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Public Perceptions on Turkish Foreign Policy

Quantitative Research Report

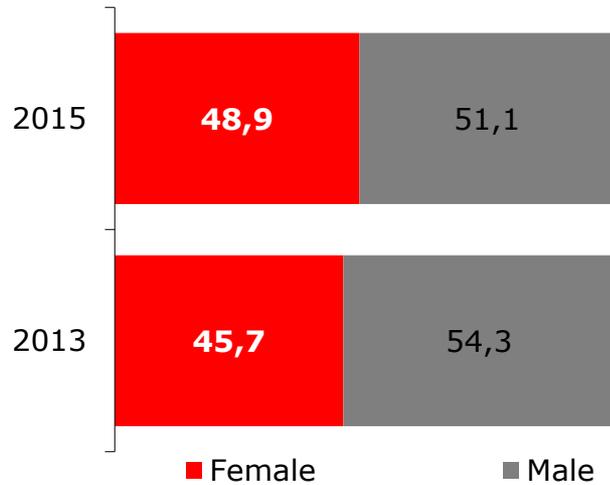
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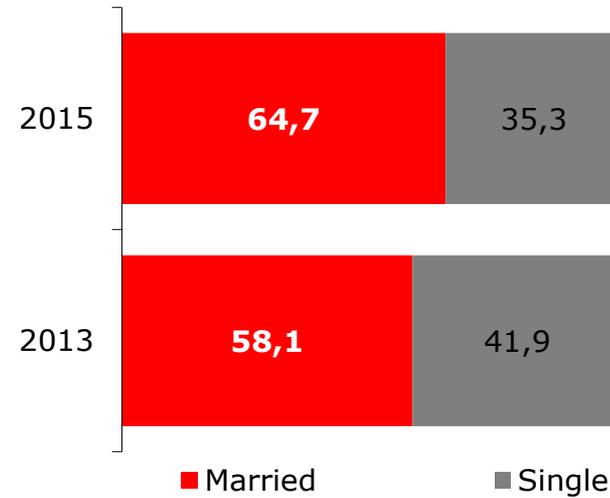
Purpose	Purpose of the Research : Revealing the public opinion on Turkish foreign policy
Method	Research Method : Quantitative Research Data Collection Technique : CATI Method (Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing)
Sample	Universe : Turkey-wide representation; 18 years and older, representing IBBS Level-2 in İstanbul, Ankara, Konya, Bursa, Kocaeli, İzmir, Aydın, Manisa, Tekirdağ, Balıkesir, Adana, Antalya, Hatay, Zonguldak, Samsun, Kastamonu, Kayseri, Kırıkkale, Trabzon, Gaziantep, Diyarbakır, Mardin, Malatya, Bitlis, Erzurum and Ağrı Sample : 1.000
Schedule	Fieldwork : 17 April 2015 – 28 April 2015 Data Control and Analysis : 28 April 2015 – 30 April 2015 Reporting : 04 May 2015 – 11 May 2015



Gender

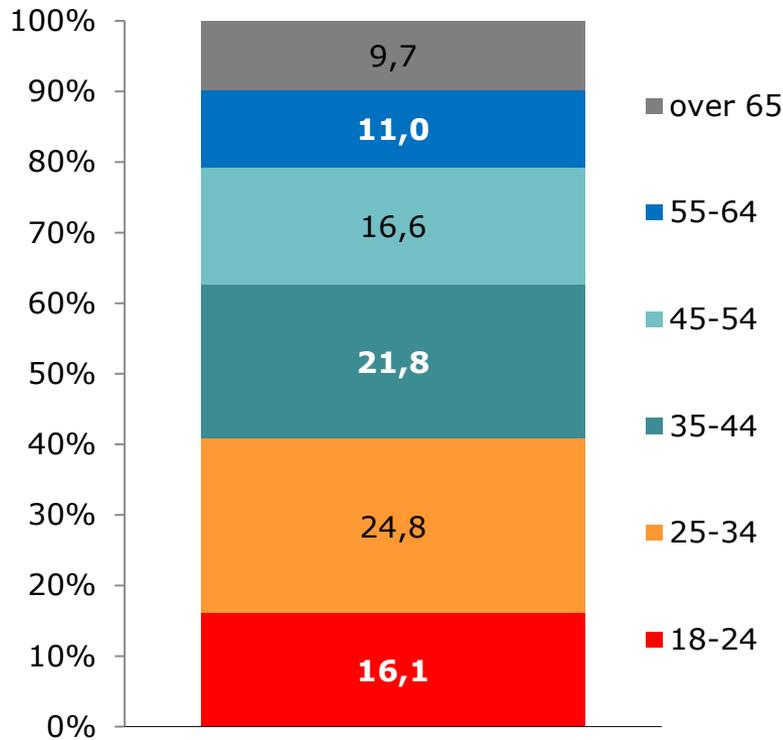


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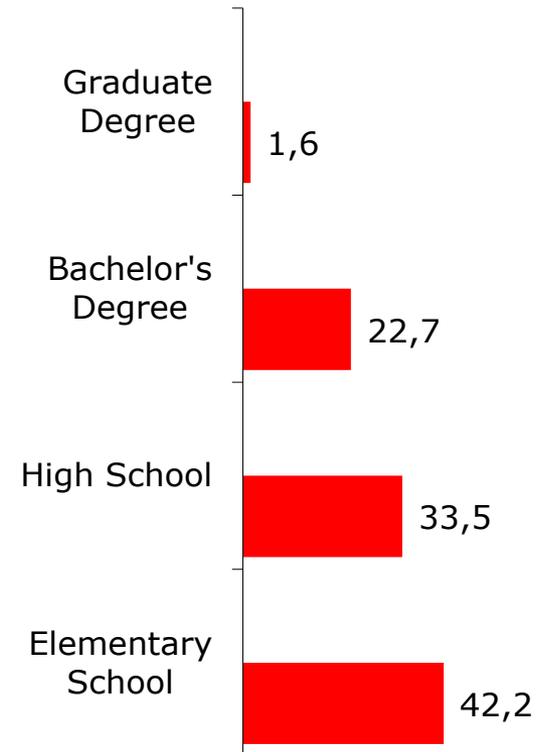


Age



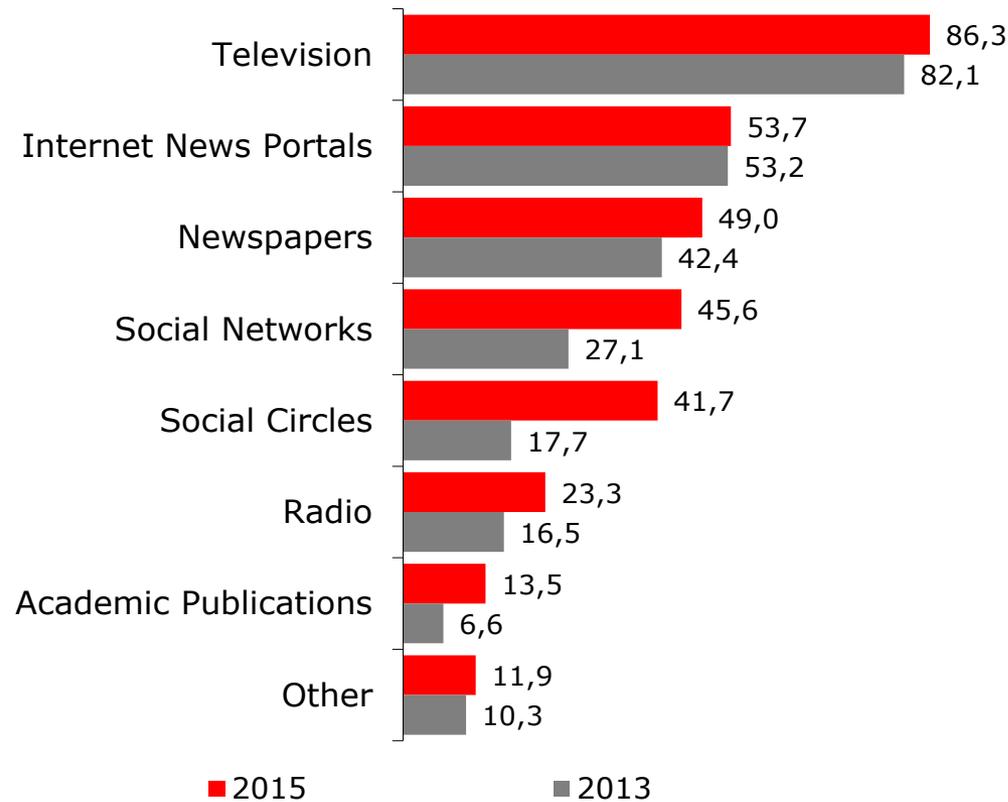
Average age: 40.1

Education





Which of the following resources do you use for receiving news about Turkish Foreign Policy?



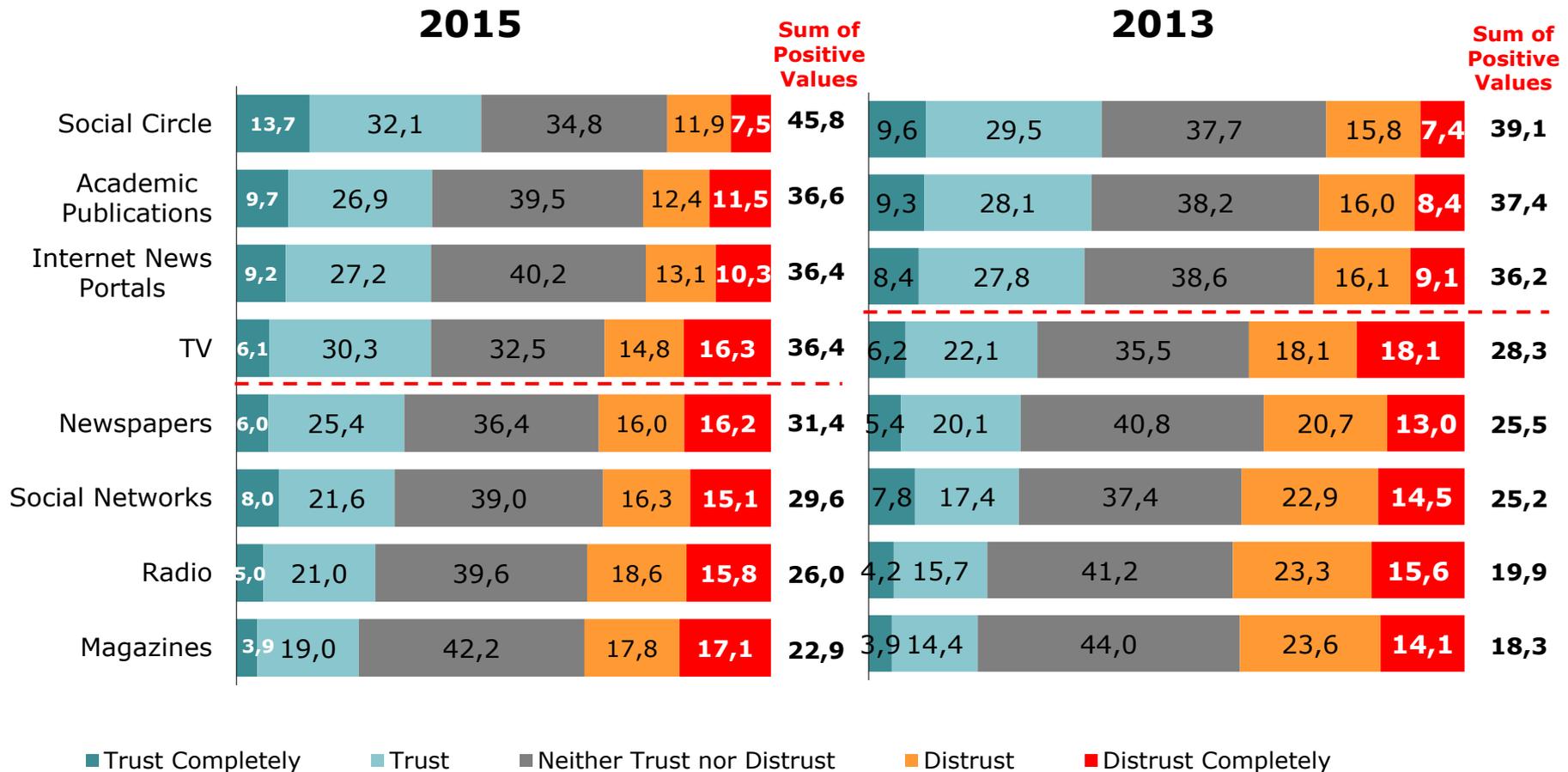
■ 2015

■ 2013



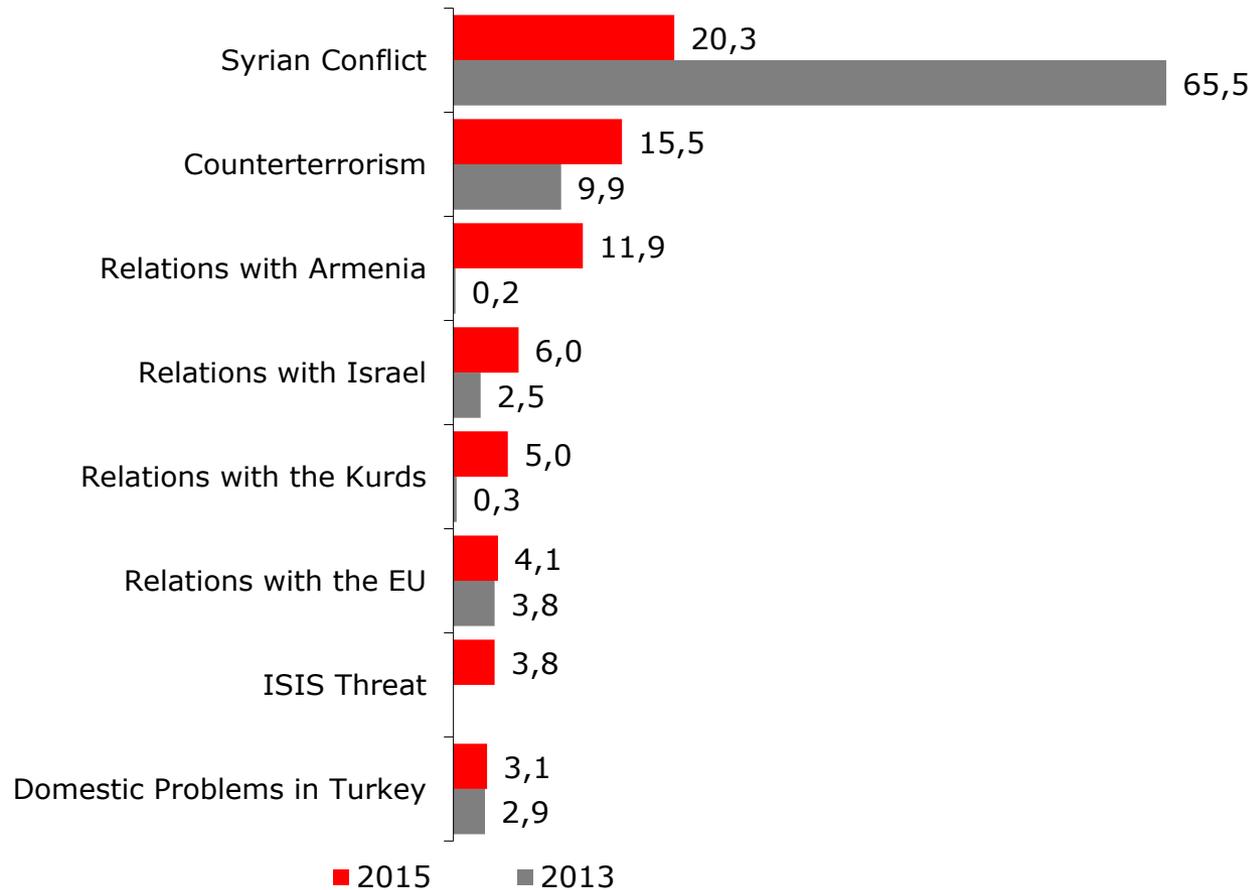
Access to Information

To what extent do you trust the following resources for receiving news about Turkish Foreign Policy?





What is the primary agenda item of Turkish Foreign Policy?



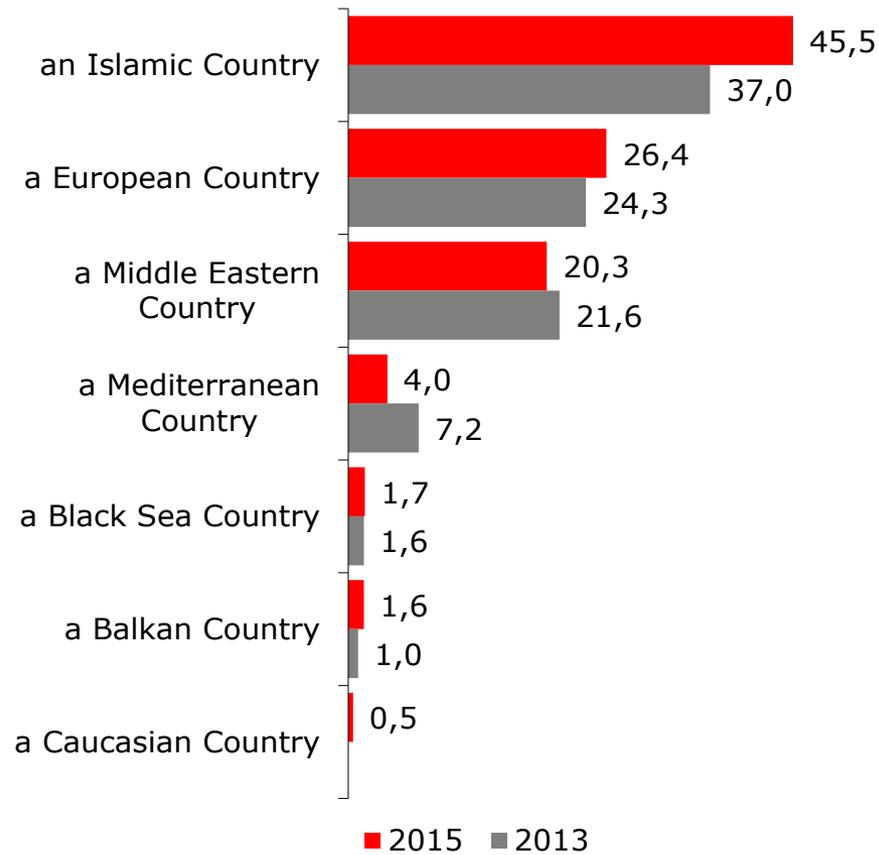
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Foreign Policy Image

Which of the following characterizes Turkey best ?

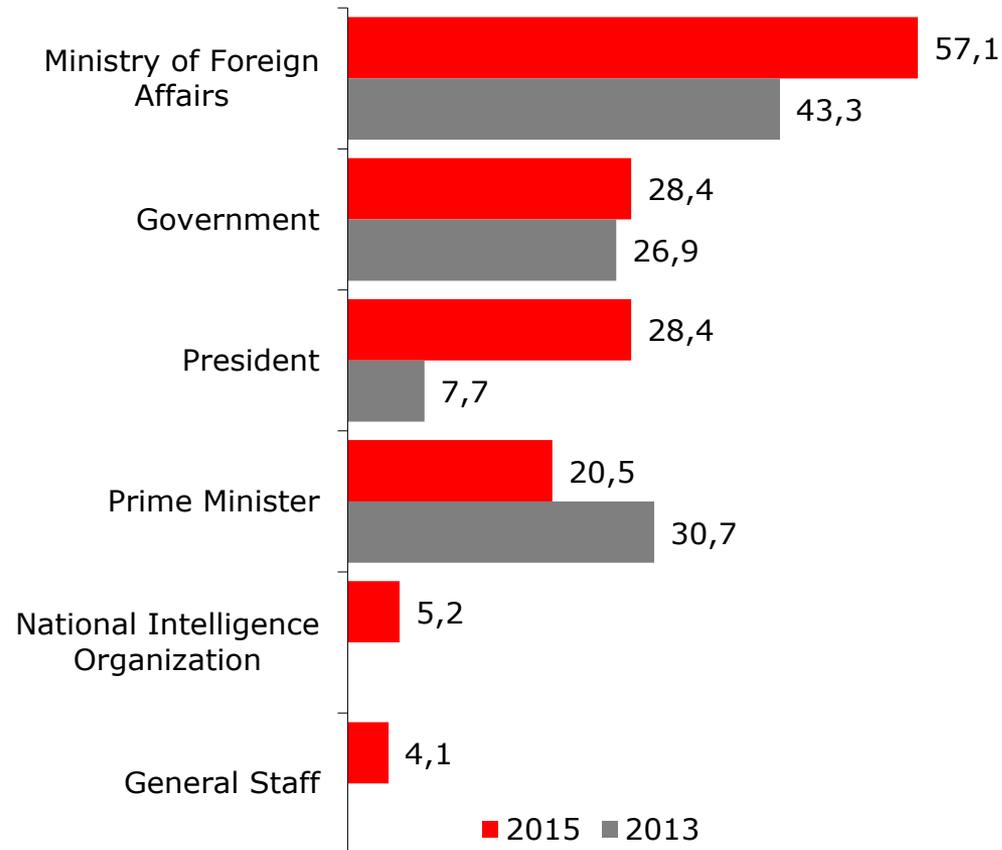
Turkey is ...





Foreign Policy-Making

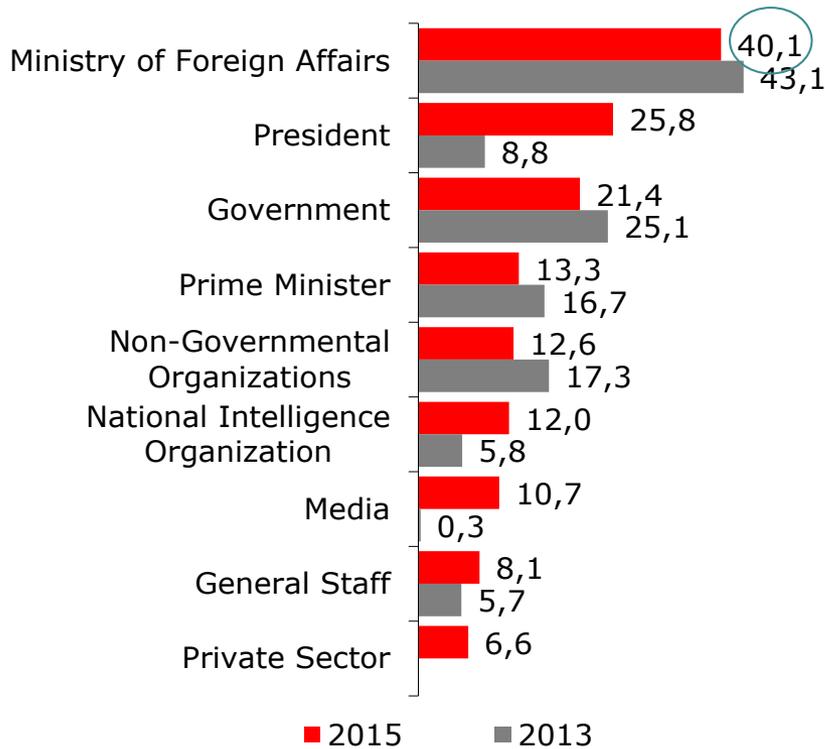
Which institution or institutions make foreign policy in Turkey?



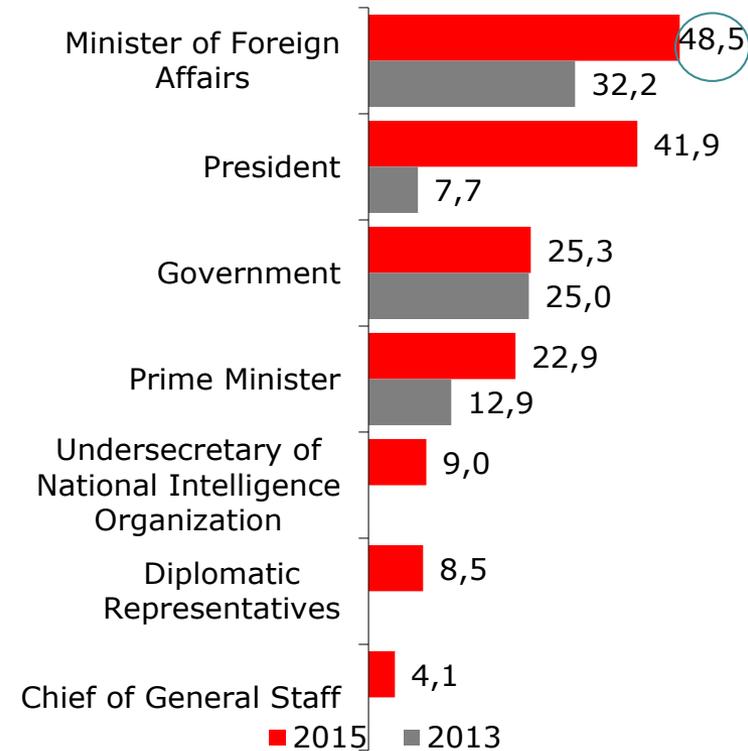


Foreign Policy-Making

Which institution(s) should contribute to the making of foreign policy in Turkey?



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



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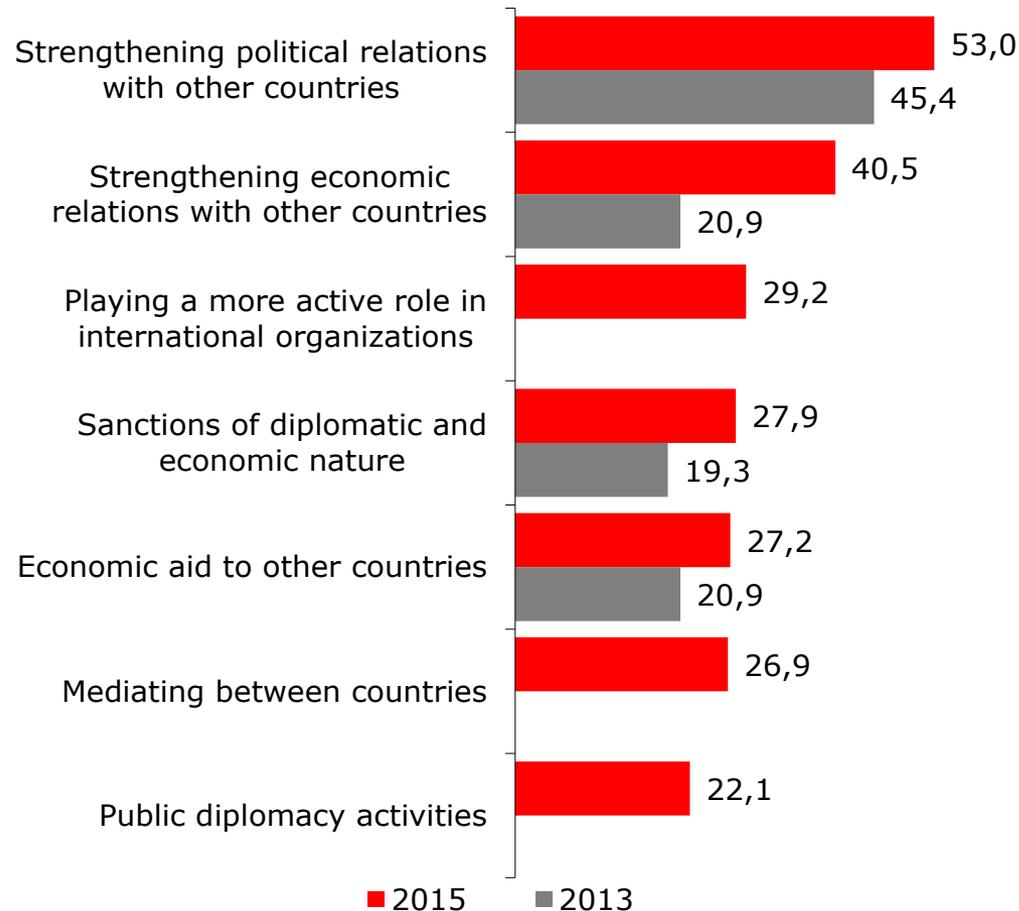
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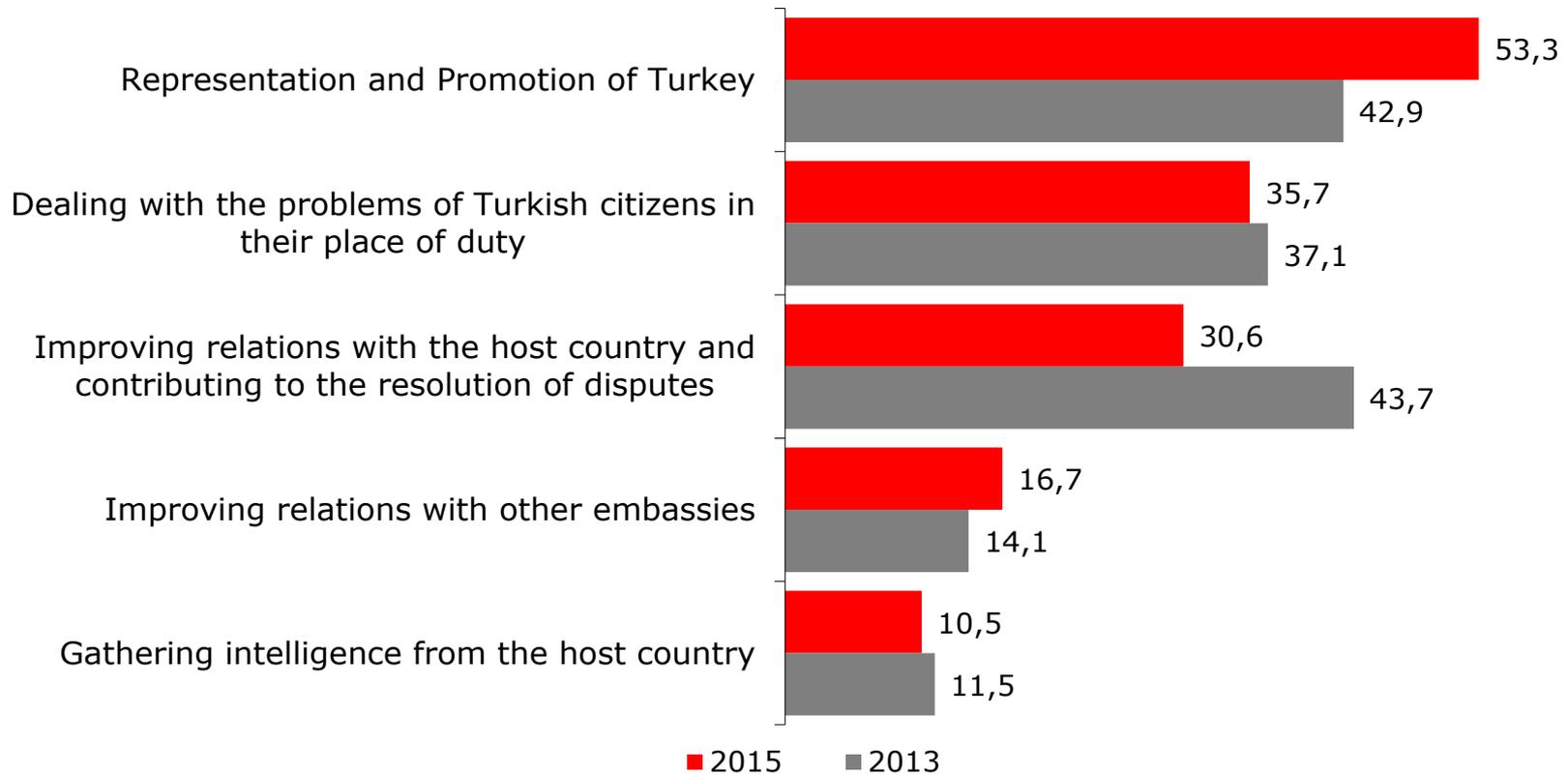
Which of the following should be concentrated on for a stronger Turkish Foreign Policy?





Representation in Foreign Policy

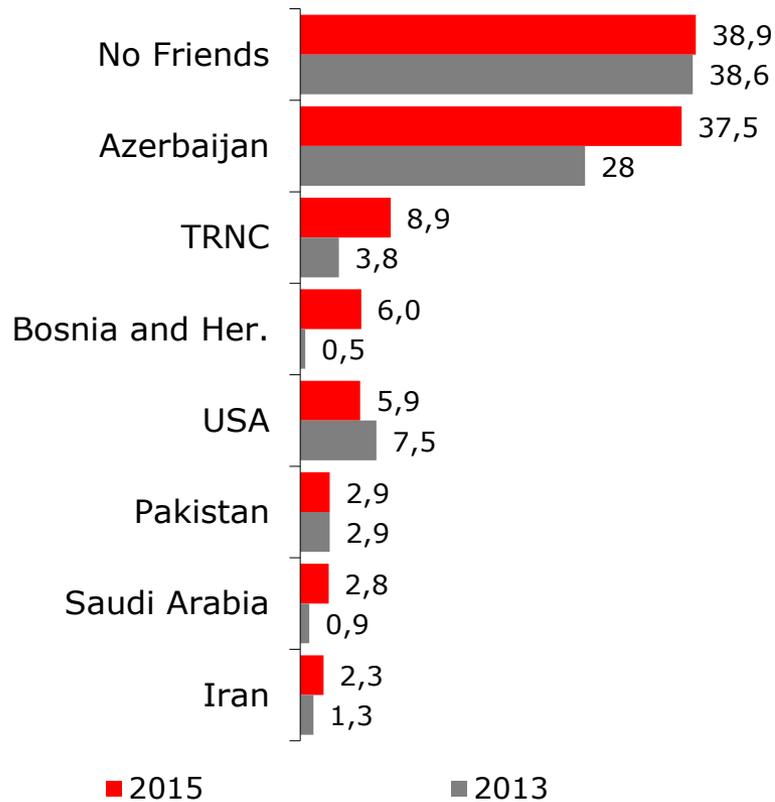
What should be the main duties / functions of Turkish ambassadors abroad?





Perceptions of Friendship

Which country is Turkey's closest 'friend'?



	2015	2013
The Caucasus	37,5	28,2
Azerbaijan	37,2	28,0
Georgia	0,3	0,2
Europe	12,5	8,9
TRNC	8,9	3,8
Germany	2,1	2,2
Greece	0,6	0,8
France	0,4	0,2
United Kingdom	0,3	0,3
Belgium	0,1	-
Sweden	0,1	-
The Americas	5,9	7,5
USA	5,9	7,5
Asia	9,7	6,9
Pakistan	2,9	2,9
Japan	2,2	1,3
Russia	1,6	1,4
Afghanistan	1,4	0,7
Turkmenistan	1,2	0,3
China	0,4	0,3

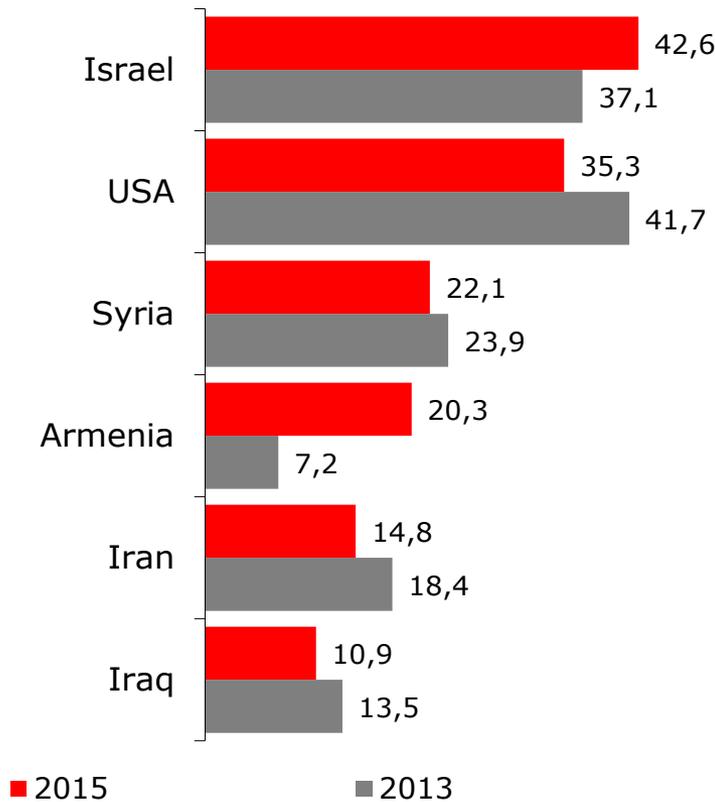
	2015	2013
The Middle East	4,1	4,1
Iran	2,3	1,3
Syria	1,2	1,3
Saudi Arabia	2,8	0,9
Iraq	0,8	0,3
Palestine	0,6	0,1
Israel	0,4	0,2
Balkans	7,8	1,3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6,0	0,5
Albania	1,8	0,8
Africa	0,4	0,4
Egypt	0,3	0,3
Libya	0,1	0,1

	2015	2013
Muslim Countries	0,8	1,3
Turkic Republics	0,6	0,3
Middle East Countries	0,6	0,3
African Countries	0,1	0,1
Turkey Has No Friends	38,9	38,6
No Answer	3,8	3,3



Threat Perceptions

Which country or countries represent the most serious threat to Turkey?



	2015	2013
The Middle East	90,7	93,1
Israel	42,6	37,1
Syria	22,1	23,9
Iran	14,8	18,4
Iraq	10,9	13,5
Saudi Arabia	0,3	0,1
Americas	35,3	41,7
USA	35,3	41,7
Asia	10,3	11,7
Russia	10,2	10,6
China	0,1	0,7
Caucasus	20,3	7,2
Armenia	20,3	7,2
Europe	6,7	6,7
Greek Cypriot Govt.	3,8	3,9
United Kingdom	3,4	1,3
Germany	2,4	1,0
France	1,8	0,5
Balkans	10,8	6,6
Greece	10,6	6,5
Bulgaria	0,2	-
Africa	0,3	0,9
Egypt	0,3	0,8

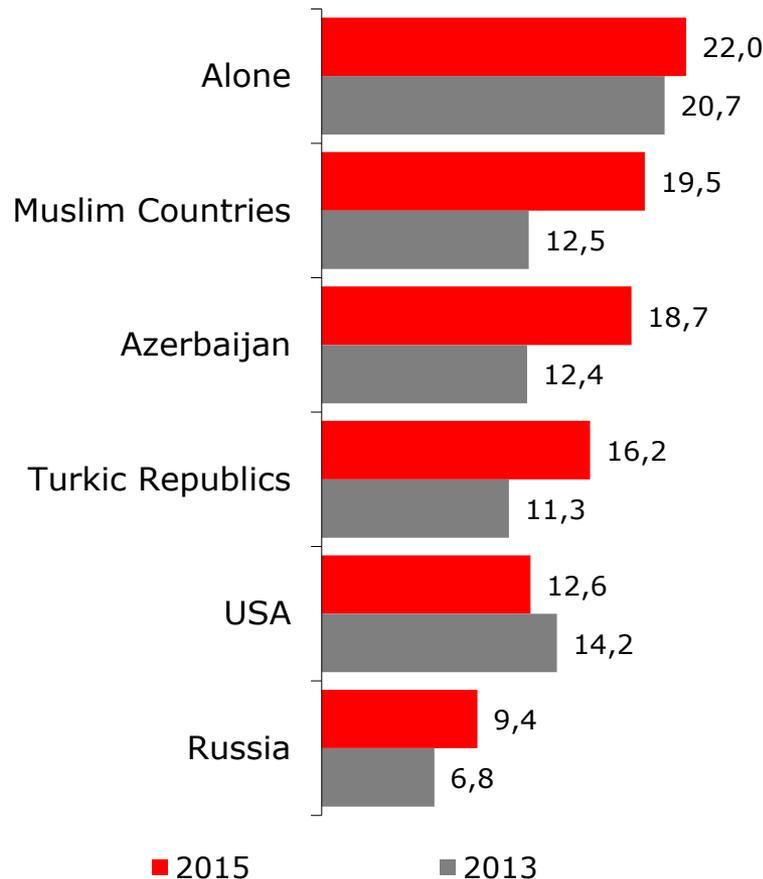
8,7% of the Turkish public say there are no threats to Turkey.

	2015	2013
EU Members	10,2	12,8
All Countries	2,0	1,3
Middle Eastern Countries	0,7	93,1
All Arab Countries	0,6	0,4
Neighbouring Countries	0,6	0,3
European Countries	0,4	0,2
Islamic Countries	0,2	0,1
There are no threats to Turkey	8,7	7,4
No Answer	5,1	2,3



Perceptions of Cooperation

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



	2015	2013
Asia	18,2	19,9
Russia	9,4	6,8
Japan	3,7	7,8
China	3,7	4,2
Pakistan	1,3	0,8
South Korea	0,1	0,2
Europe	14,8	15,9
TRNC	6,3	1,9
Germany	4,3	7,2
United Kingdom	1,8	3,6
France	1,3	2,1
Greece	0,7	0,7
Switzerland	0,2	0,1
Italy	0,1	0,2
Belgium	0,1	0,1
Americas	12,6	14,7
USA	12,6	14,2
Balkans	0,3	0,1
Bulgaria	0,3	0,1

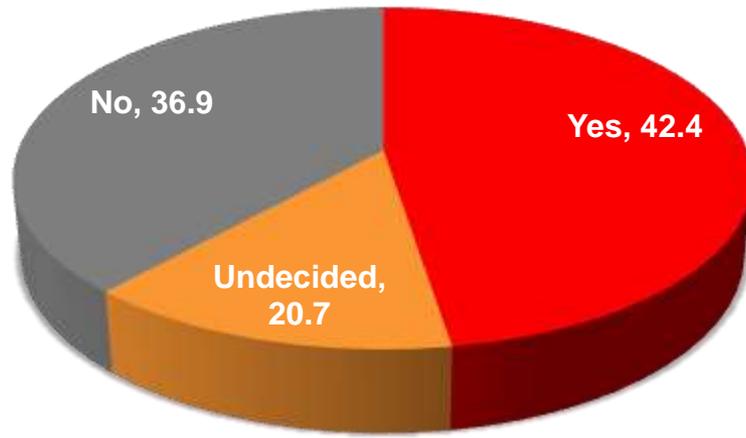
	2015	2013
The Caucasus	18,7	12,4
Azerbaijan	18,7	12,4
The Middle East	8,9	8,9
Iran	5,4	5,7
Syria	1,3	1,1
Iraq	1,2	0,5
Israel	0,6	1,4
Saudi Arabia	0,4	0,2

	2015	2013
Turkey should conduct its foreign policy alone	22,0	20,7
Muslim Countries	19,5	12,5
Turkic Republics	16,2	11,3
European Union	7,0	10,3
Neighbouring Countries	1,6	-
European Countries	0,9	1,1
Middle Eastern Countries	0,4	1,0
All Countries	0,4	1,0
NATO-member countries	0,4	0,2
Balkan countries	0,1	0,2
No answer	8,2	6,8

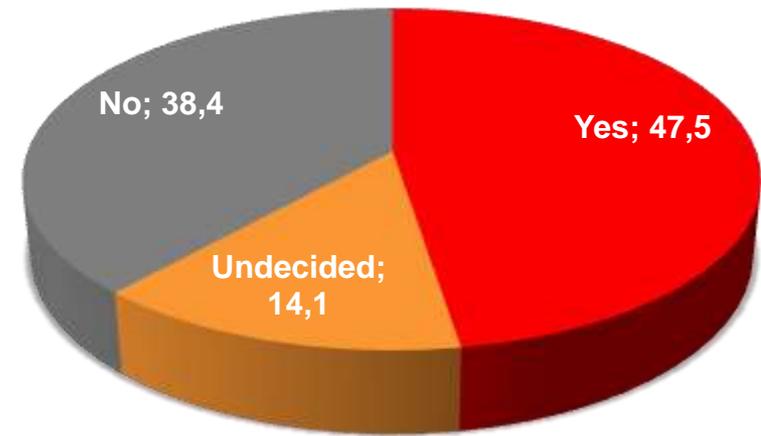


Relations with the EU

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



2015

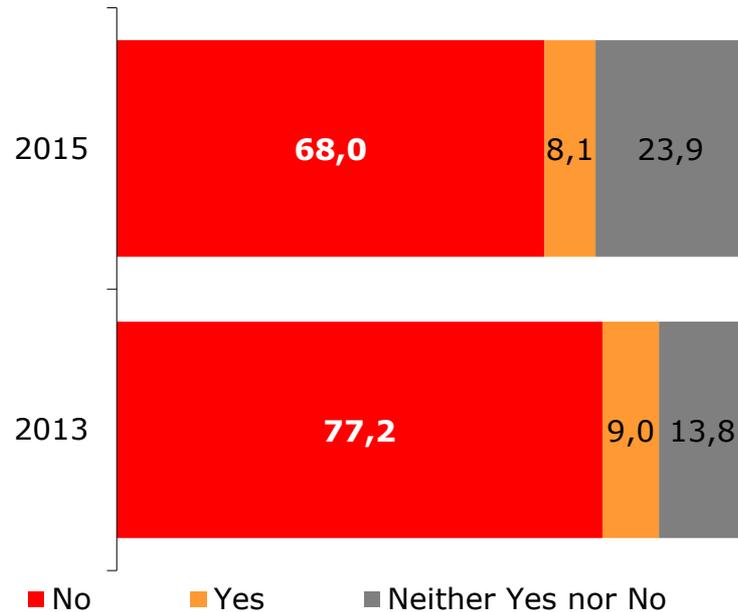


2013

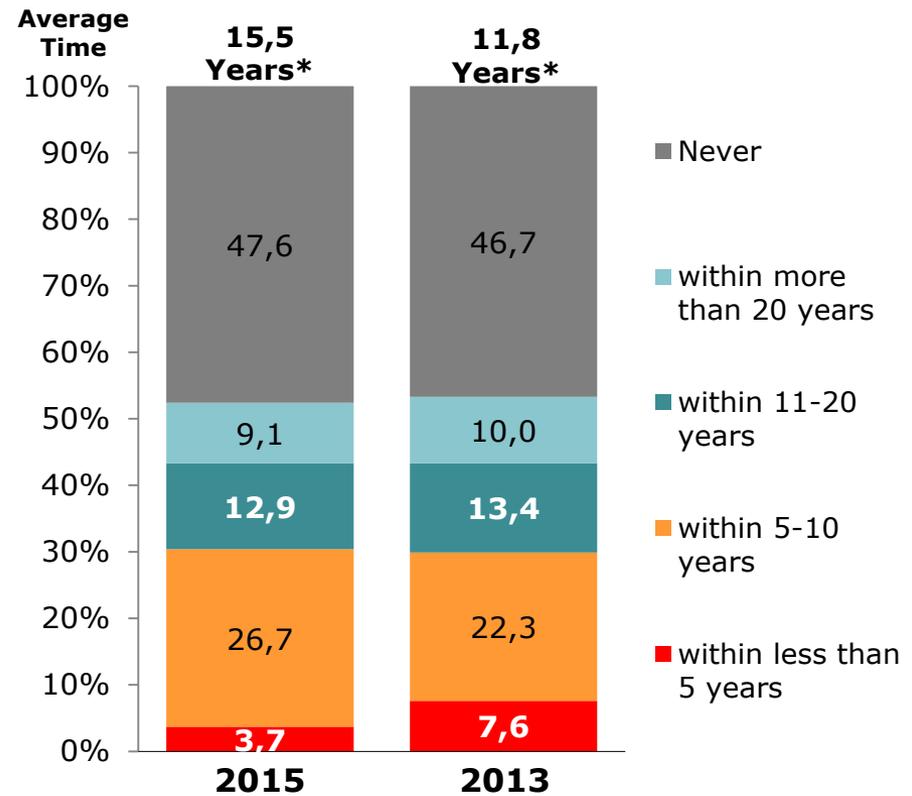


Relations with the EU

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



When Turkey can be a full member of the EU?



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



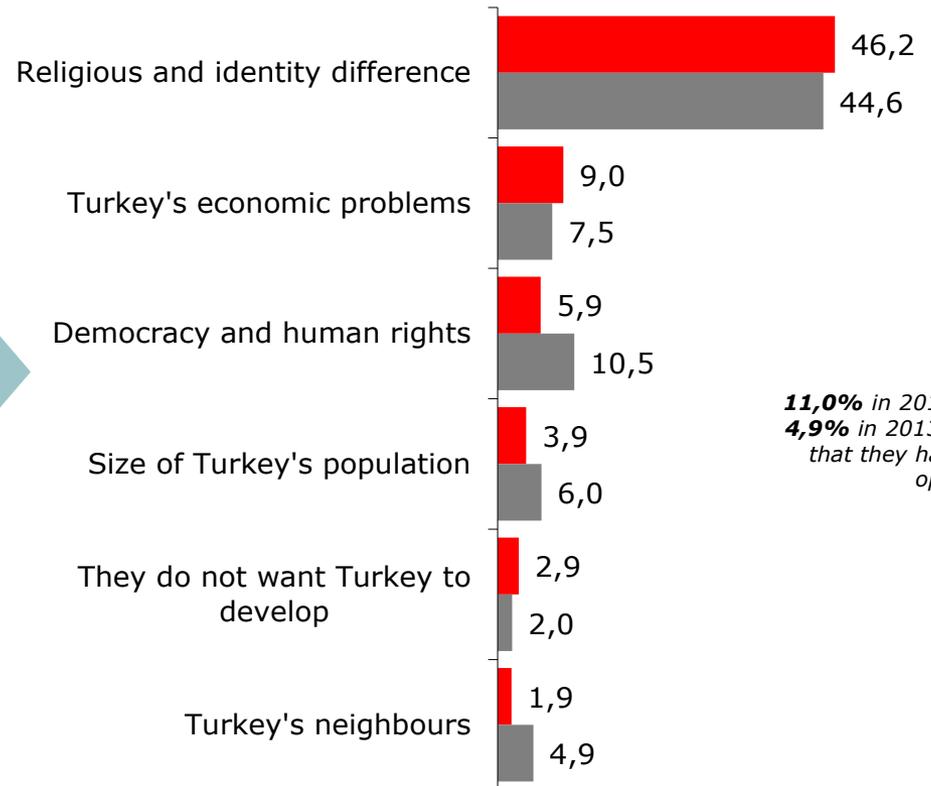
Relations with the EU

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



7 out of 10 people think Turkey's membership to the EU is obstructed.

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



11,0% in 2015 and 4,9% in 2013 state that they have no opinion.

Base	2013	2015
	762	725

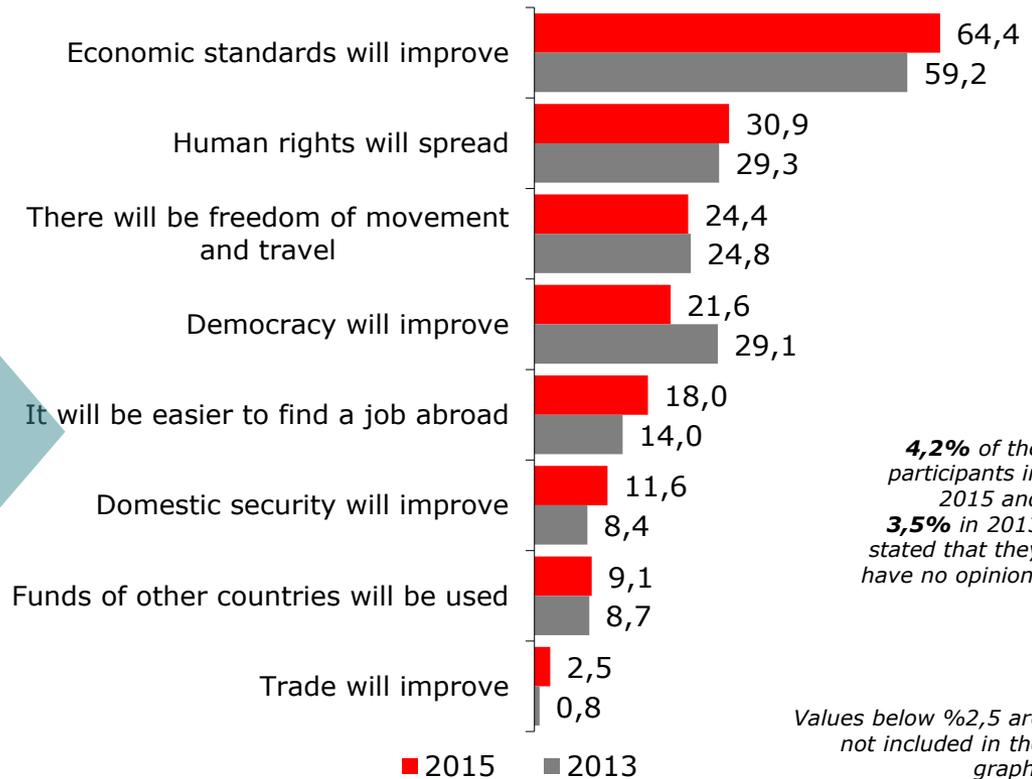
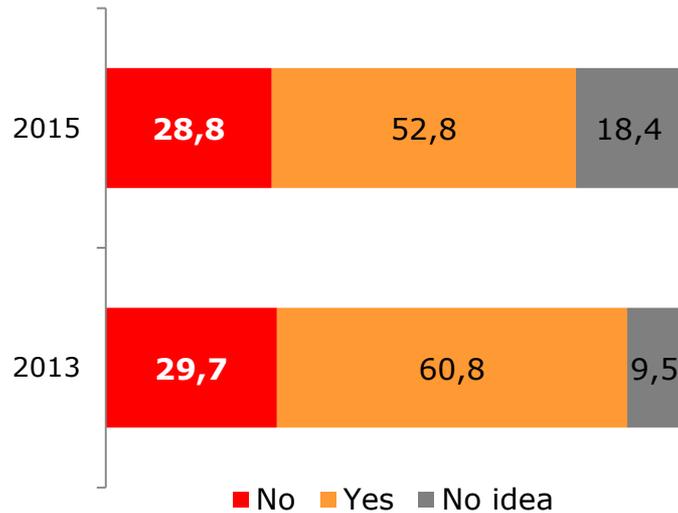
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Relations with the EU

How will Turkey benefit from EU membership?

Will the EU membership be beneficial to Turkey?



4,2% of the participants in 2015 and 3,5% in 2013 stated that they have no opinion.

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Base	2013	2015
	608	528

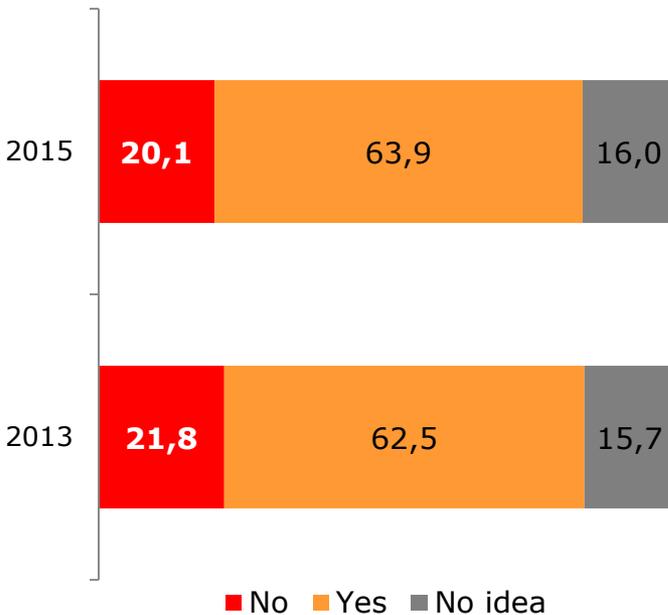
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Relations with the EU

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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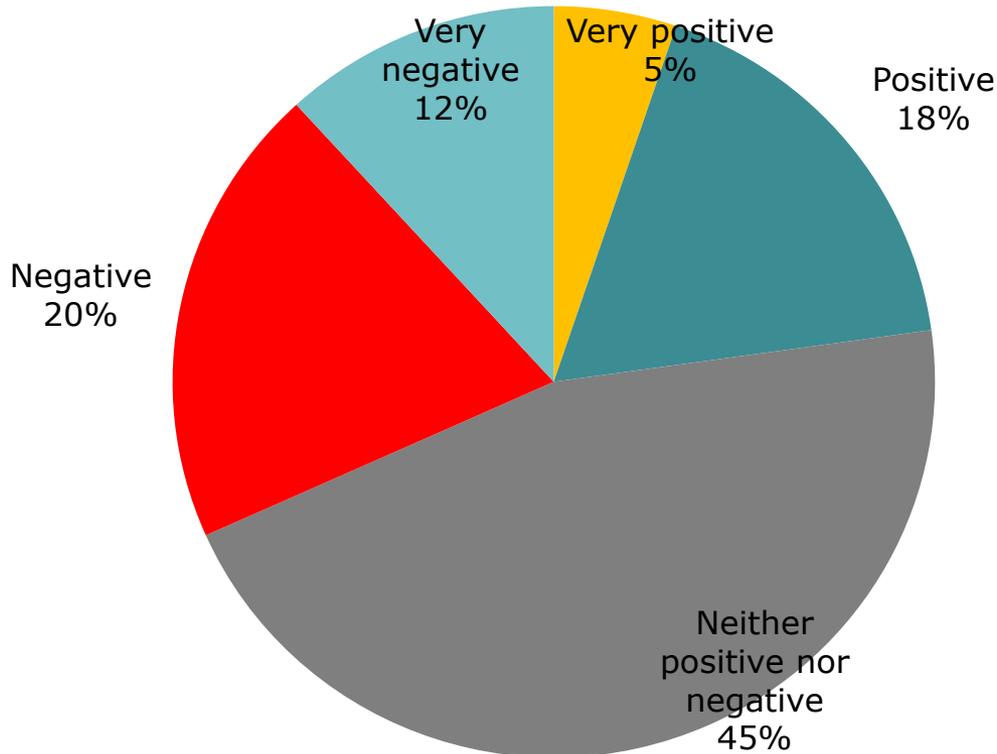
	2013	2015
Base	625	639

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Relations with the EU

How do you assess 'Privileged Partnership' as an alternative to the EU membership?



32% of the Turkish public have a negative opinion on privileged partnership, while 23% have a positive perception.



Relations with the EU

Which of the following could be an alternative to the EU membership?



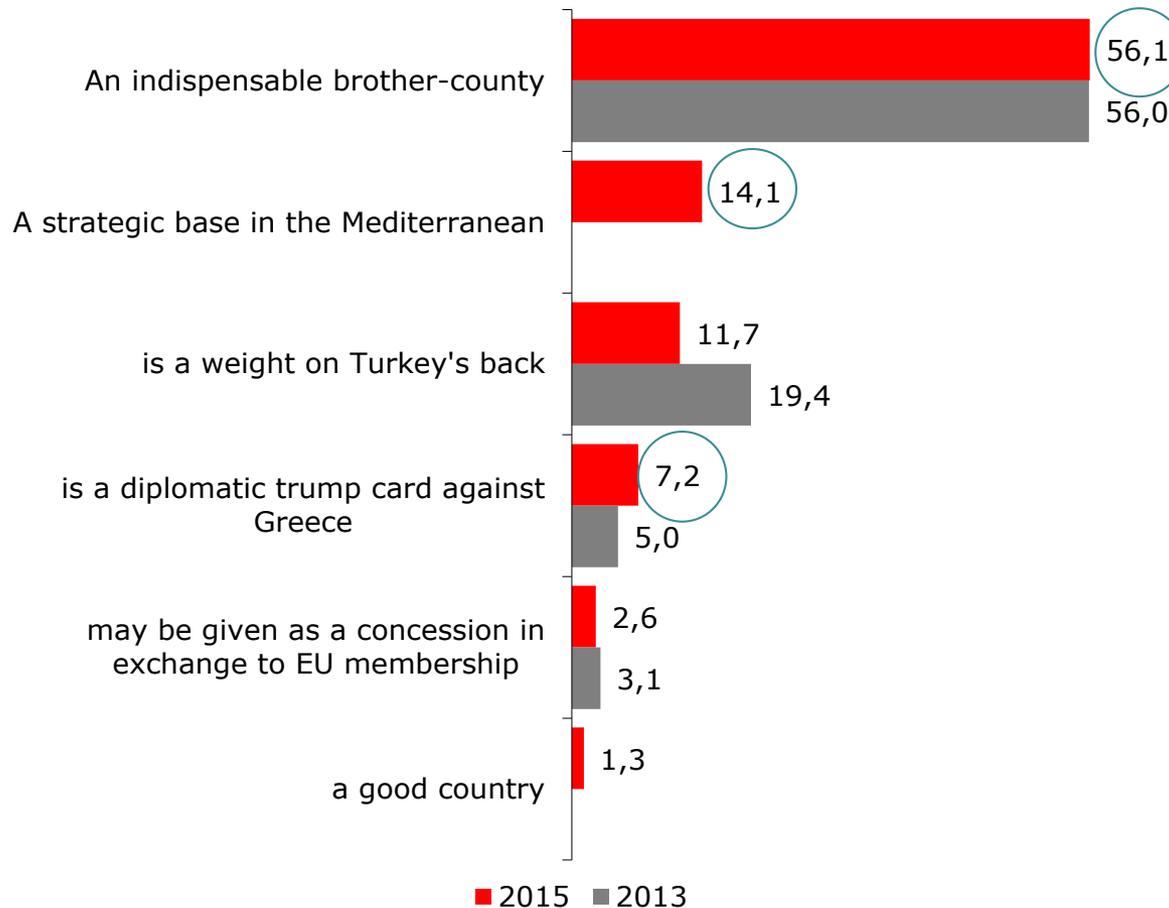
9.8% of participants state that EU membership has no alternative and the process should go on; while 13% say that Turkey should not join any union.

5.8% say that they have no opinion.



Relations with Cyprus

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

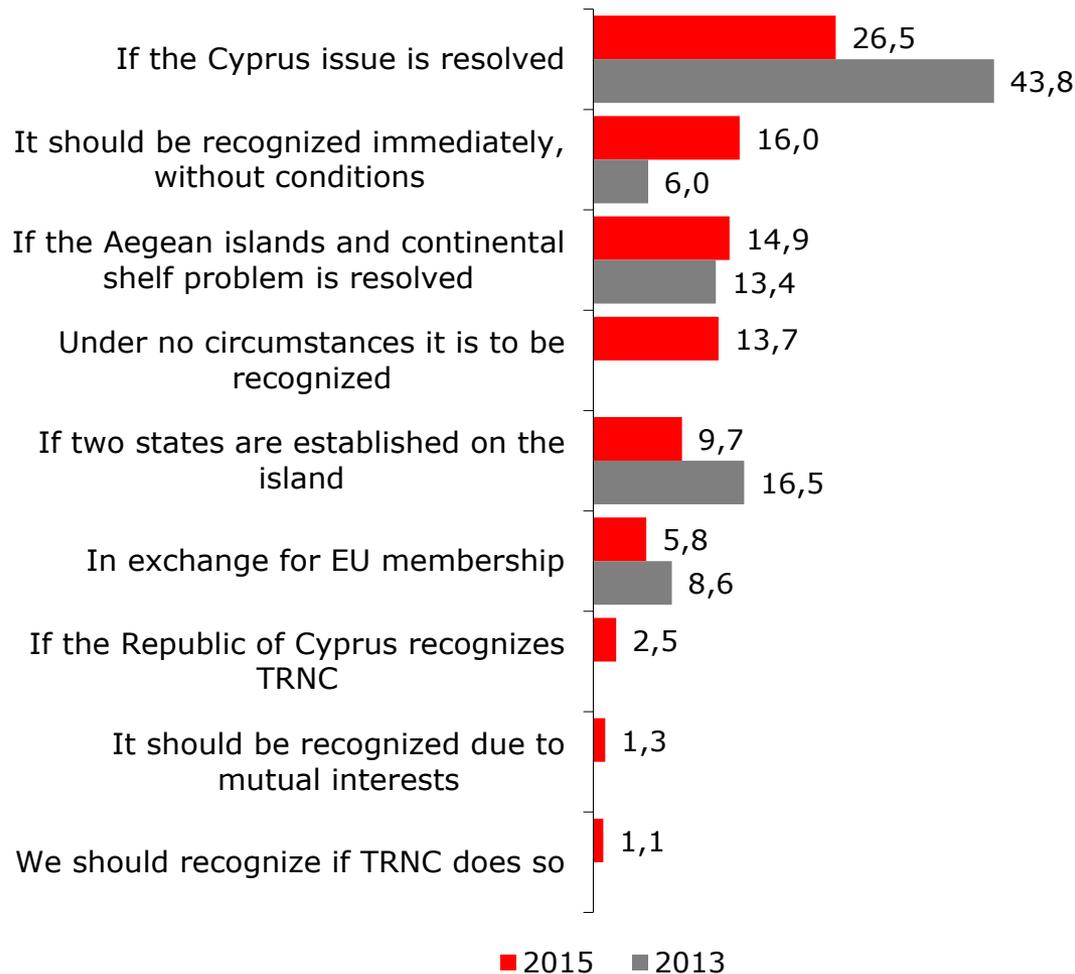


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Relations with Cyprus

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



20,1% in 2015
and **9,7%** in
2013 stated that
they have no
opinion.

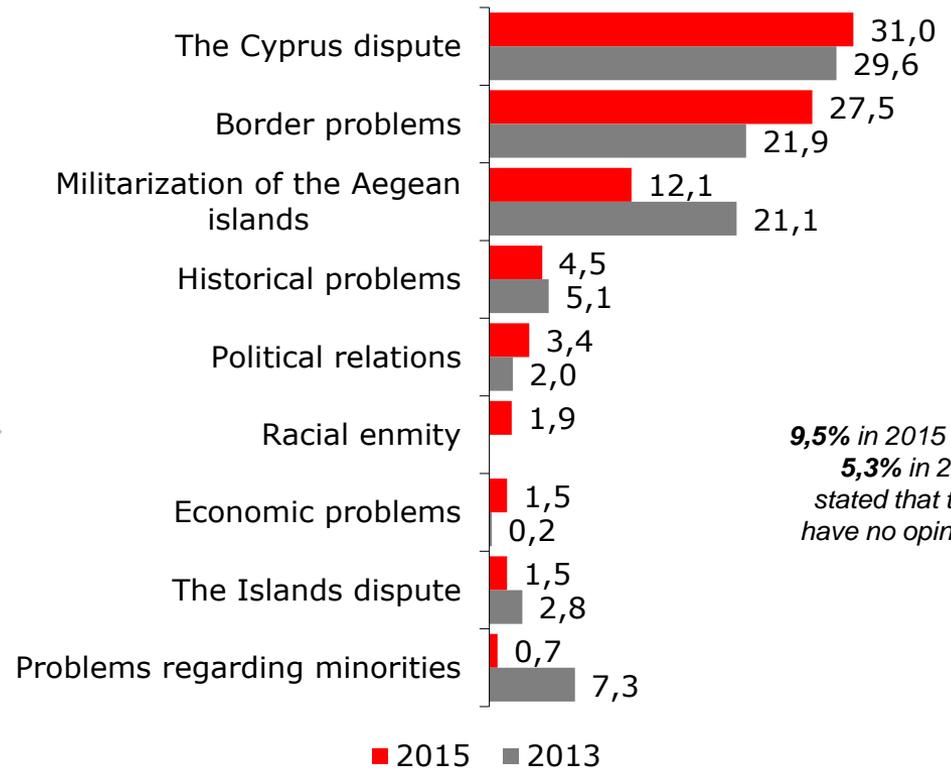
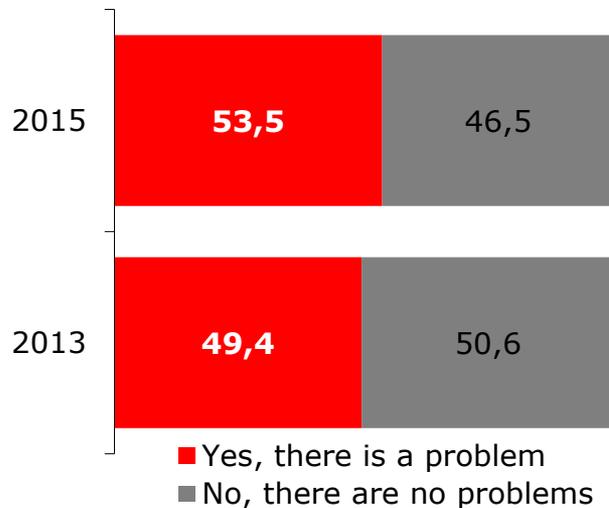
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Relations with Greece

What is the most important problem between Turkey and Greece?

Is there any problem between Turkey and Greece?



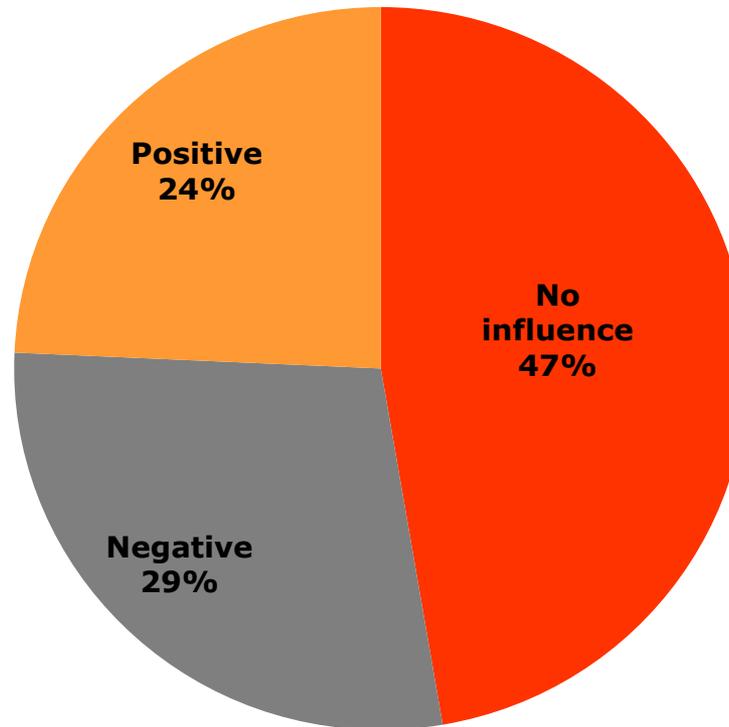
9,5% in 2015 and 5,3% in 2013 stated that they have no opinion.

Base	2013	2015
	494	535



Relations with Greece

How will the ruling party in Greece (Syriza-led government) affect the relations between Turkey and Greece?

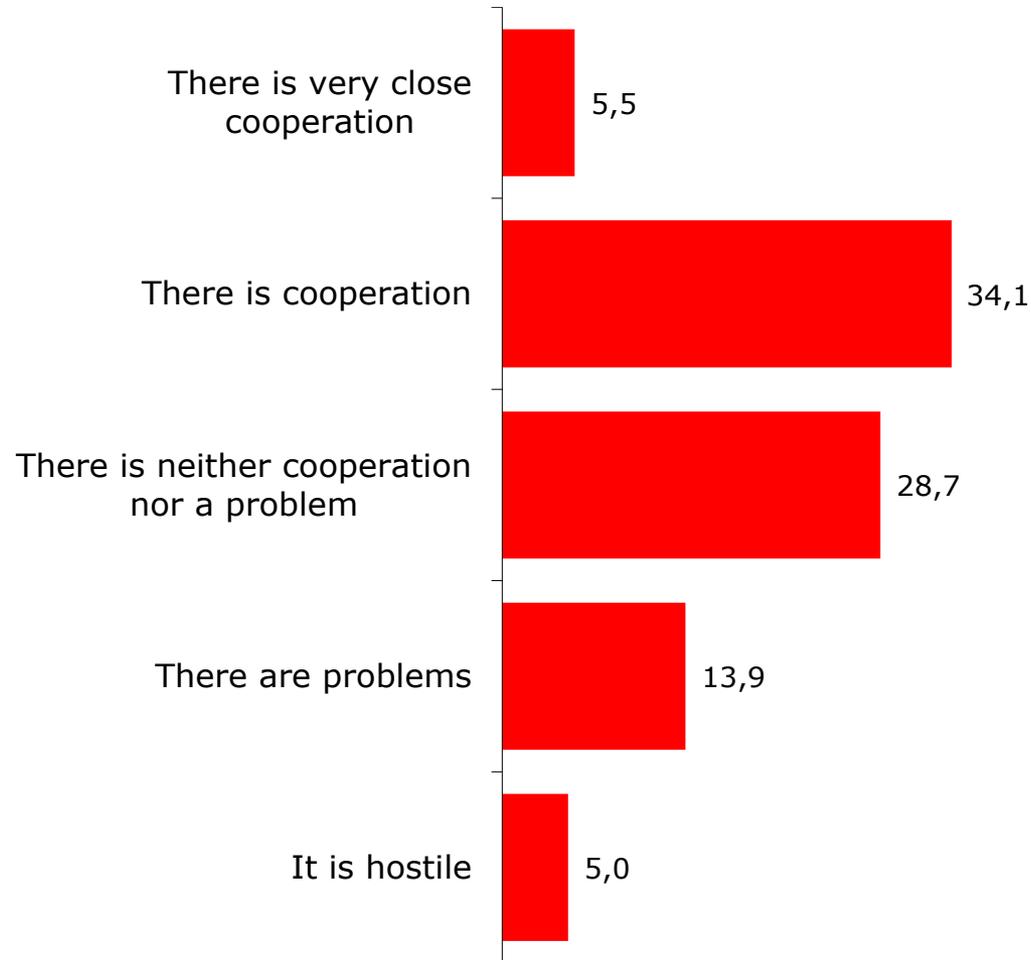


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Relations with Russia

How do you define the relations between Turkey and Russia?

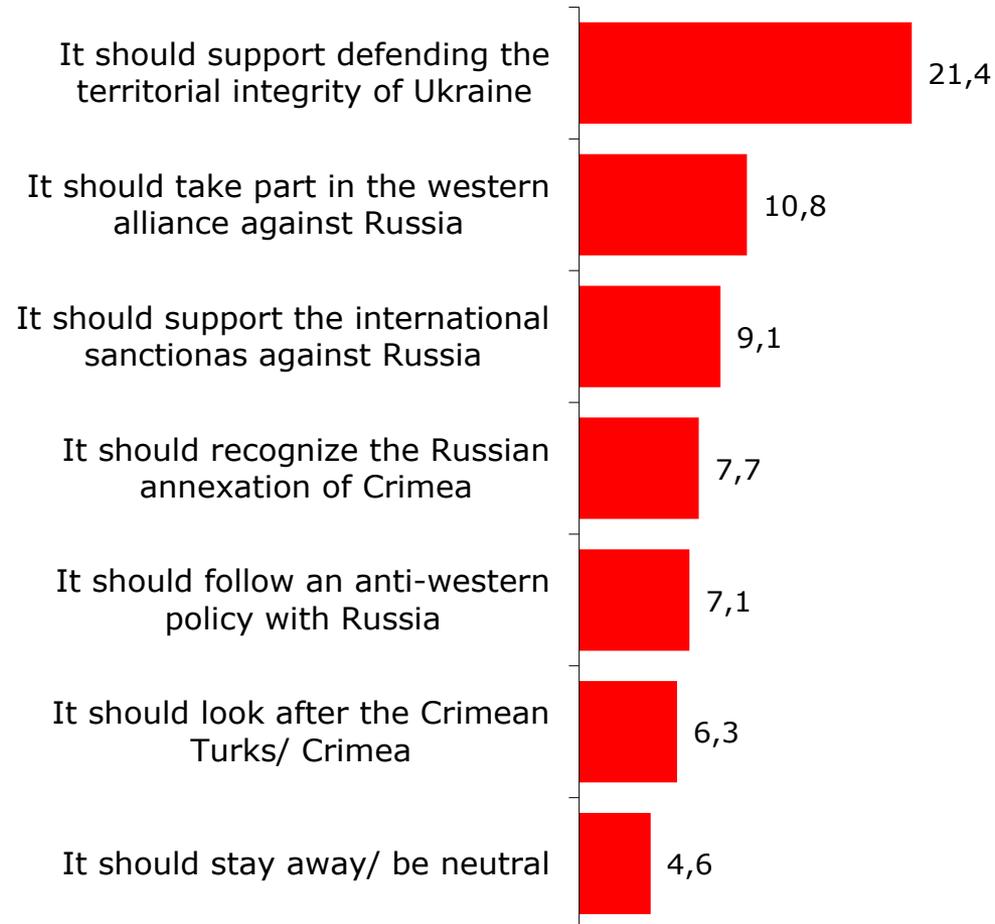


12.8% say that they have no opinion.



Relations with Russia

What kind of policy Turkey should adopt regarding the issue of Crimea?



38,7% say that they have no opinion.

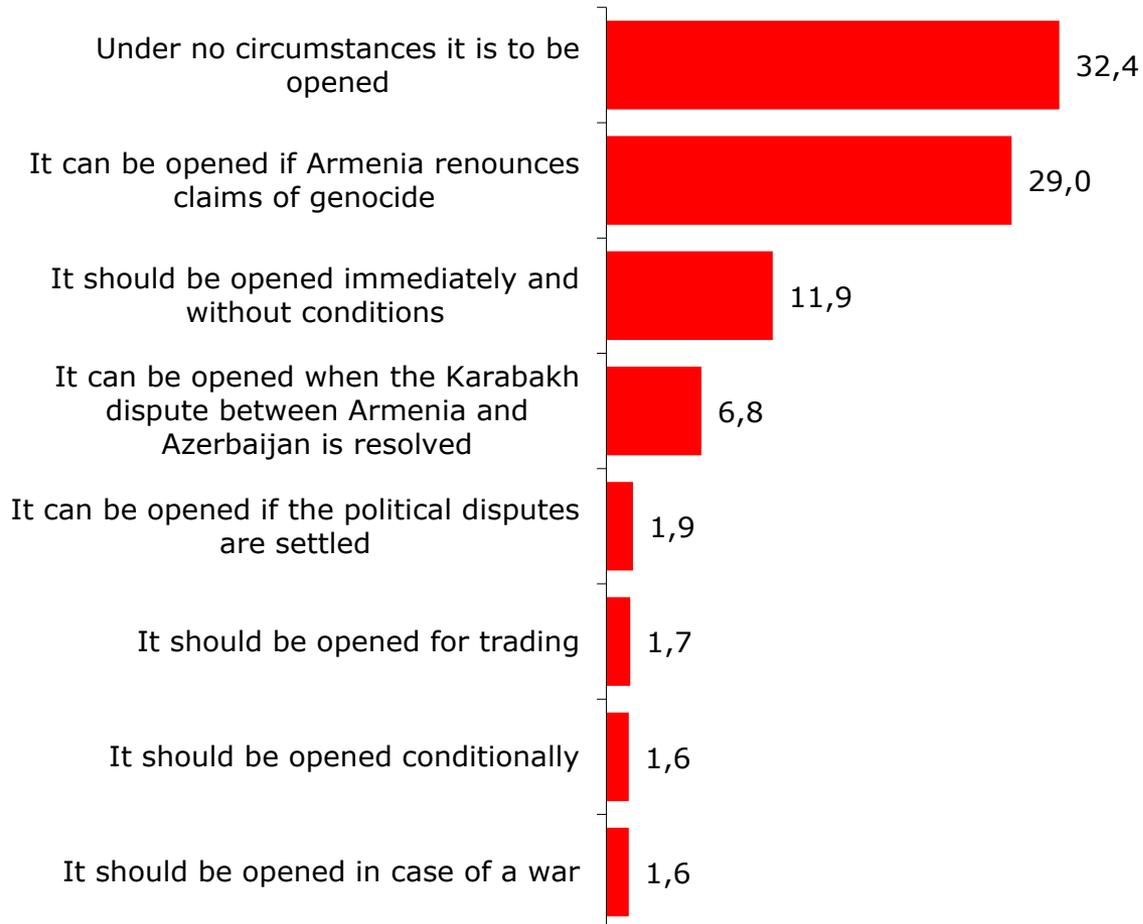
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Relations with Armenia

Under which circumstances Turkey should open its closed border crossing with Armenia?



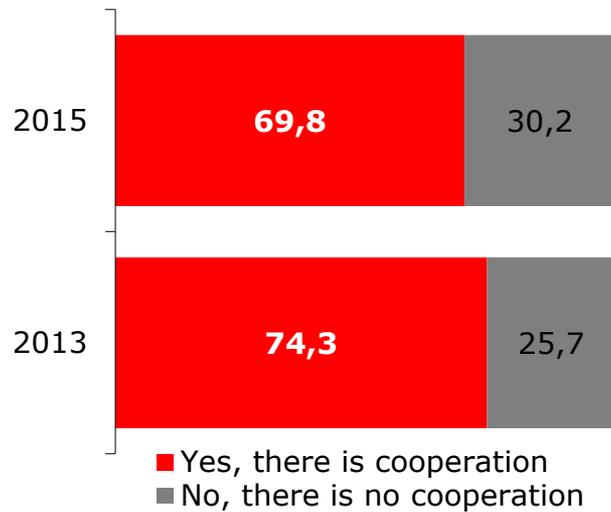
11,6% say that they do not have an opinion.

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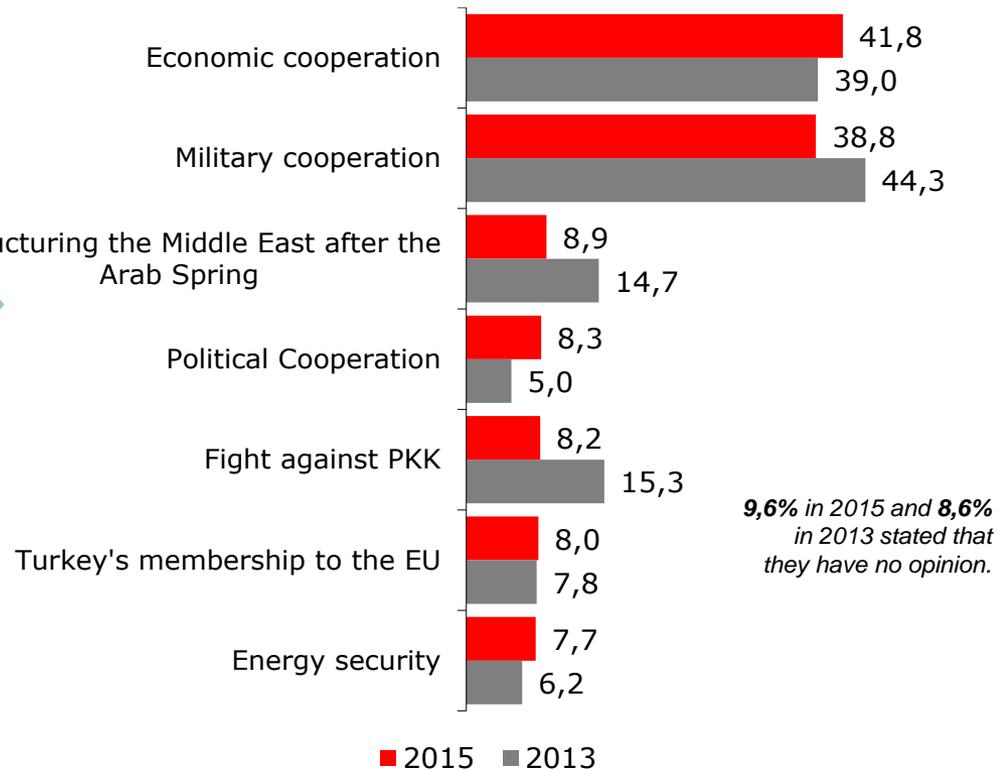


Relations with the USA

Is there a cooperation between Turkey and the USA?



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



9,6% in 2015 and 8,6% in 2013 stated that they have no opinion.

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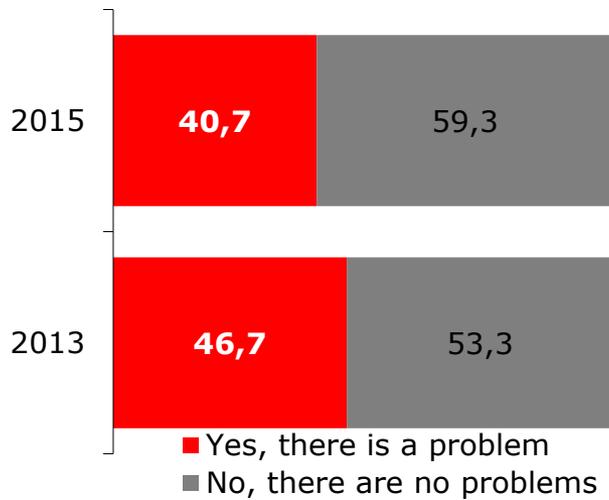
Baz	2013	2015
	743	698

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Relations with the USA

Is there a problem between Turkey and the USA?



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



14,3% in 2015 and 9,2% in 2013 stated that they have no opinion.

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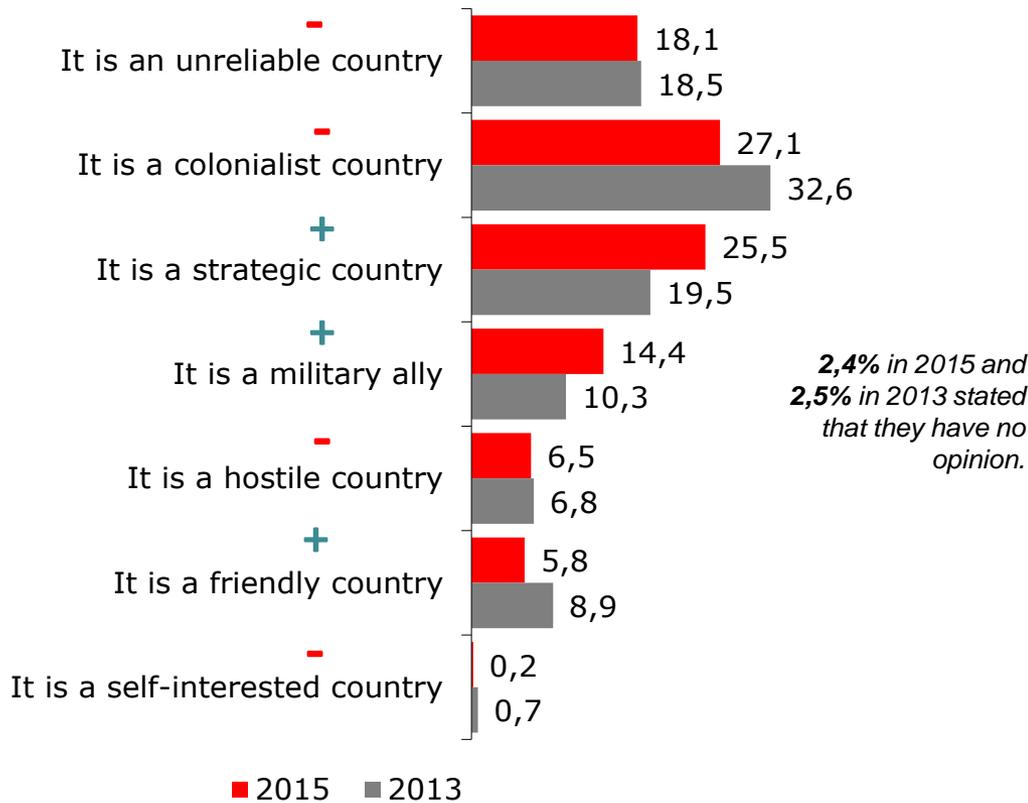
Base	2013	2015
	467	407

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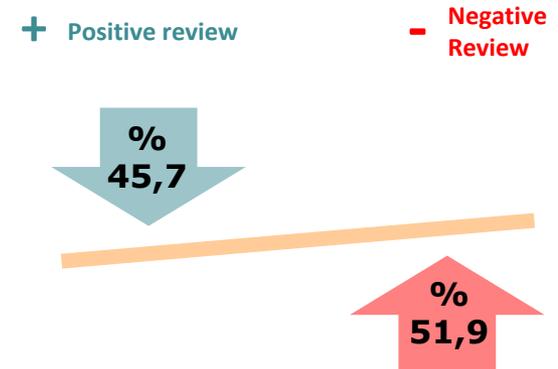


Relations with the USA

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



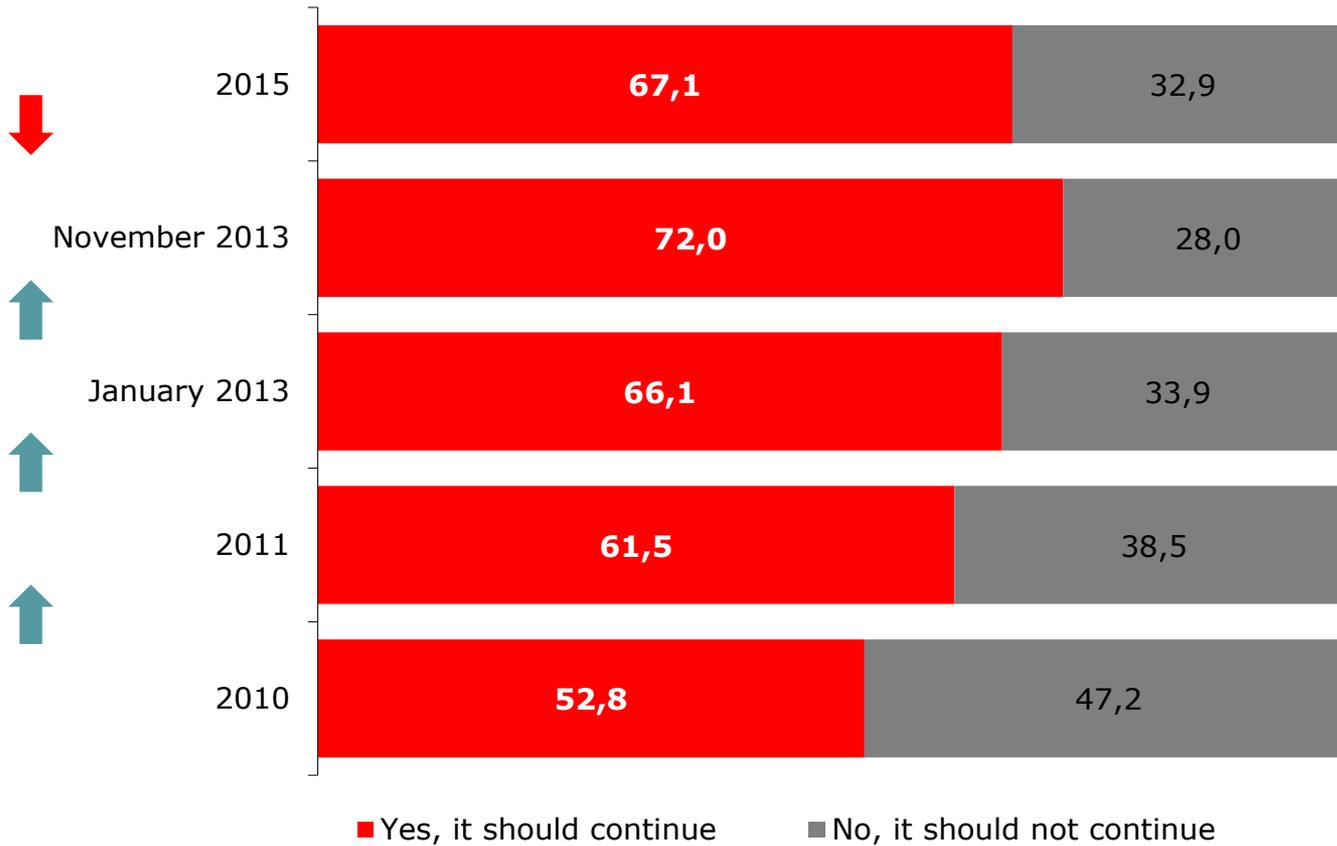
51,9% of the participants see the USA as unreliable, colonialist, hostile, self-interested; while 38,9% sees it as a strategic, a military ally, a friendly country and an economic supporter.





Relations with International Organizations

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

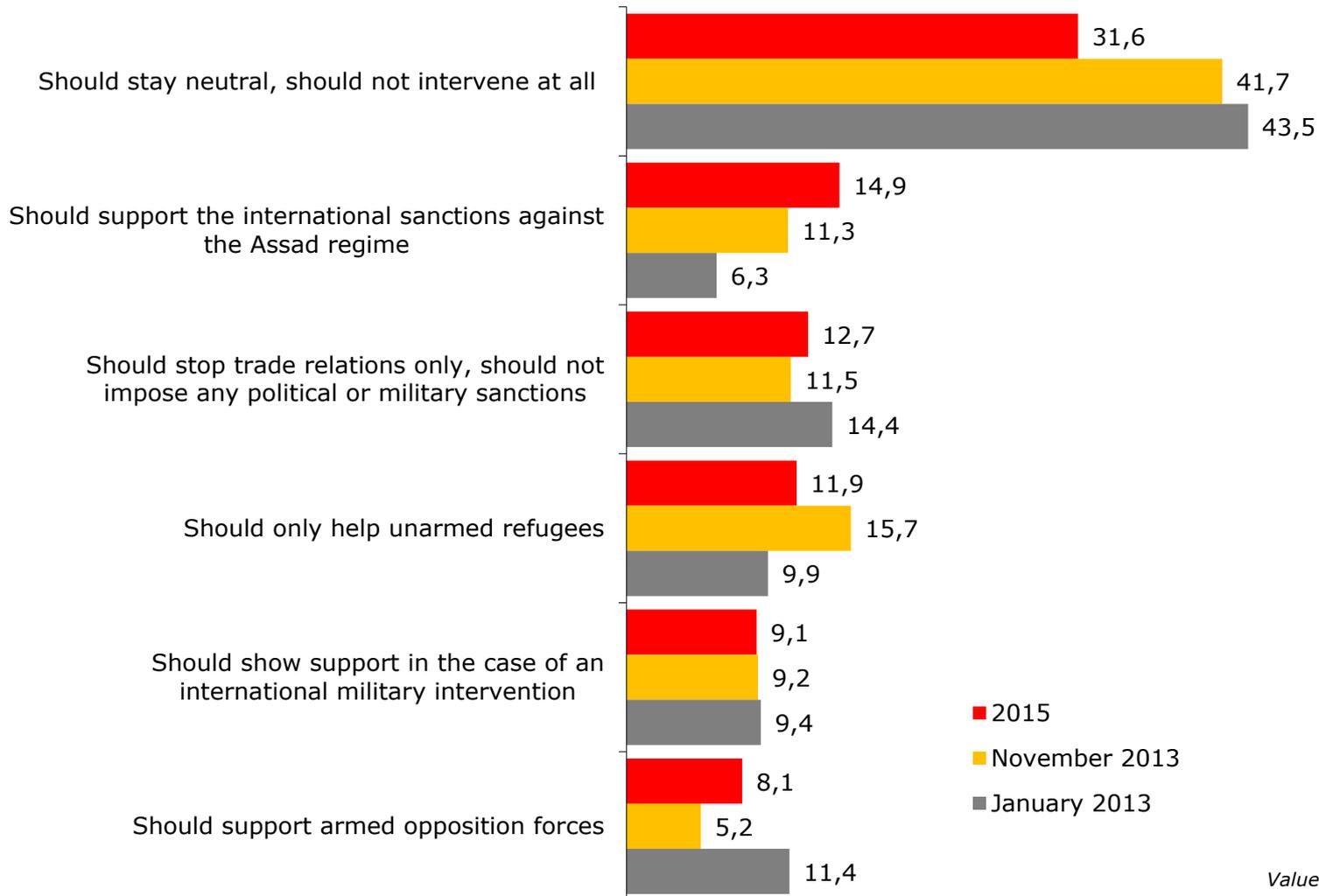


It is observed that Turkey's membership to NATO is being supported increasingly since 2010.



Relations with the Middle East

What kind of policy Turkey should pursue towards Syria?



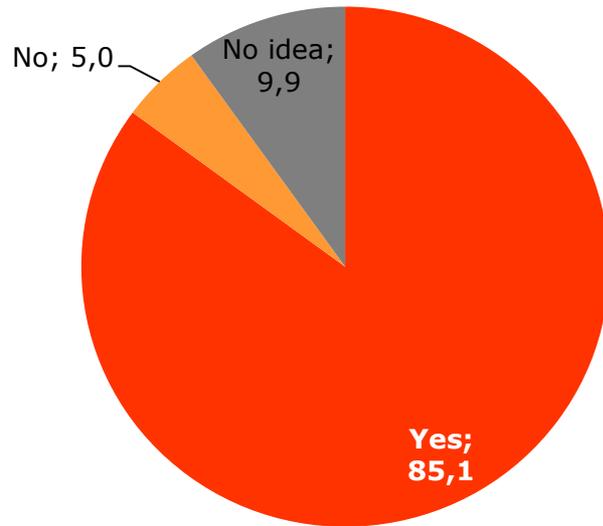
6,0% say that they have no opinion.

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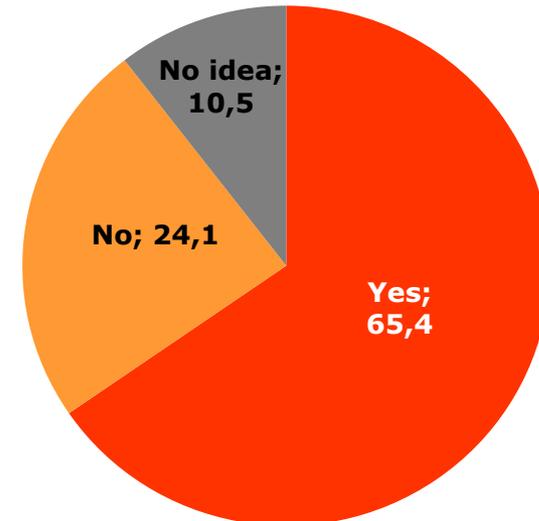


Relations with the Middle East

Do you think that ISIS is a terrorist organization?



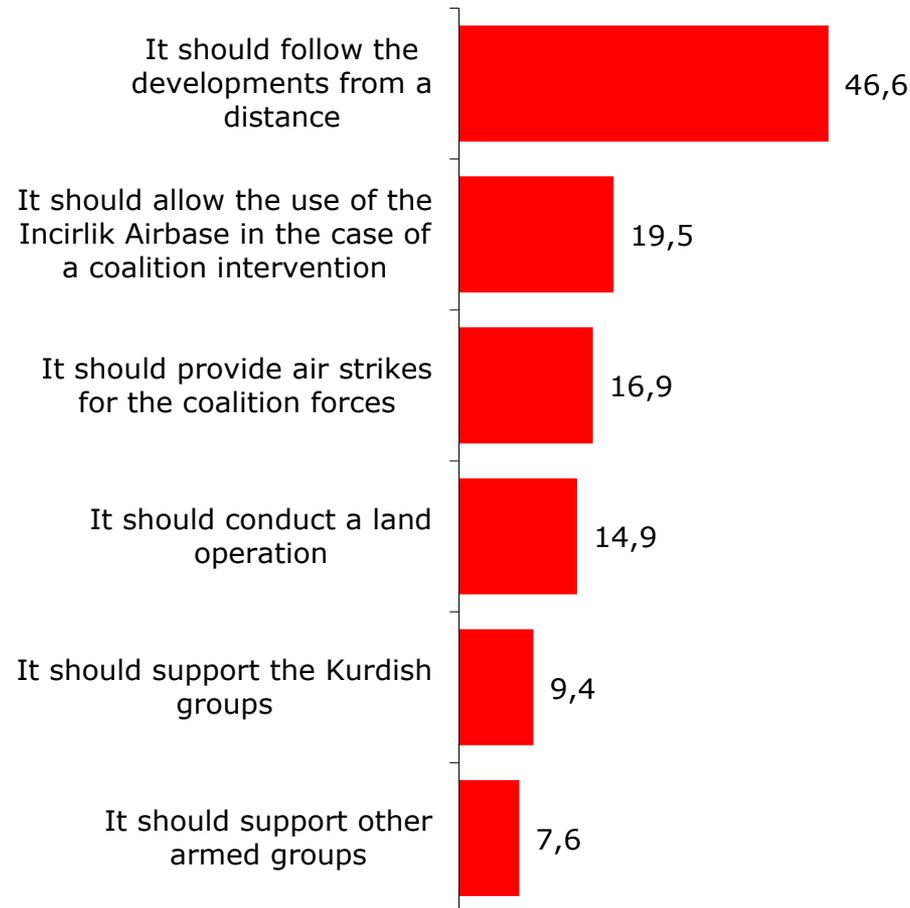
Does ISIS constitute threat to Turkey?





Relations with the Middle East

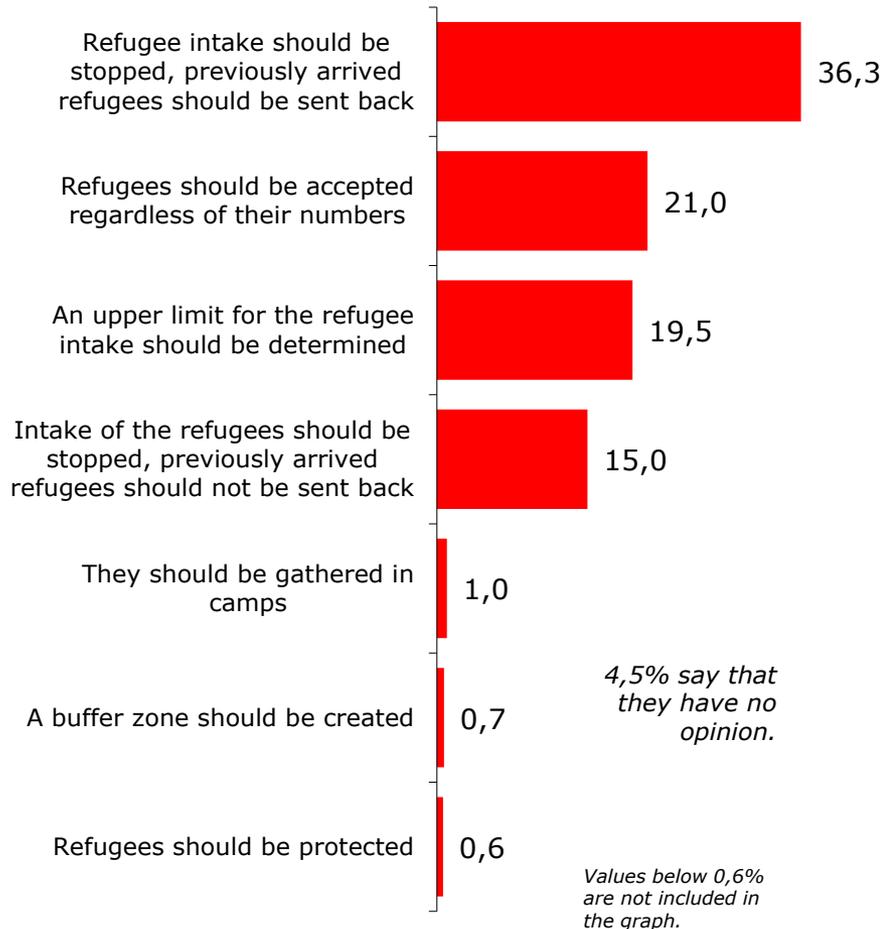
What kind of policy Turkey should pursue against ISIS?



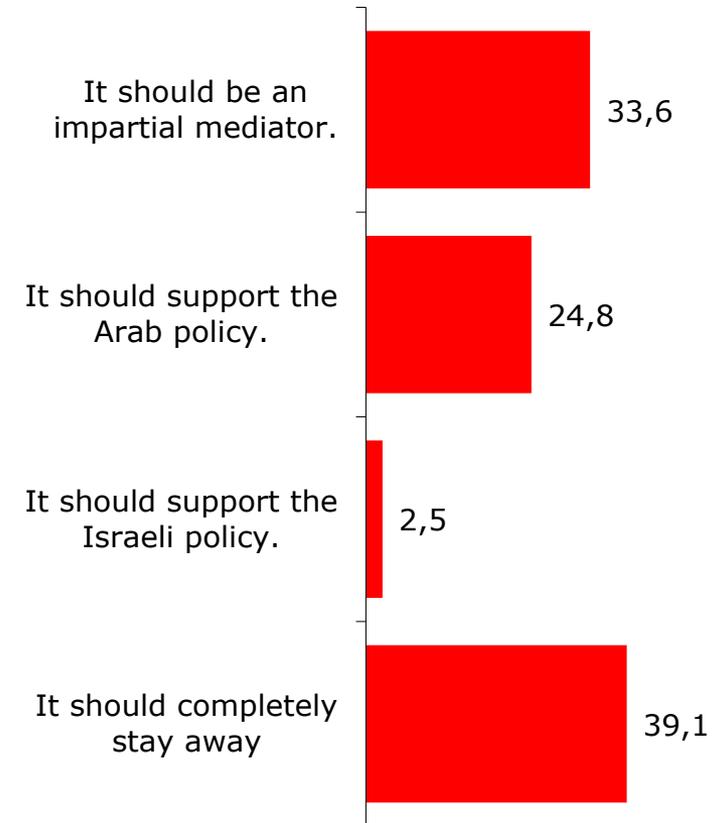


Relations with the Middle East

What kind of policy Turkey should adopt regarding the refugees?



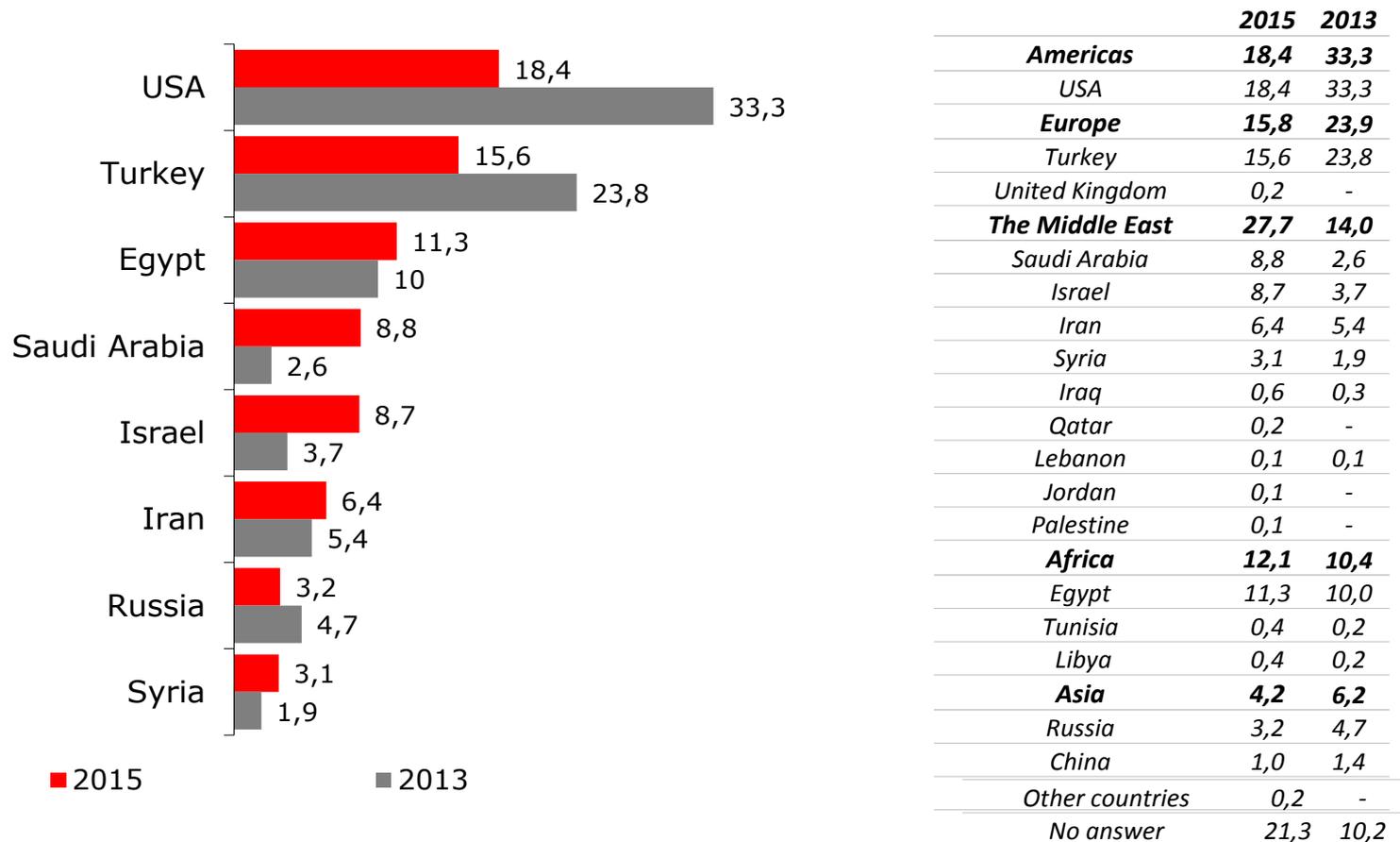
What should Turkey's role be in the Arab-Israeli dispute?





Relations with the Middle East

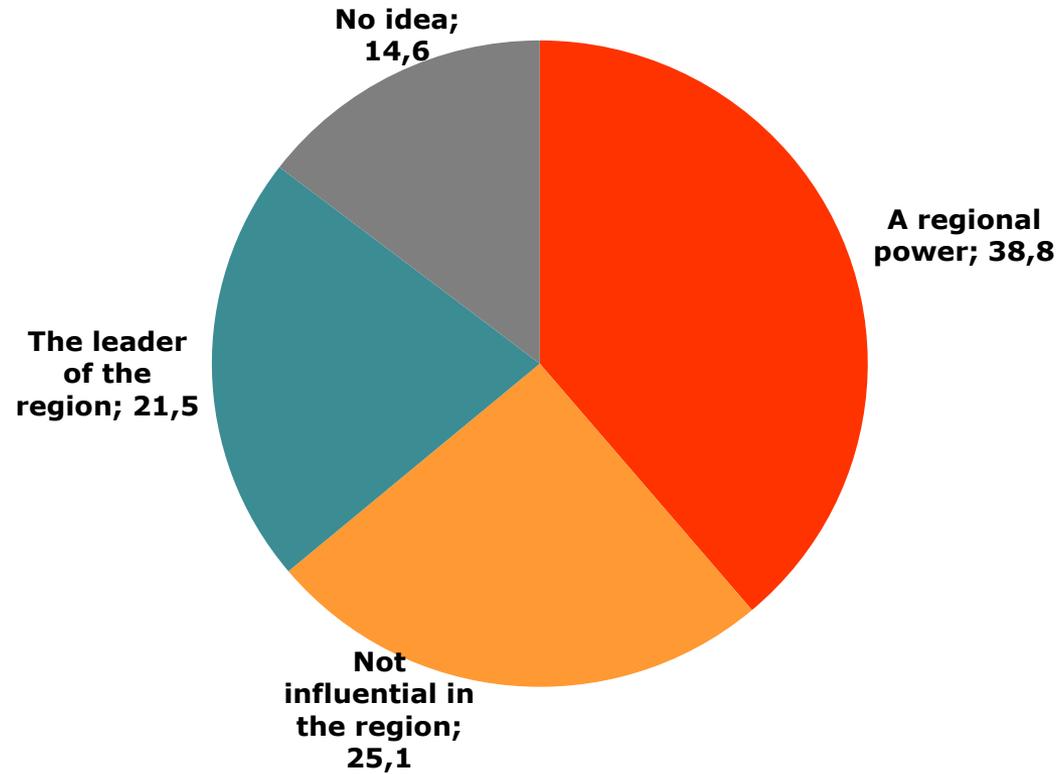
Which country has the most influence on shaping the future of the Middle East after the Arab Spring?





Relations with the Middle East

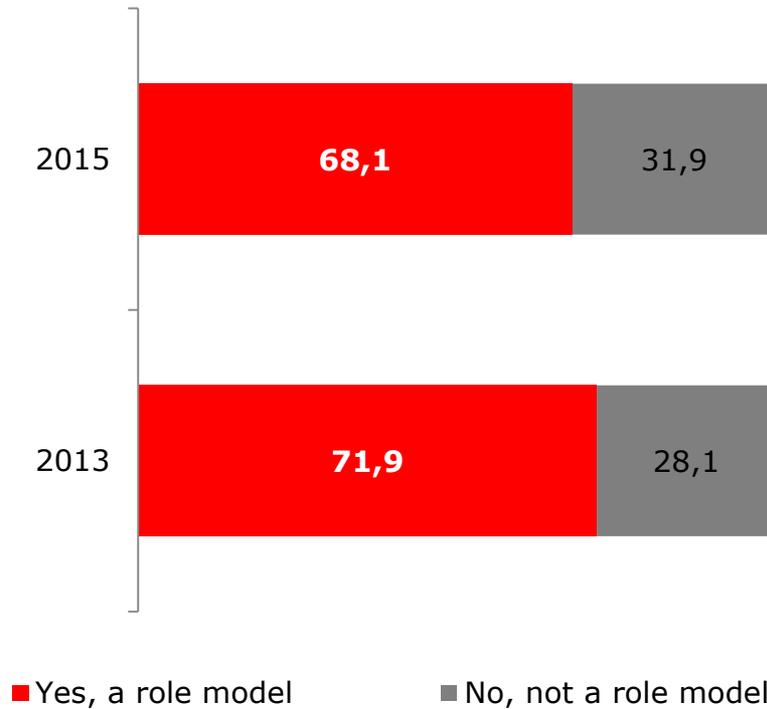
How do you assess Turkey's position in the Middle East?





Relations with the Middle East

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





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