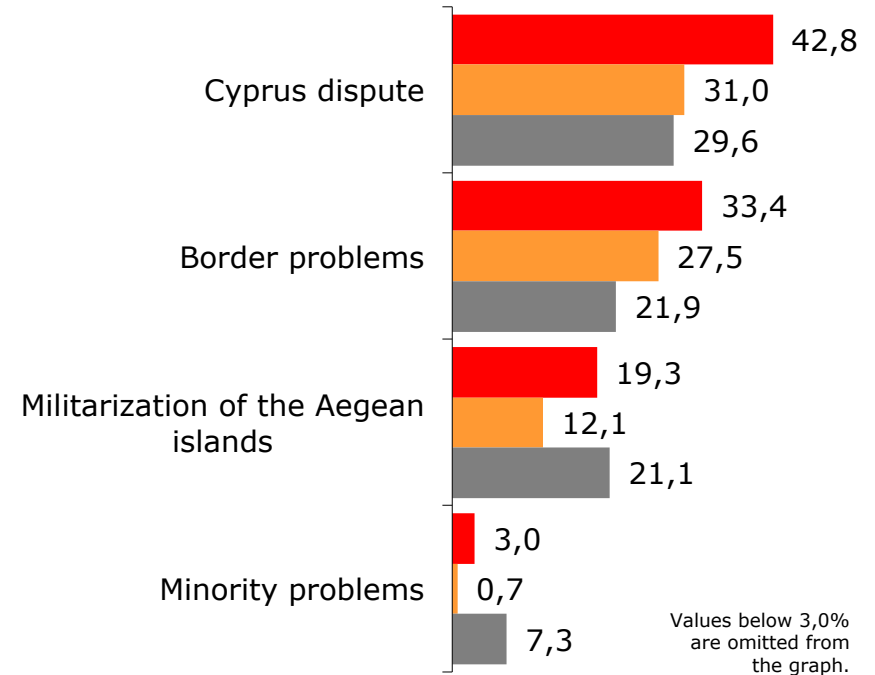


Relations with Greece

Are there any problems between Turkey and Greece?



What is the most important problem between Turkey and Greece?



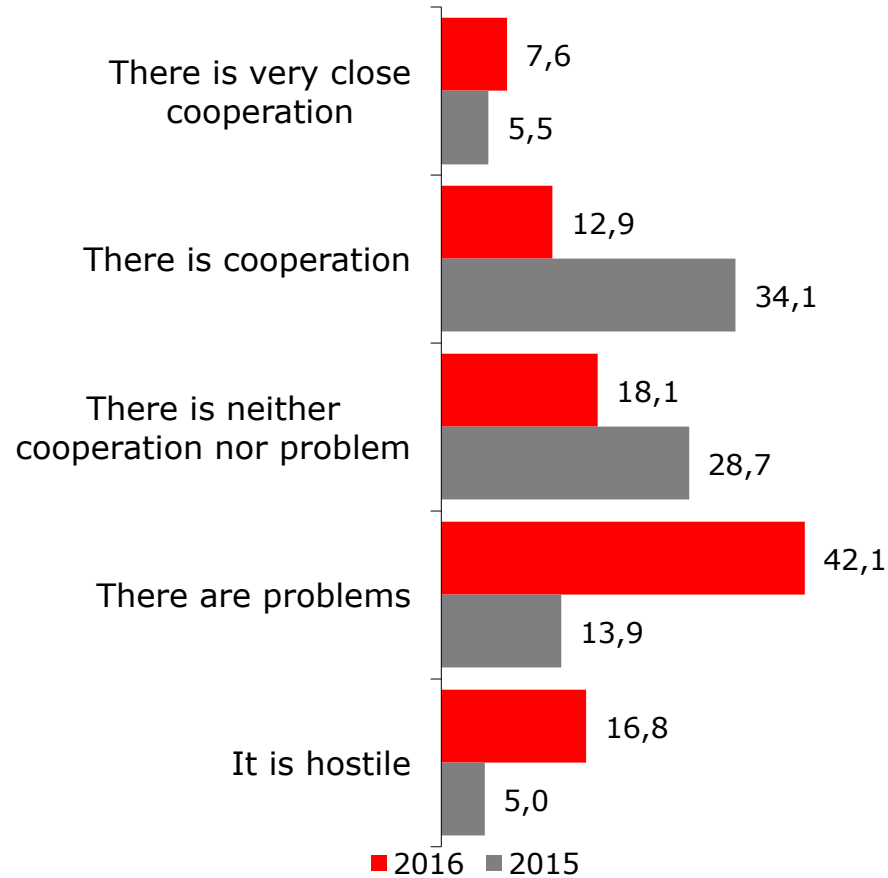
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Base	2013	2015	2016
	494	535	596



Relations with Russia

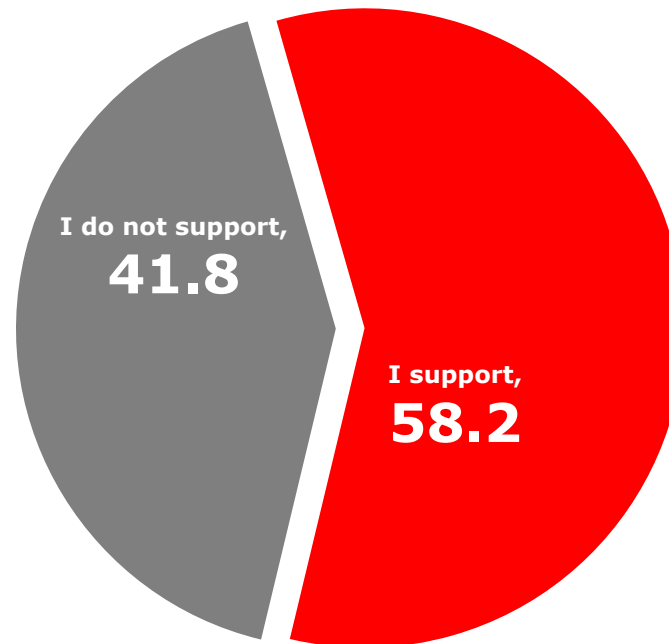
How do you define the relations between Russia and Turkey?





Relations with Russia

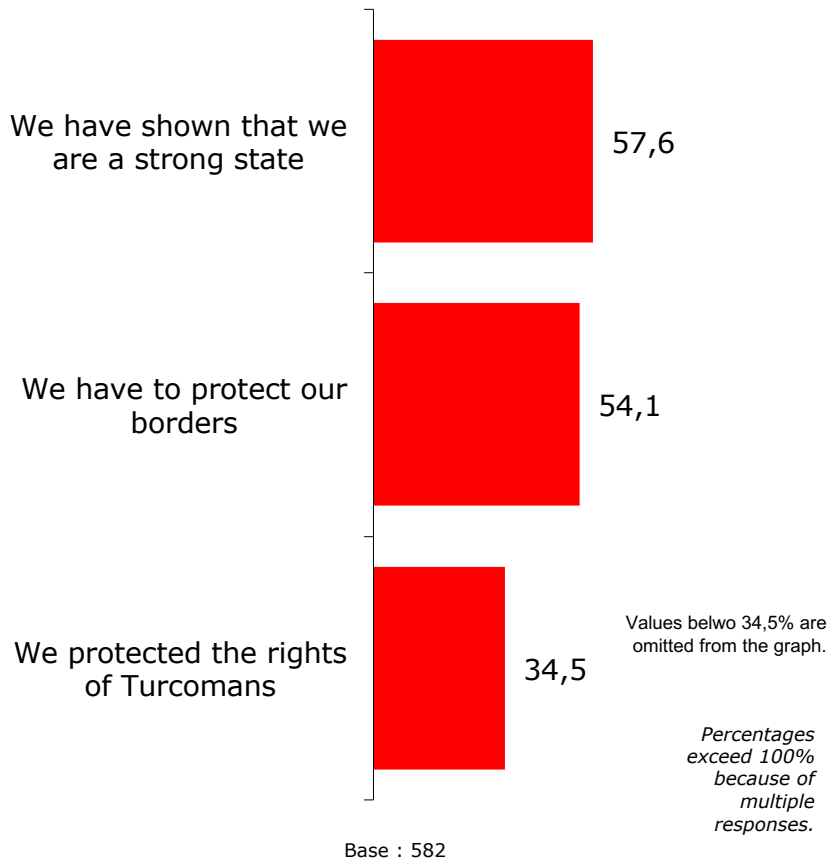
Do you support Turkey's shooting down of a Russian aircraft in Syria?



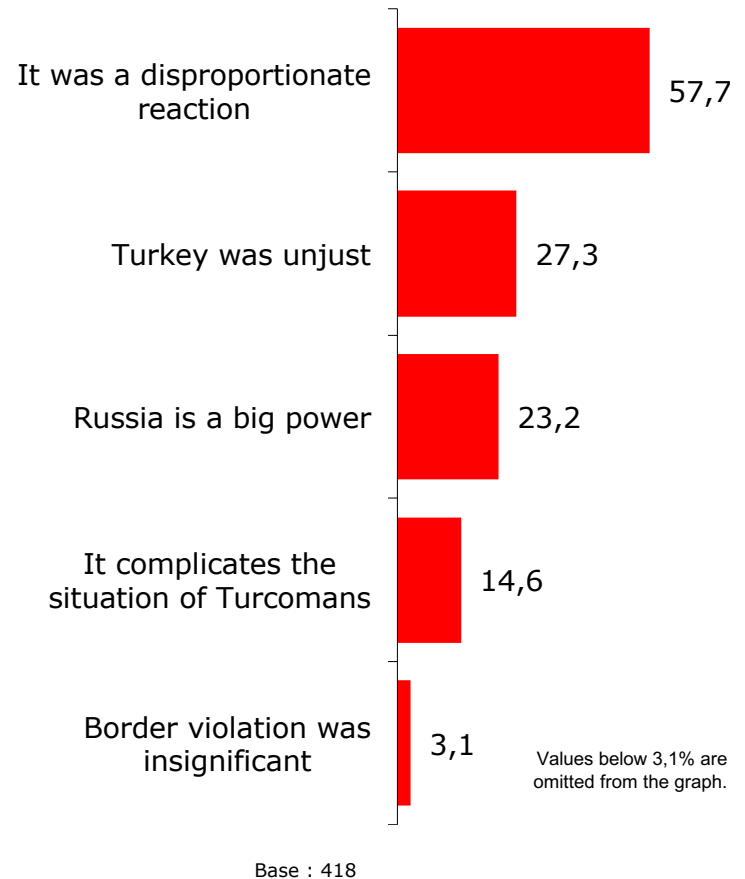


Relations with Russia

Why do you support Turkey's shooting down of a Russian aircraft in Syria?



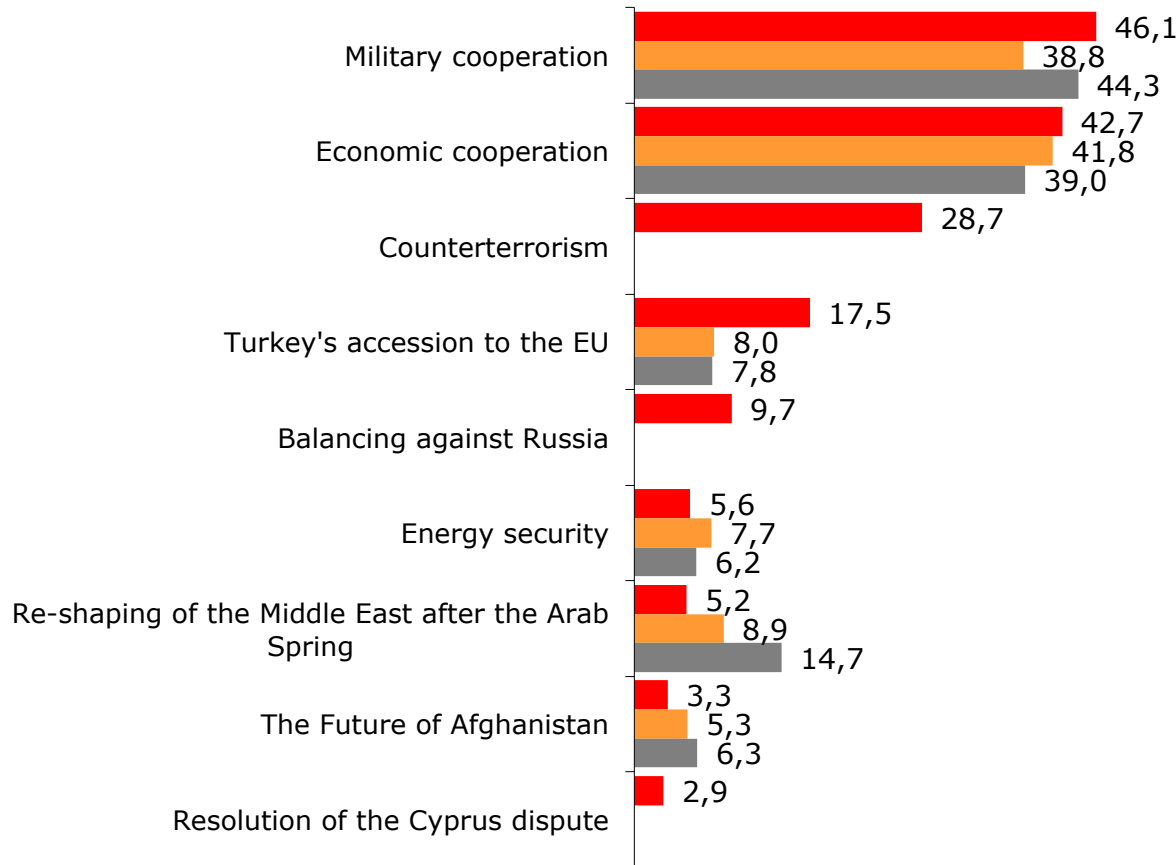
Why do you oppose Turkey's shooting down of a Russian aircraft in Syria?





Relations with the USA

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



0,5% of the responders in 2016, 9,6% in 2015, and 8,6% in 2013 stated that they do not have an opinion.

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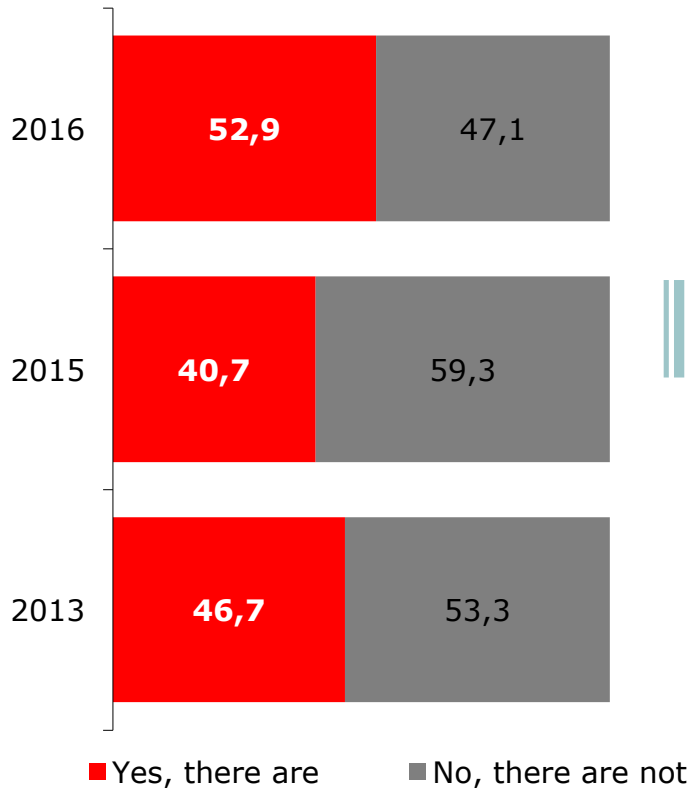
Base	2013	2015	2016
	743	698	1000

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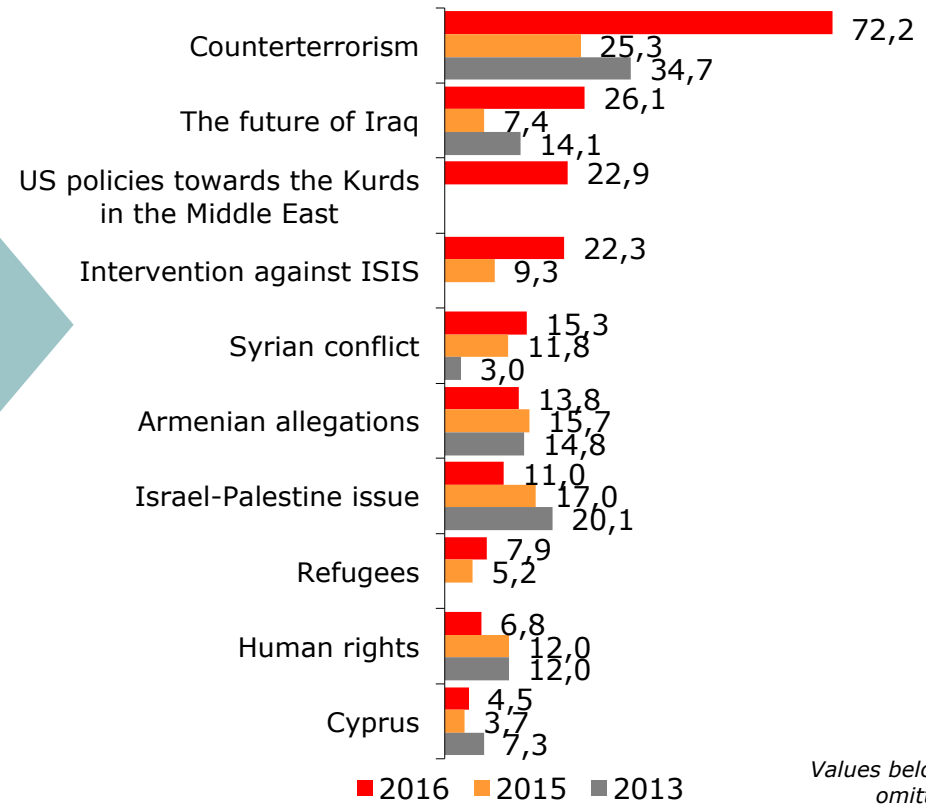


Relations with the USA

Are there any problems between Turkey and the USA?



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



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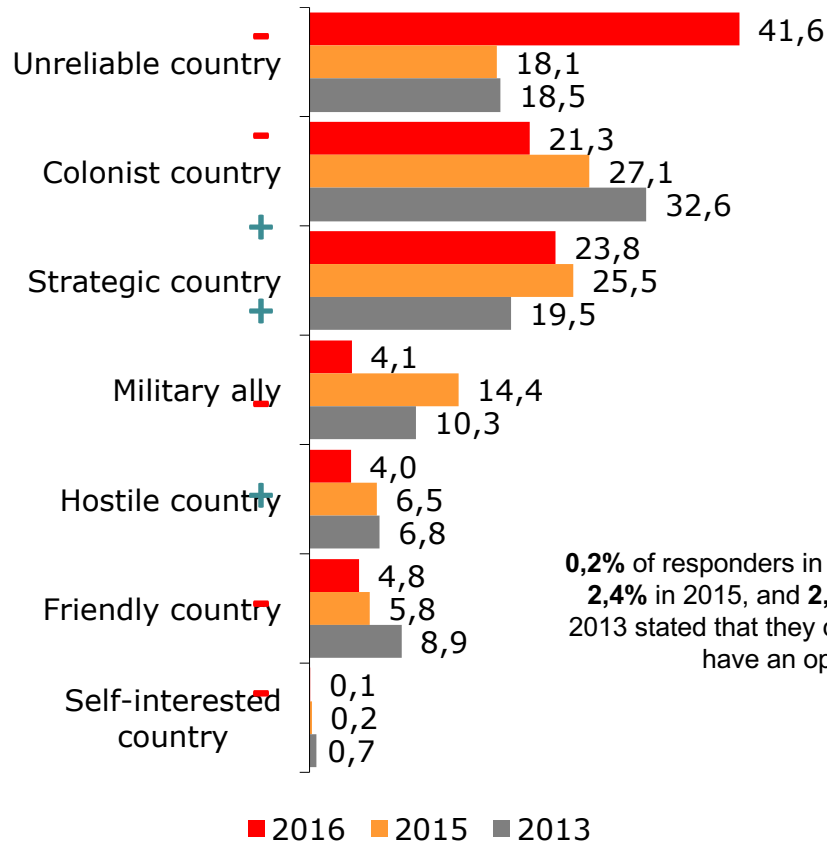
Base	2013	2015	2016
	467	407	529

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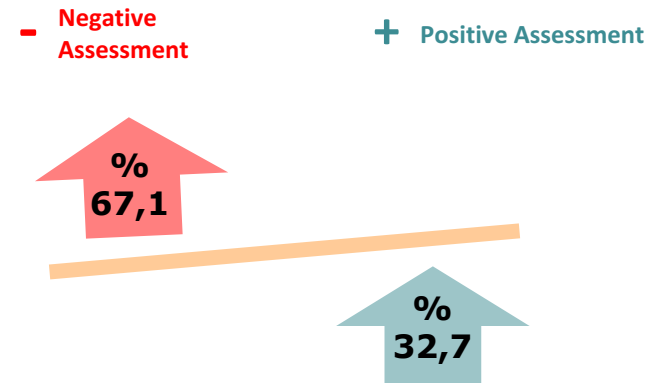
Relations with the USA

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



0,2% of responders in 2016, 2,4% in 2015, and 2,5% in 2013 stated that they do not have an opinion.

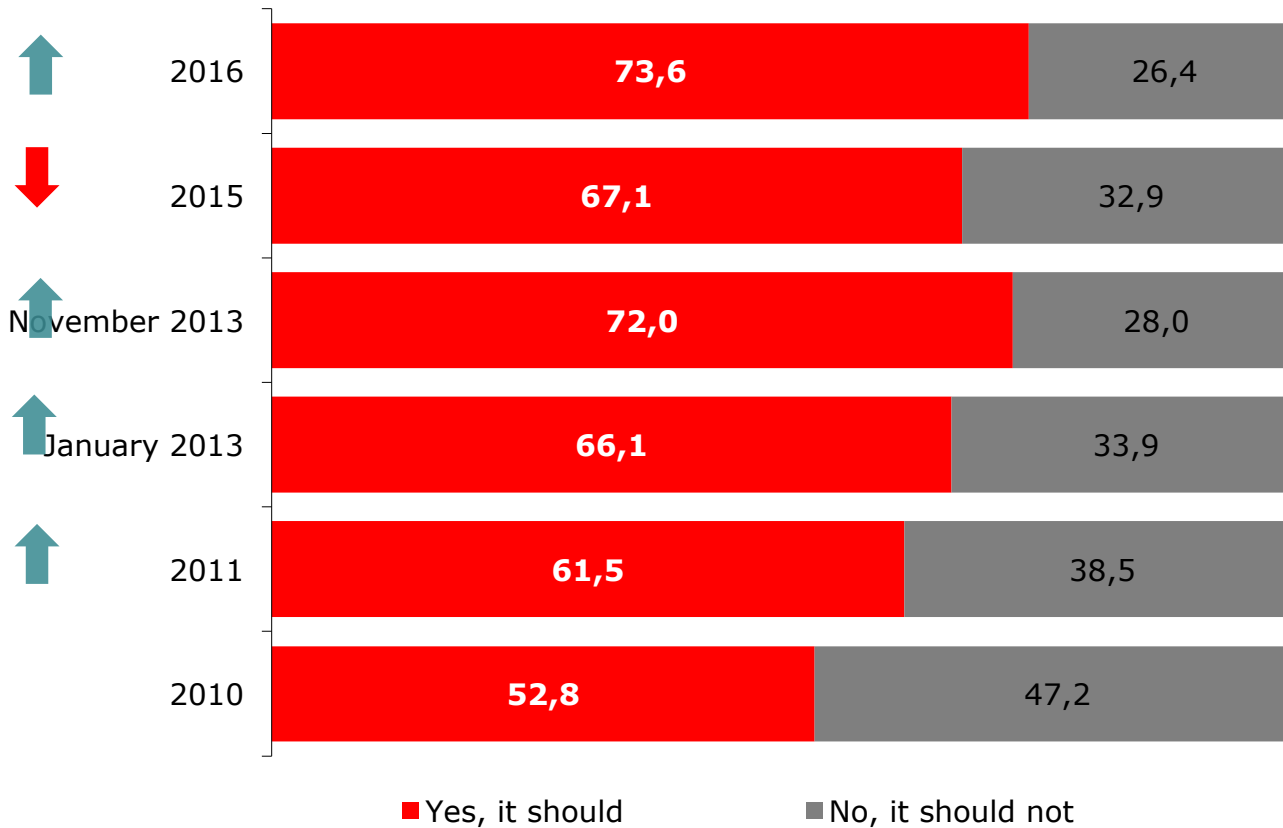
67,1% of the responders see the USA as unreliable, colonist, Hostile and self-interested; while 32,7% see it as a strategic, a military ally and a friendly country.





Relations with International Organizations

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

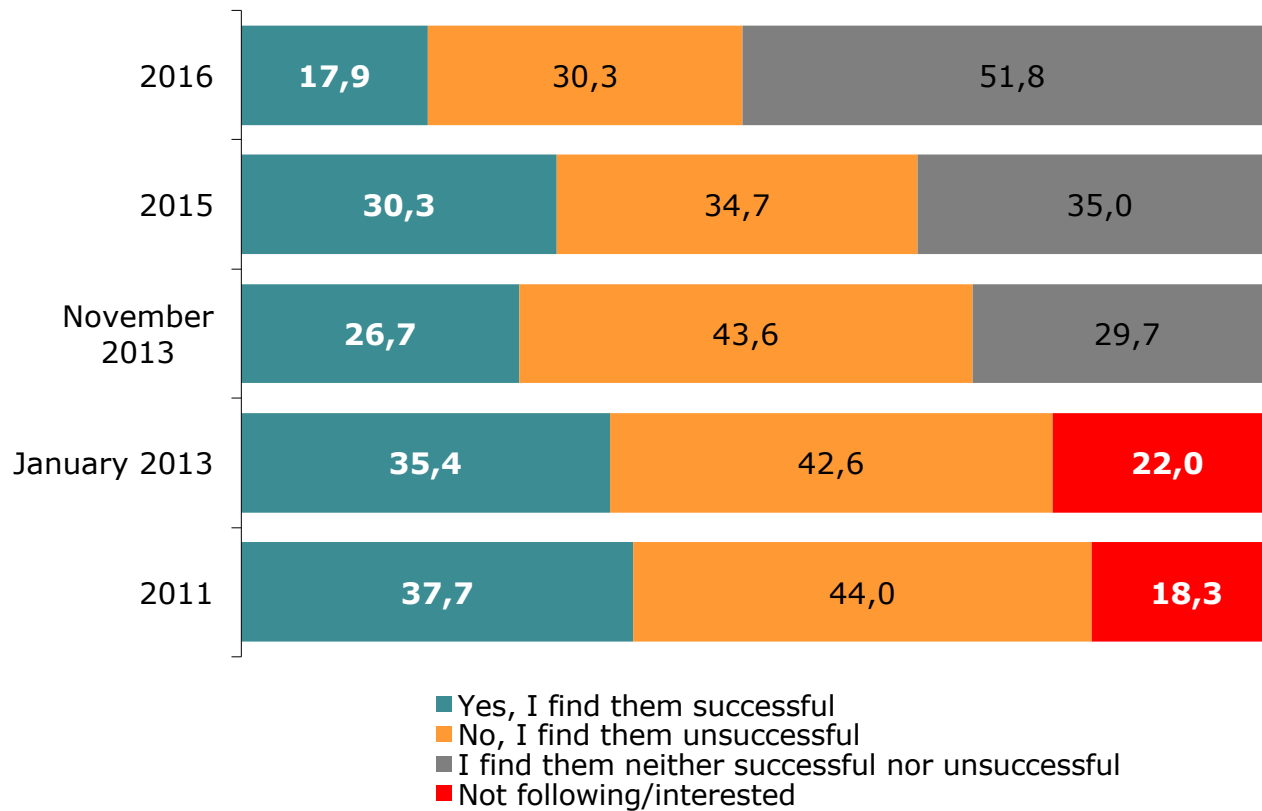


There has been increasing support for the continuation of Turkey's NATO membership since 2010.



Relations with the Middle East

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

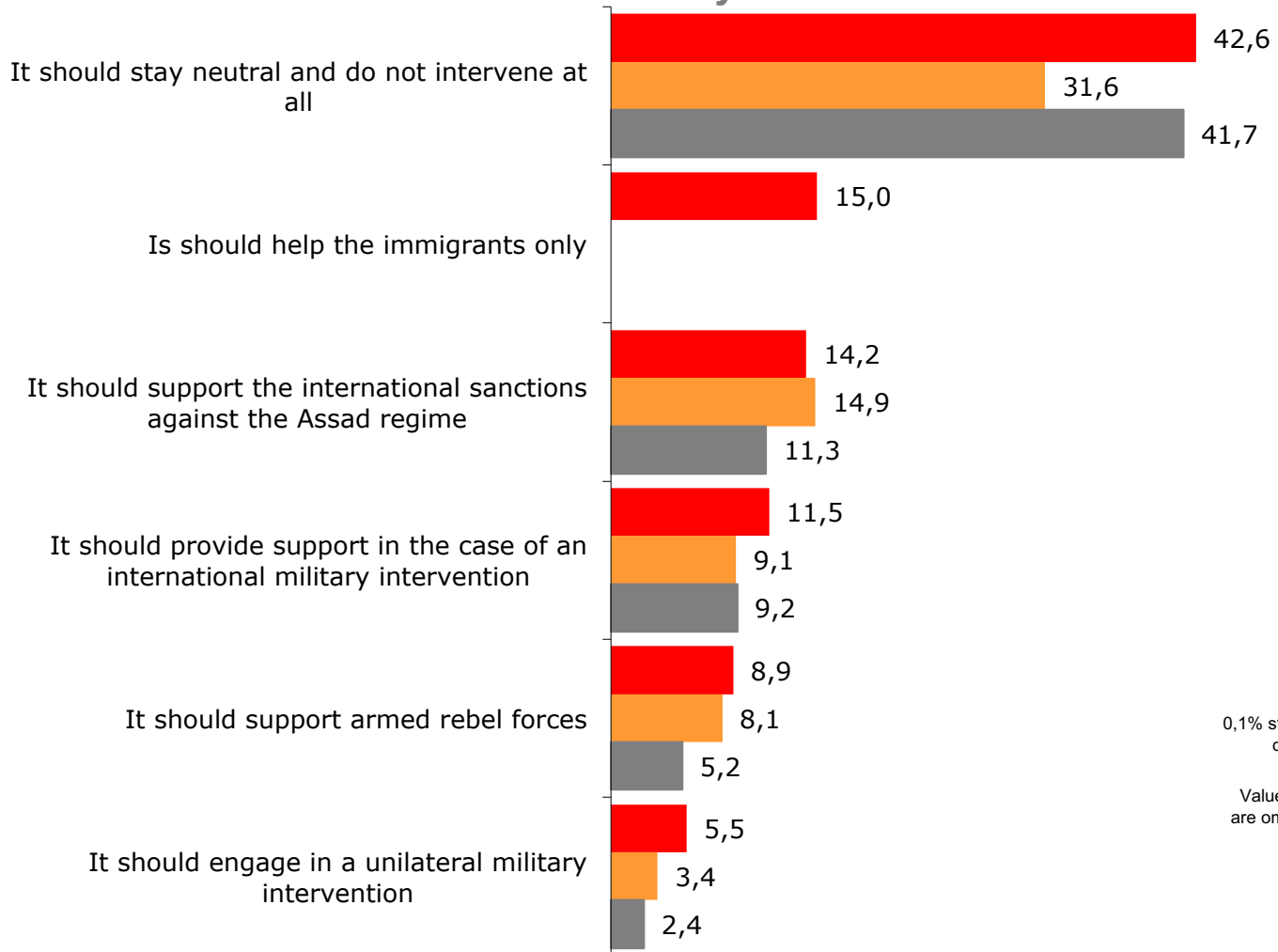
Do you find Turkey's policies in the face of recent developments in Syria successful?





Relations with the Middle East

What kind of policy Turkey should implement regarding Syria?

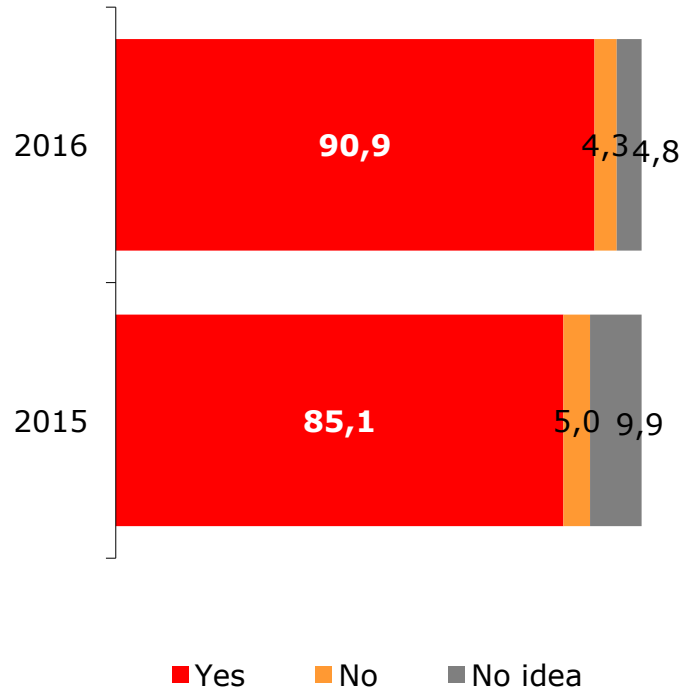


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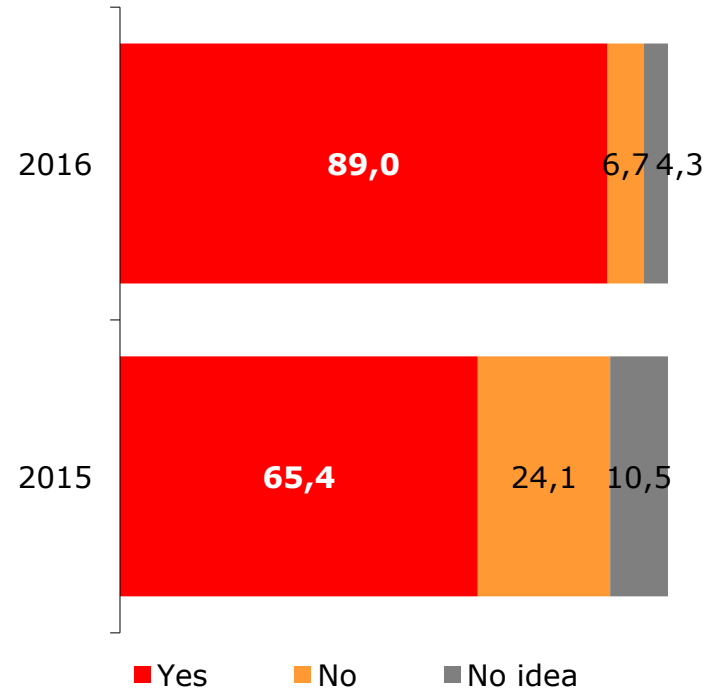


Relations with the Middle East

Is ISIS a terrorist organization?



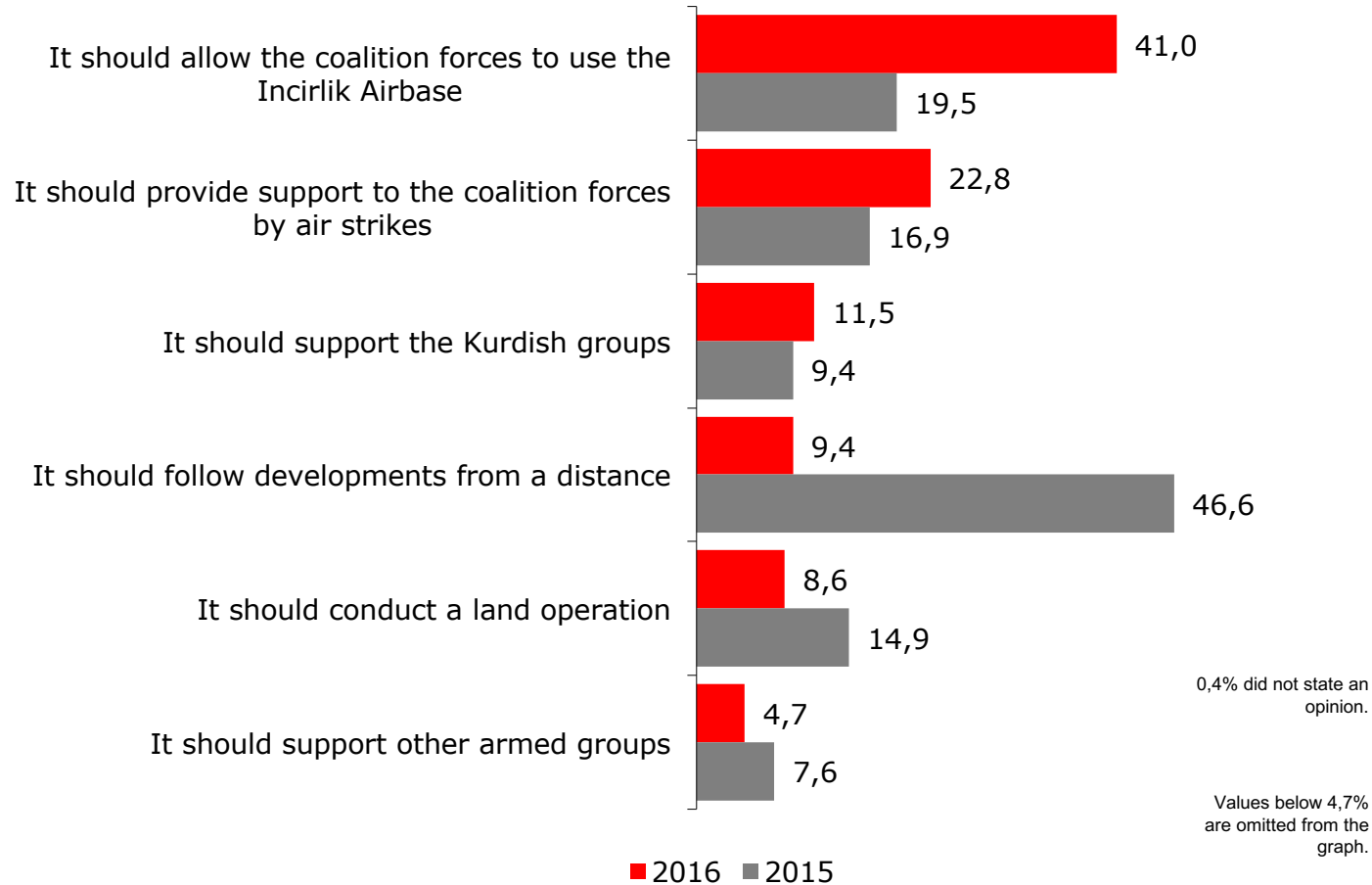
Does ISIS constitute a threat to Turkey?





Relations with the Middle East

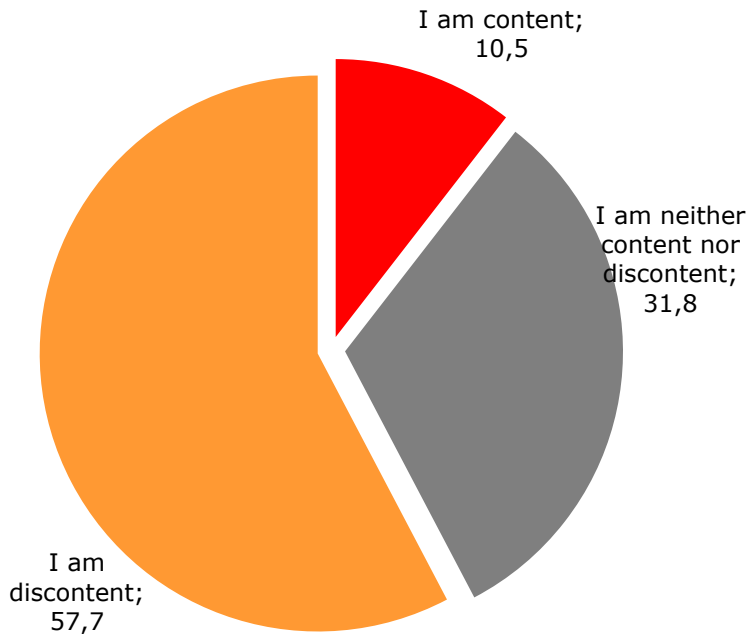
What kind of policy should Turkey pursue against ISIS?



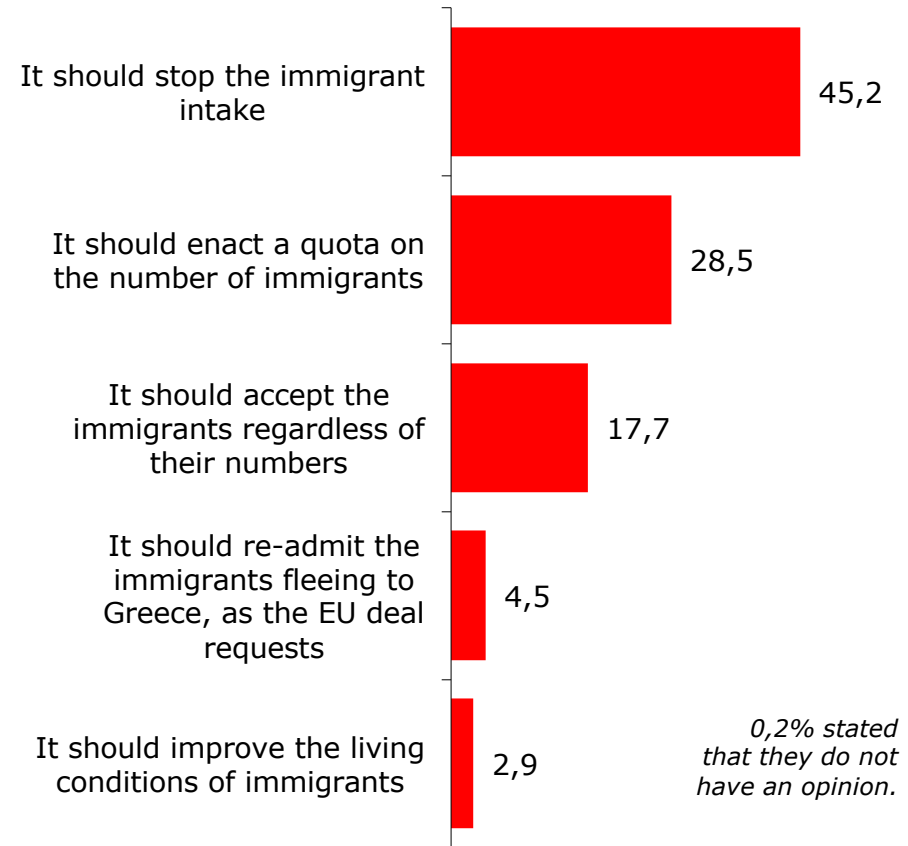


Relations with the Middle East

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



What kind of policy should Turkey pursue towards refugees?

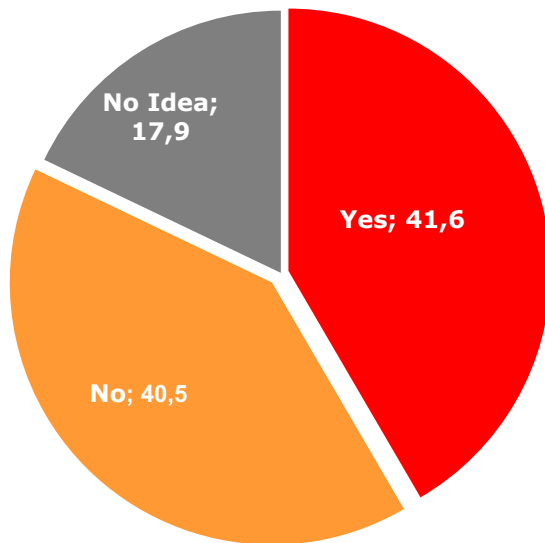


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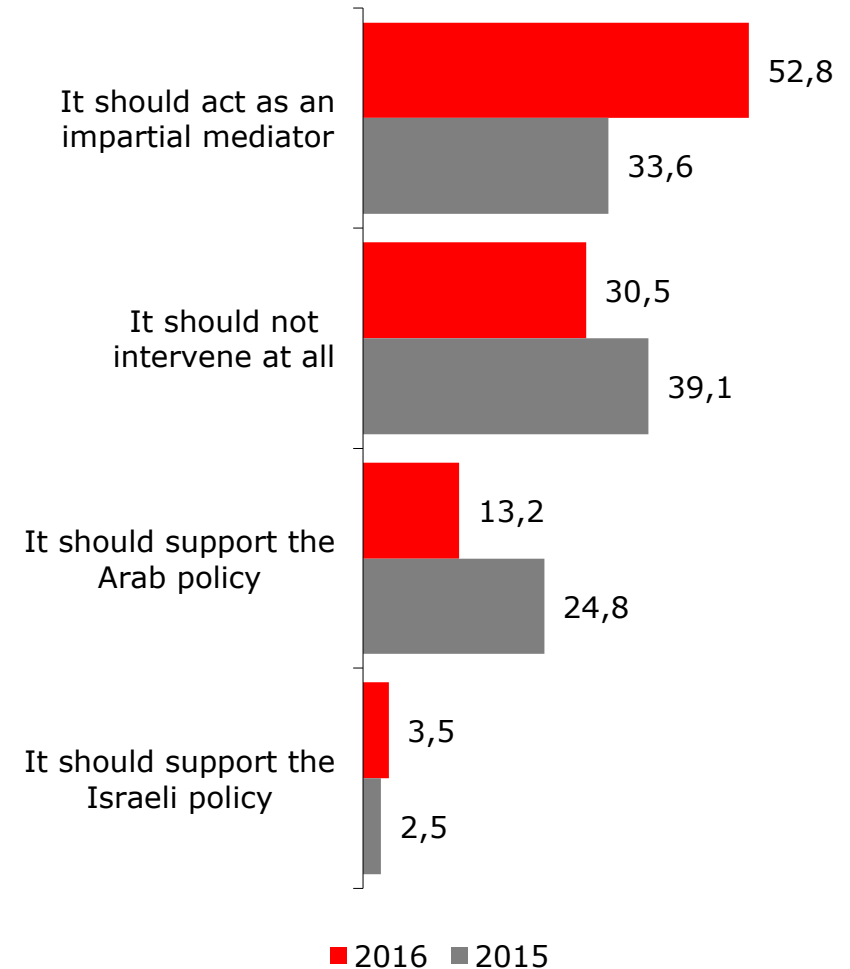


Relations with the Middle East

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



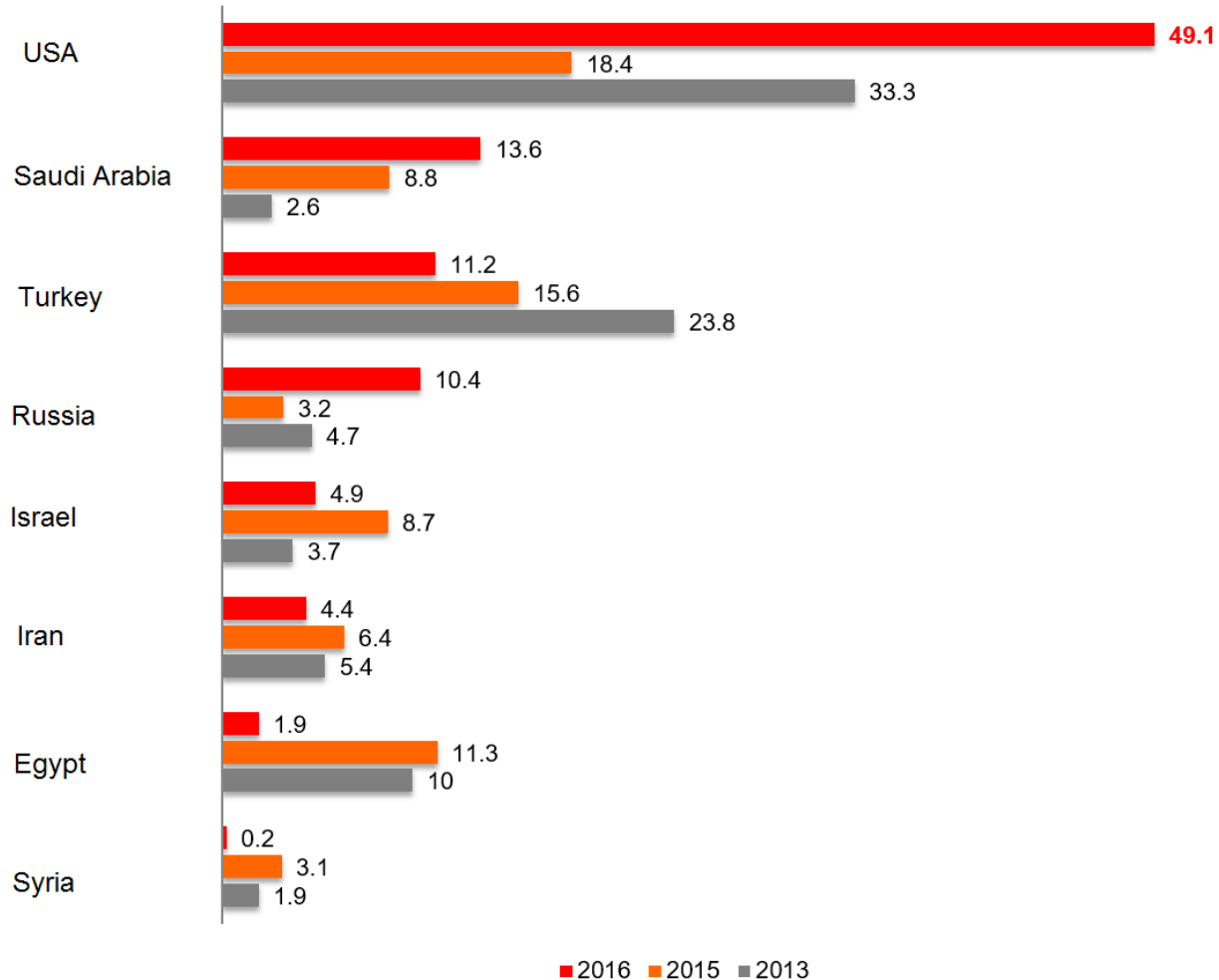
What should Turkey's role be in the Arab-Israeli dispute?





Relations with the Middle East

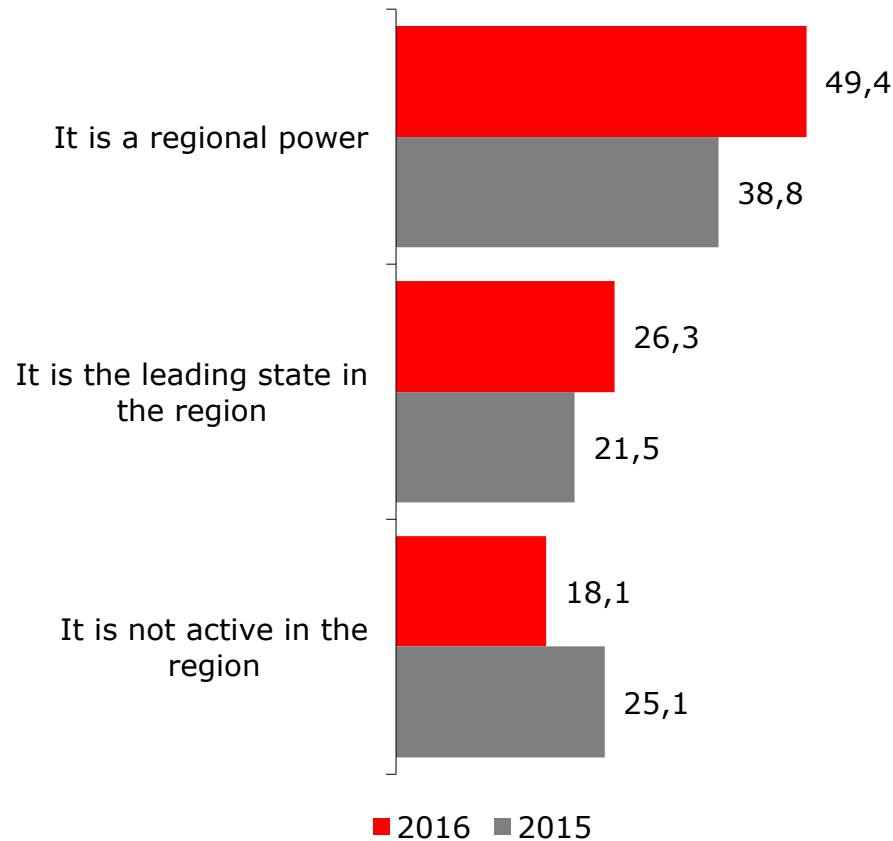
Which country has the most influence in shaping the future of the Middle East after the Arab Spring?





Relations with the Middle East

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



6,2% of responders in 2016, and **14,6%** of responders in 2015 did not state an opinion on Turkey's position in the Middle East.



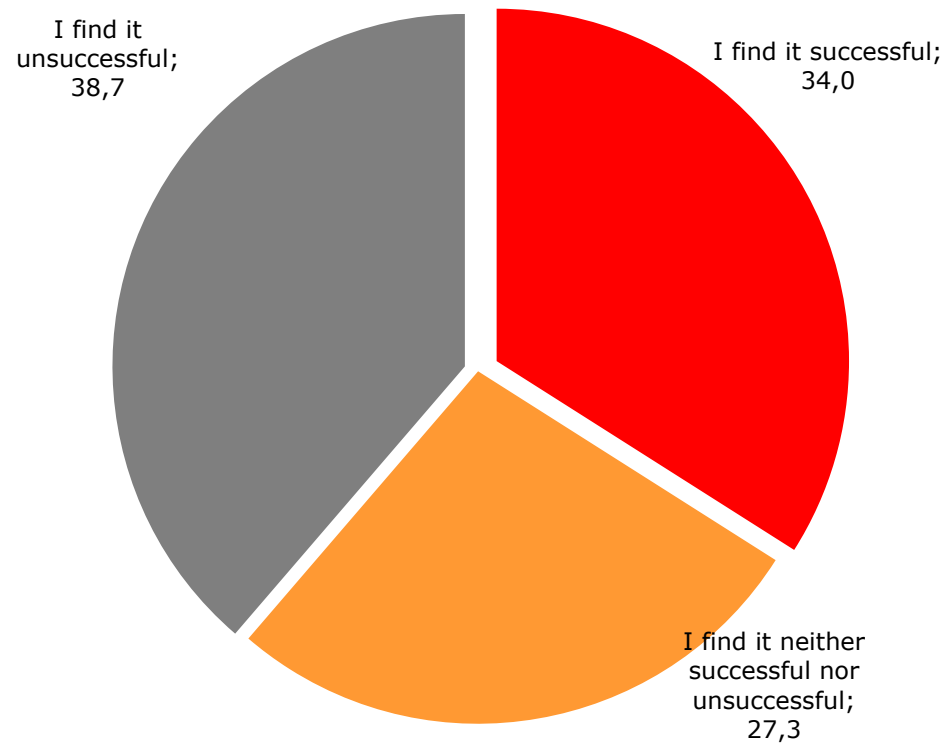
Relations with the Middle East

Do you think that Turkey can be an example or role model for Muslim countries?





To what extent do you consider Turkish foreign policy successful?





THANK YOU...

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