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Public Perceptions on Turkish Foreign Policy

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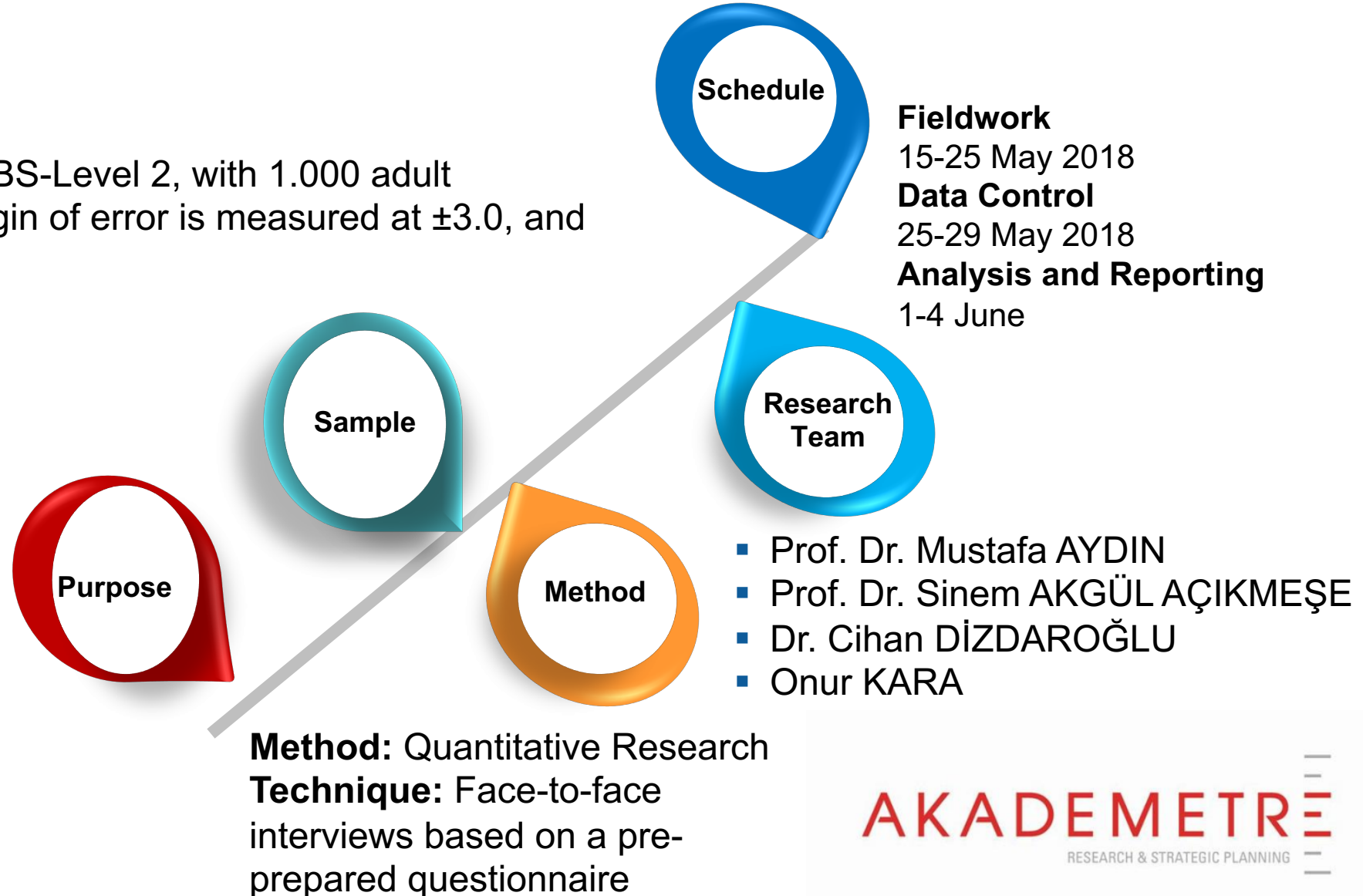


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General Framework

Turkey-wide representation at IBBS-Level 2, with 1.000 adult participants in 26 provinces. Margin of error is measured at ± 3.0 , and confidence interval is 95%.

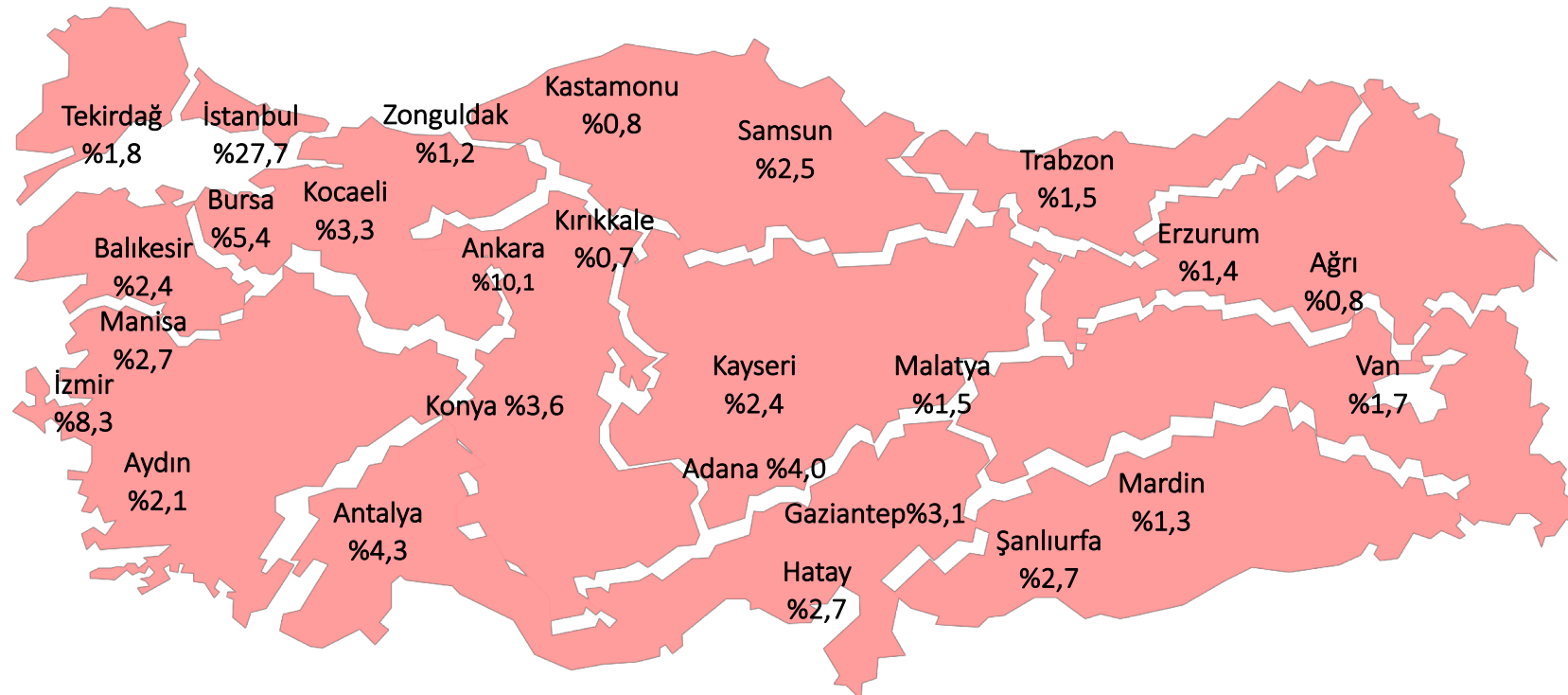
Revealing the public opinion on Turkish foreign policy and issues related to it.



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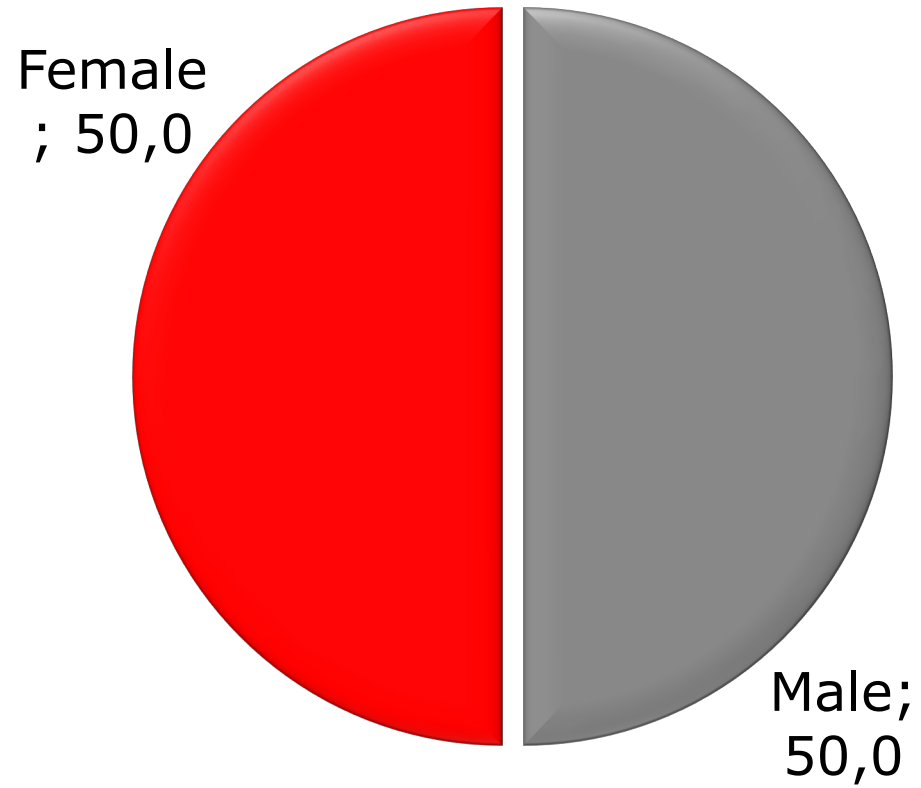
To achieve a viable representation of the public opinion,

- Interviews were conducted with 1.000 adult participants residing in 26 provinces representative of Turkey at IBBS-2 level, all residing in city centers.

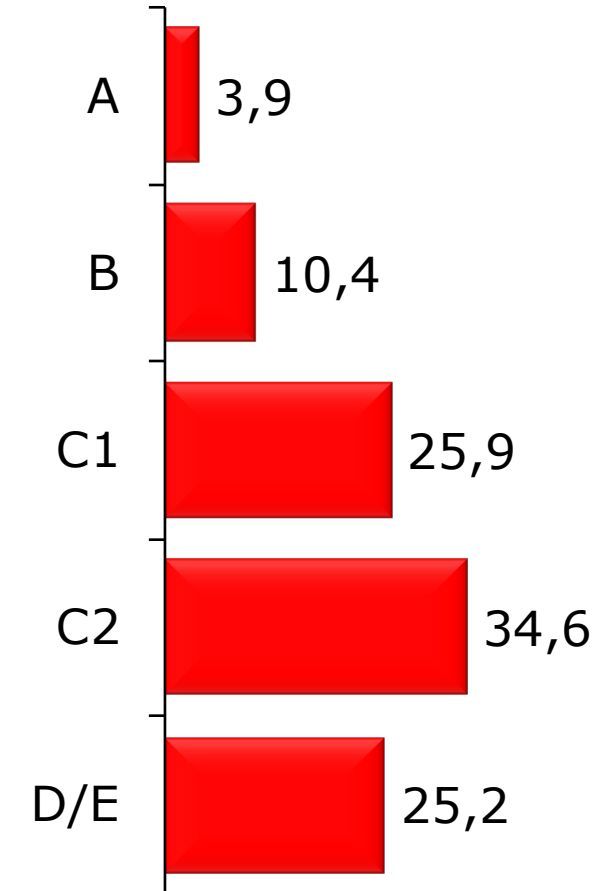




Gender Distribution



Socio-Economic Status

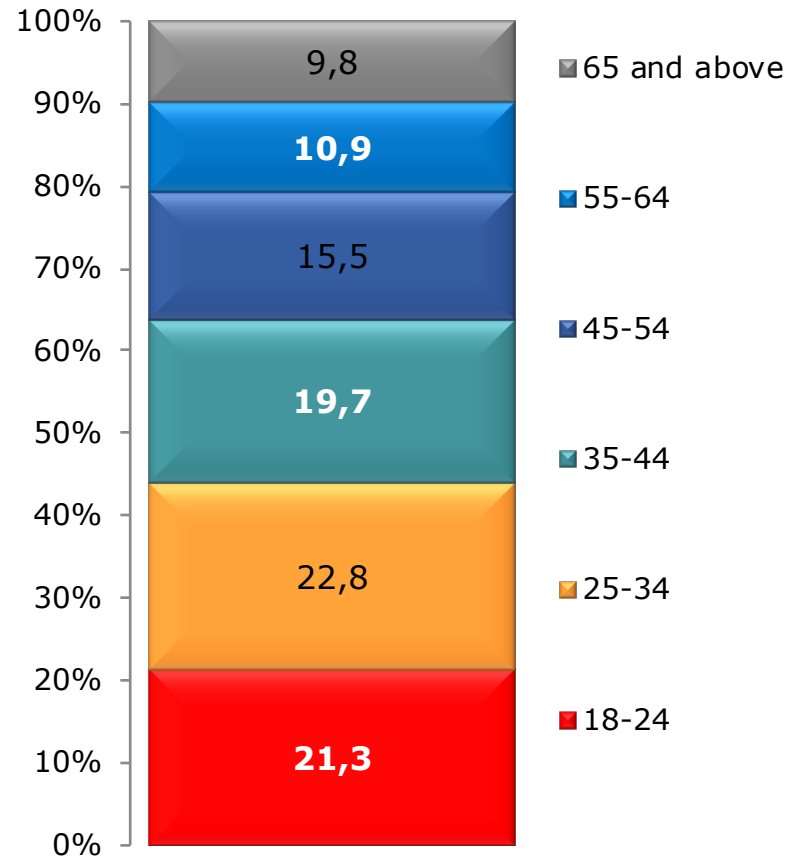




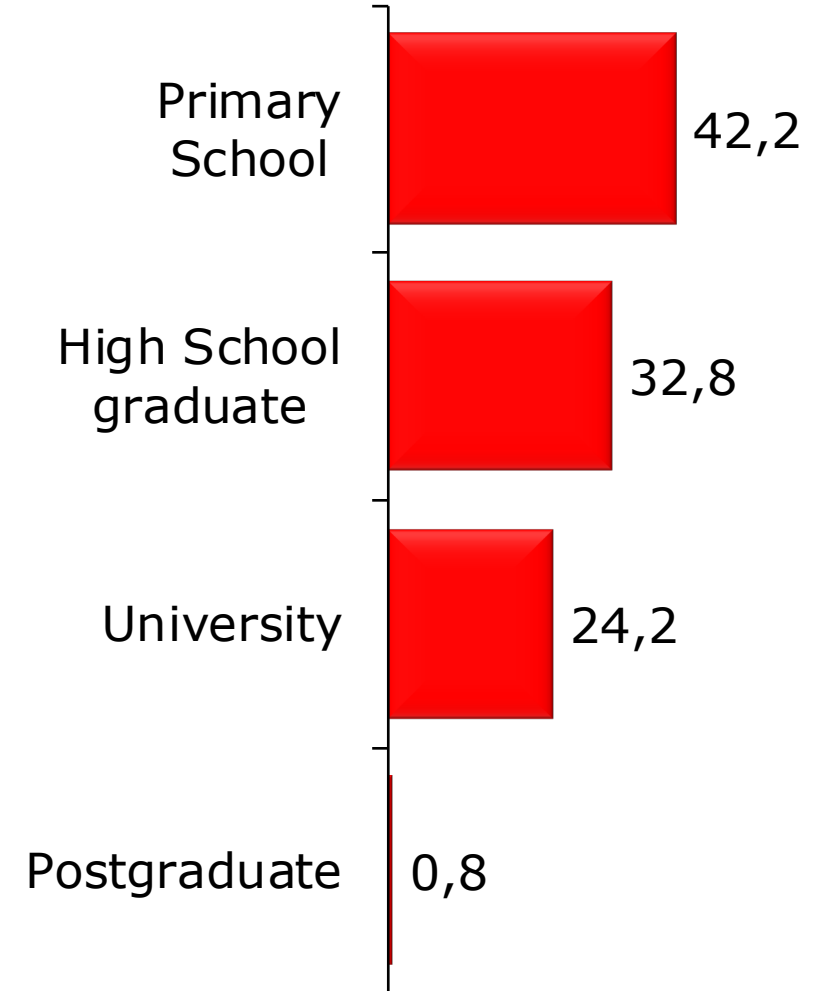
Age Distribution

Mean Age

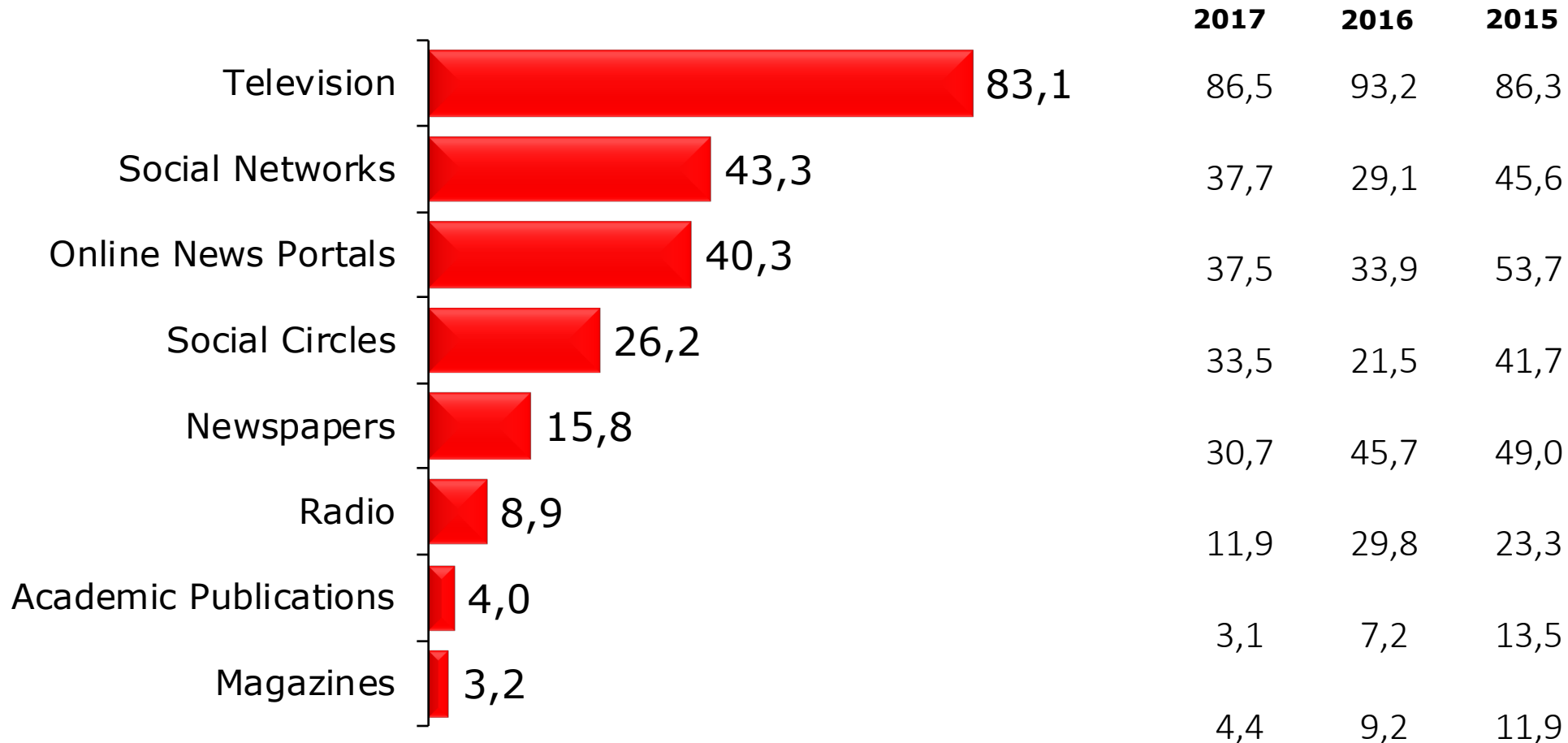
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Education

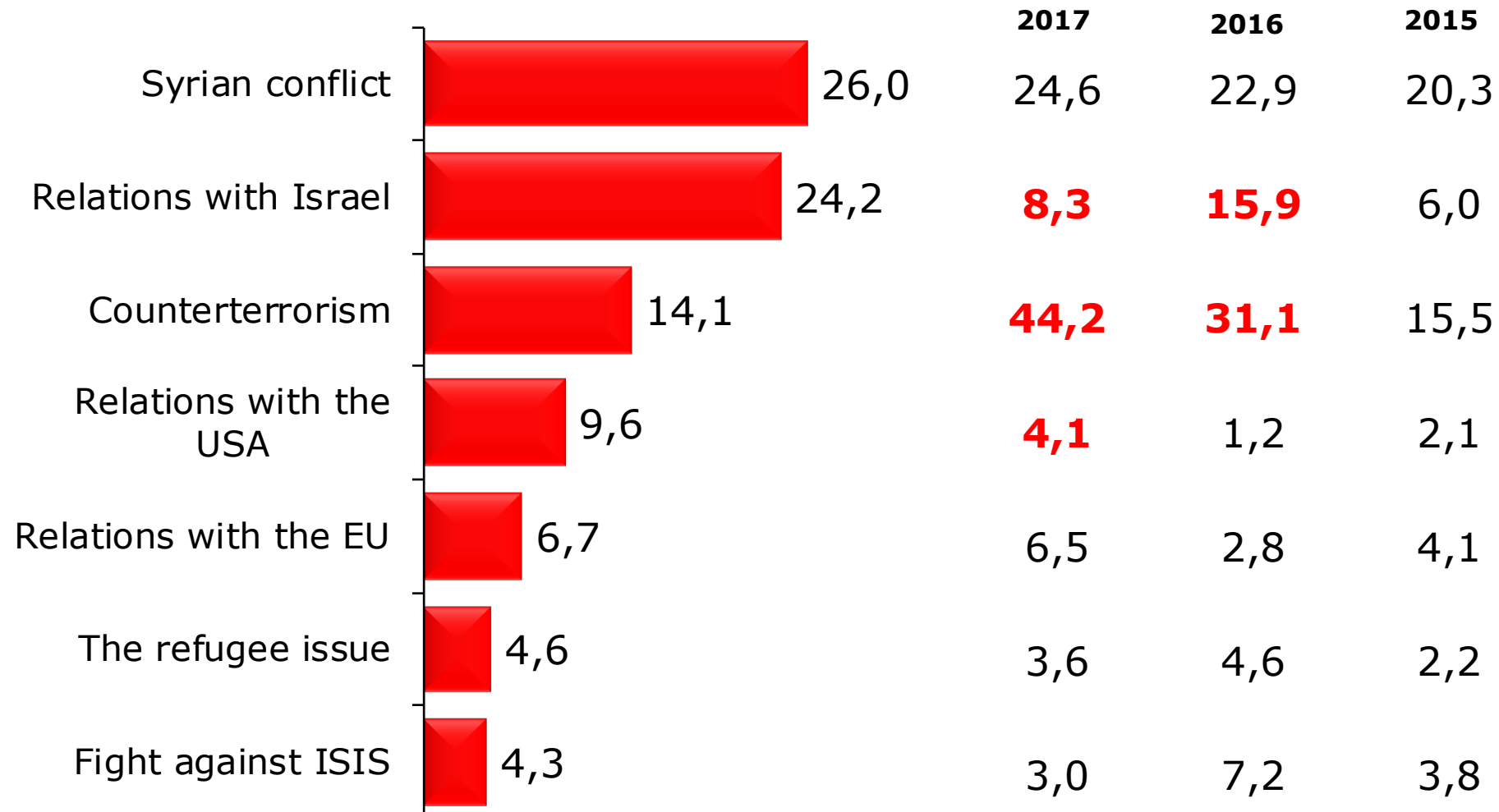


Which of the following information sources do you consult for receiving news about Turkish Foreign Policy?





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

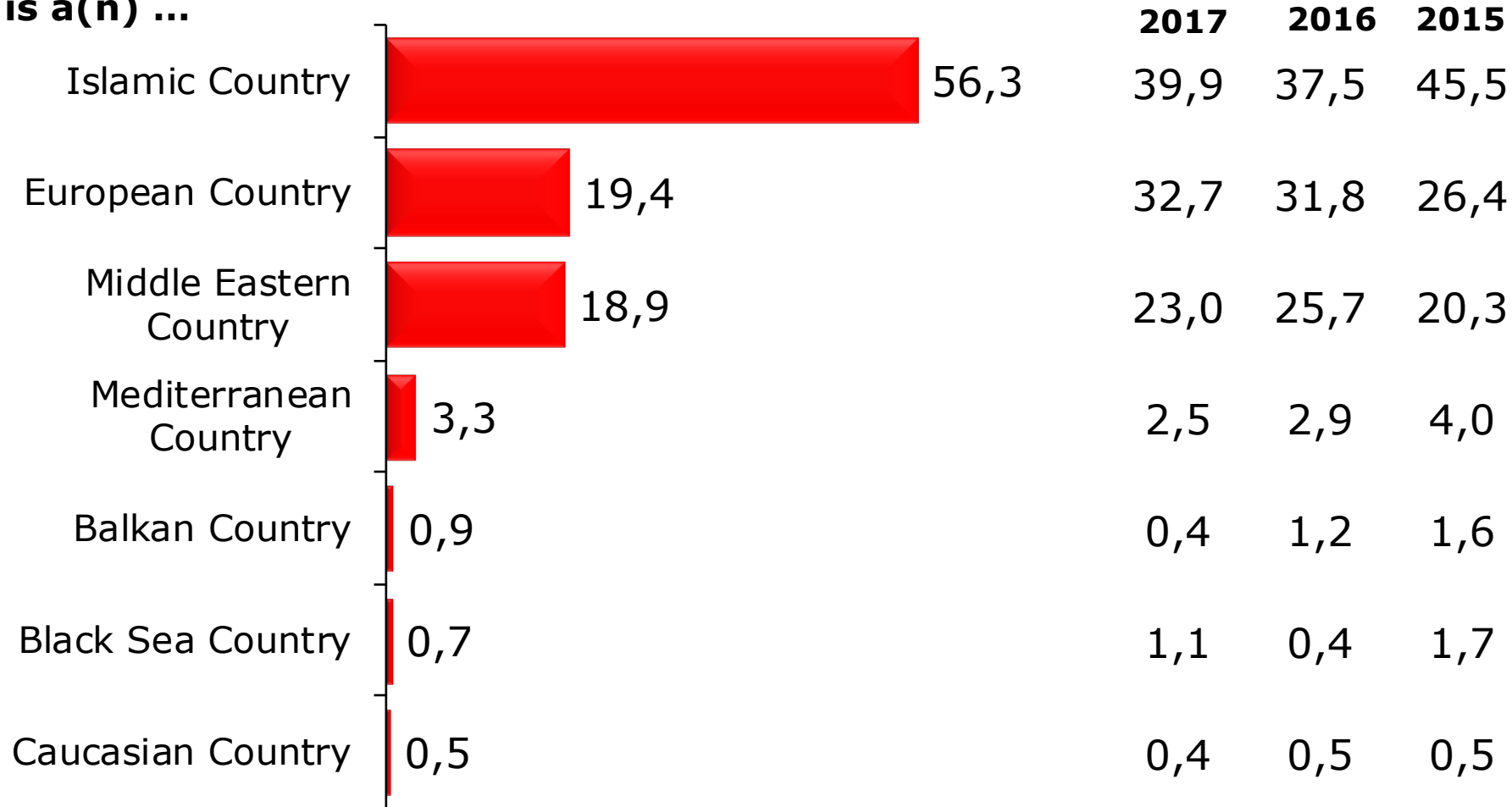


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Foreign Policy Image

Which one of the following represents Turkey the best?

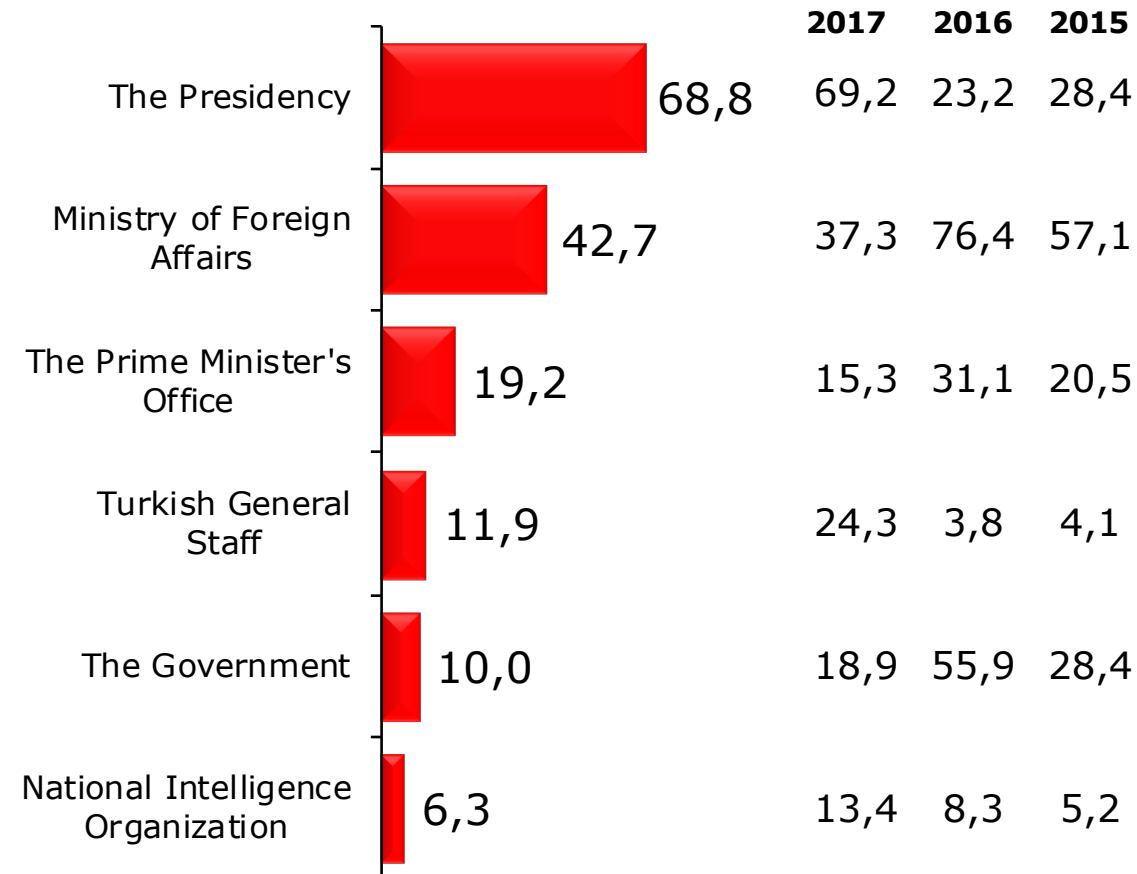
Turkey is a(n) ...



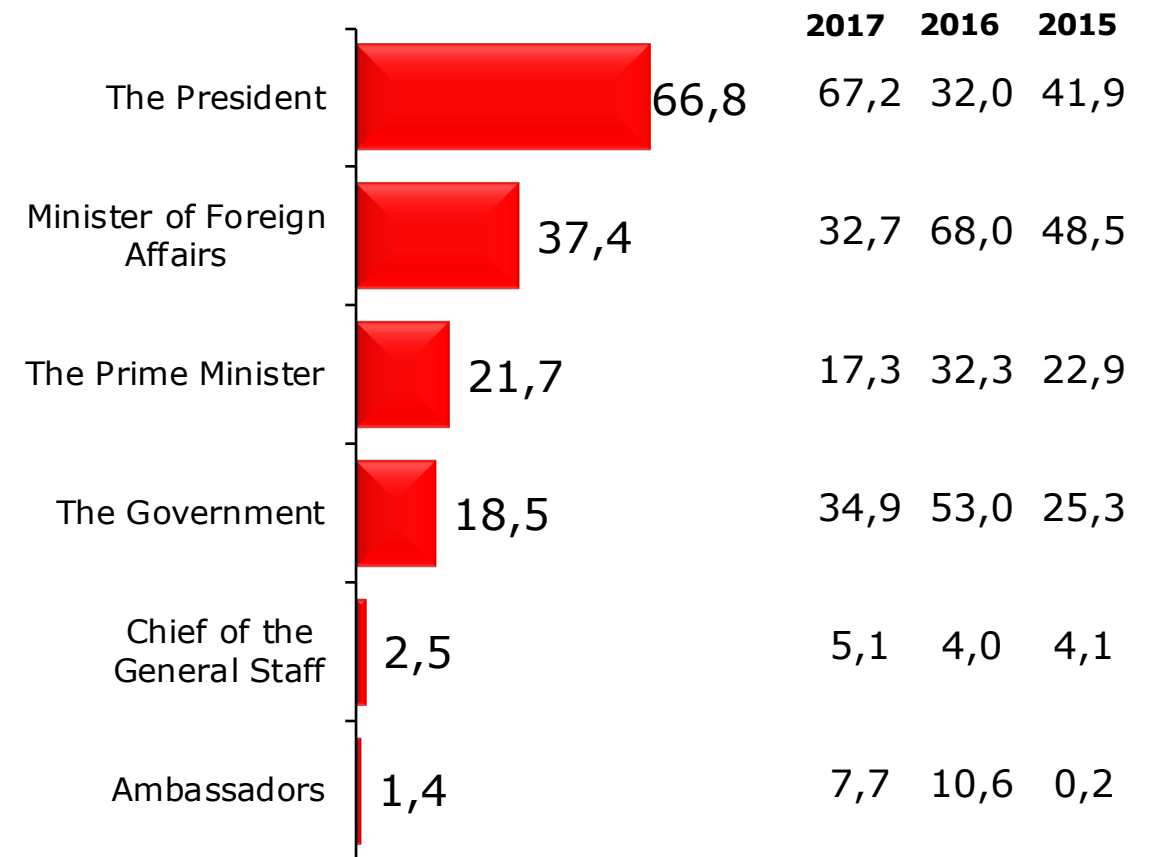


Foreign Policy-Making

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



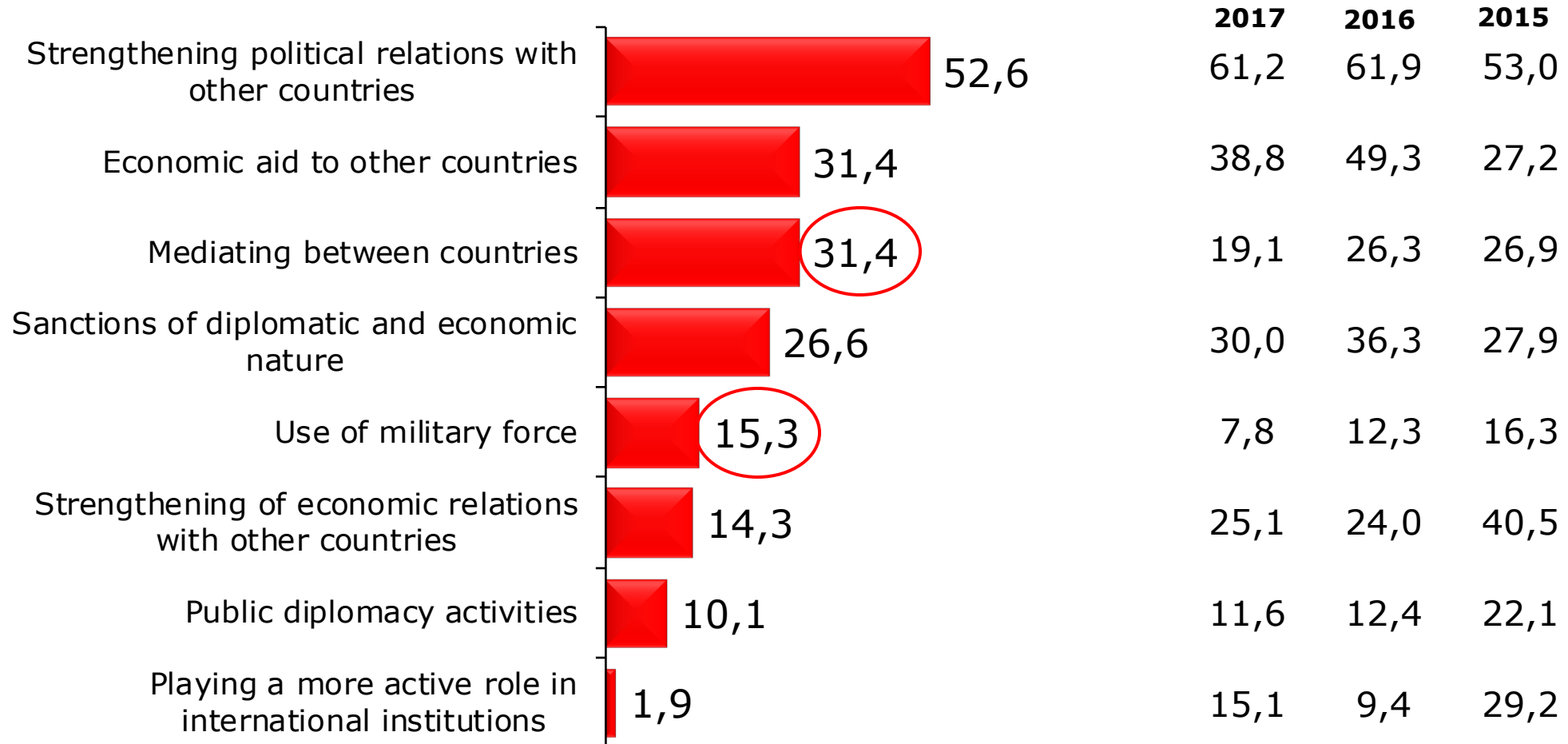
Which of the following individuals or institutions are active in implementing foreign policy in Turkey?



Multiple response allowed.

Foreign Policy-Making

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



Multiple response allowed.

Perceptions of Amity

Which country is Turkey's closest 'friend'?

	2018	2017	2016	2015
Azerbaijan	59,0	71,3	59,3	37,2
Russia	4,1	0,6	0,3	1,6
TRNC	3,7	1,8	2,0	8,9
Pakistan	1,4	2,2	1,1	2,9
Bosnia – Herzegovina	1,2	0,8	0,8	6,0
Japan	1,0	0,3	0,7	2,2
China	0,9	0,5	0,6	0,4
Iran	0,9	0,1	0,3	2,3
Albania	0,8	0,9	2,0	1,8
USA	0,6	0,6	2,6	5,9
Syria	0,6	0,5	1,1	1,2
Saudi Arabia	0,5	0,2	2,4	2,8
Qatar	0,2	1,9	-	-
Iraq	0,2	0,2	0,6	0,8
Germany	0,1	0,5	1,4	2,1
Turkey has no friends	22,5	17,2	23,1	38,9

Threat Perceptions

Which country or countries pose a threat to Turkey?

	2018	2017	2016	2015
USA	60,2	66,5	44,1	35,3
Israel	54,4	37,4	26,0	42,6
EU Countries	25,9	24,0	10,4	10,2
Syria	24,1	16,7	30,4	22,1
Armenia	18,3	18,0	9,8	20,3
Greece	16,2	10,2	4,8	10,6
Russia	12,4	18,5	34,9	10,2
Iran	7,4	12,5	7,3	14,8
Iraq	5,5	3,8	5,7	10,9
There are no threats facing Turkey	7,0	8,4	2,7	8,7

Multiple response allowed.

Perceptions toward Cooperation

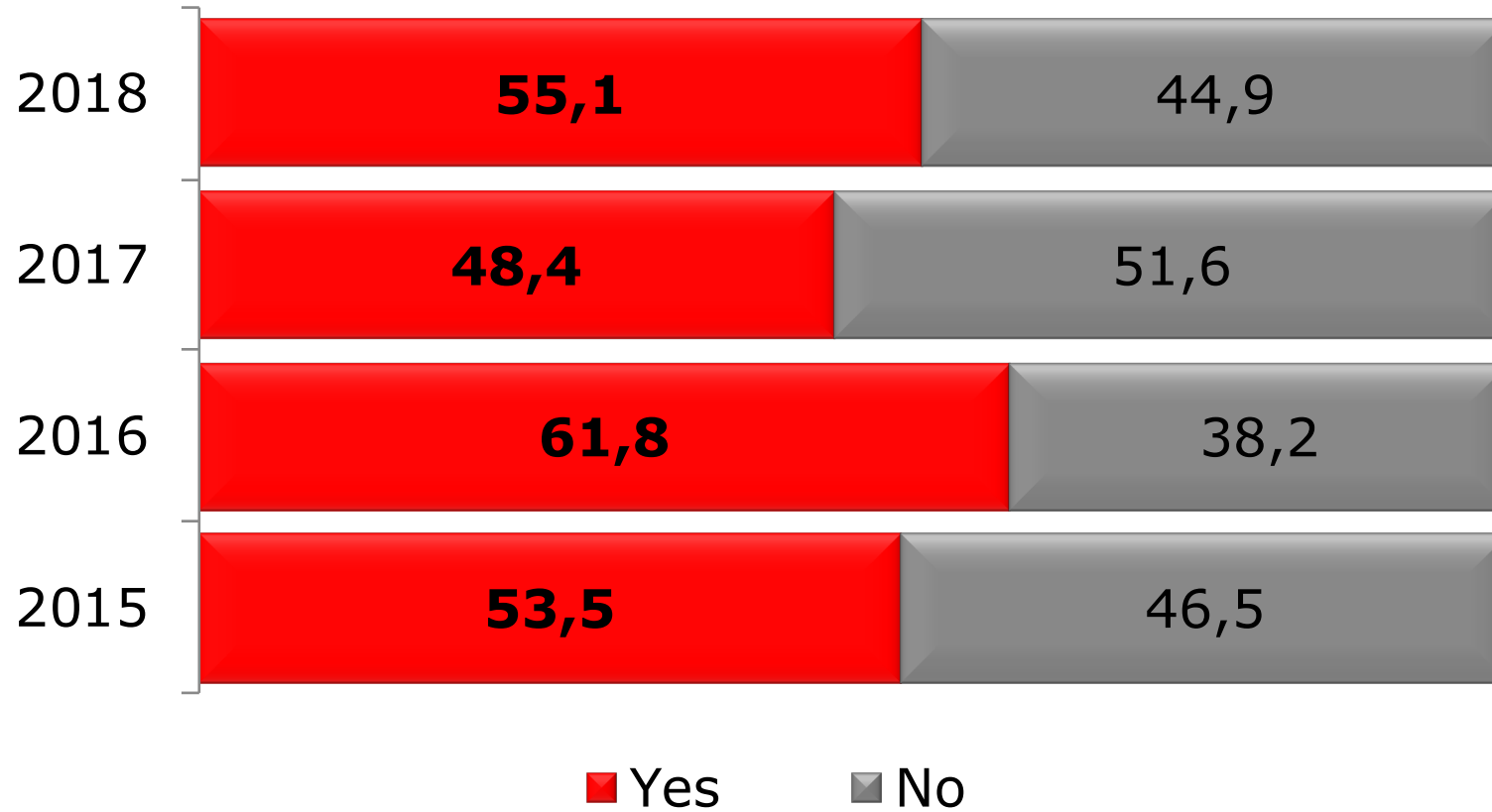
With which countries Turkey should cooperate in implementing its foreign policy?

	2018	2017	2016	2015
Azerbaijan	45,4	59,0	48,5	18,7
Turkic Republics	31,8	37,4	16,7	16,2
Muslim Countries	23,4	22,4	9,8	19,5
Russia	13,2	7,8	3,0	9,4
NATO countries	8,1	7,1	-	-
TRNC	10,1	5,4	3,6	6,3
Pakistan	4,6	4,7	1,3	1,3
The European Union	7,6	4,1	8,1	7,0
China	4,8	3,4	3,1	3,7
USA	1,7	2,5	7,2	12,6
Germany	2,7	2,2	1,7	4,3
Iran	1,9	1,7	1,3	5,4
The United Kingdom	1,4	0,9	1,0	1,8
France	1,5	0,4	1,2	1,3
Israel	0,3	0,2	0,3	0,6
Turkey should act alone	15,0	14,7	22,6	22,0

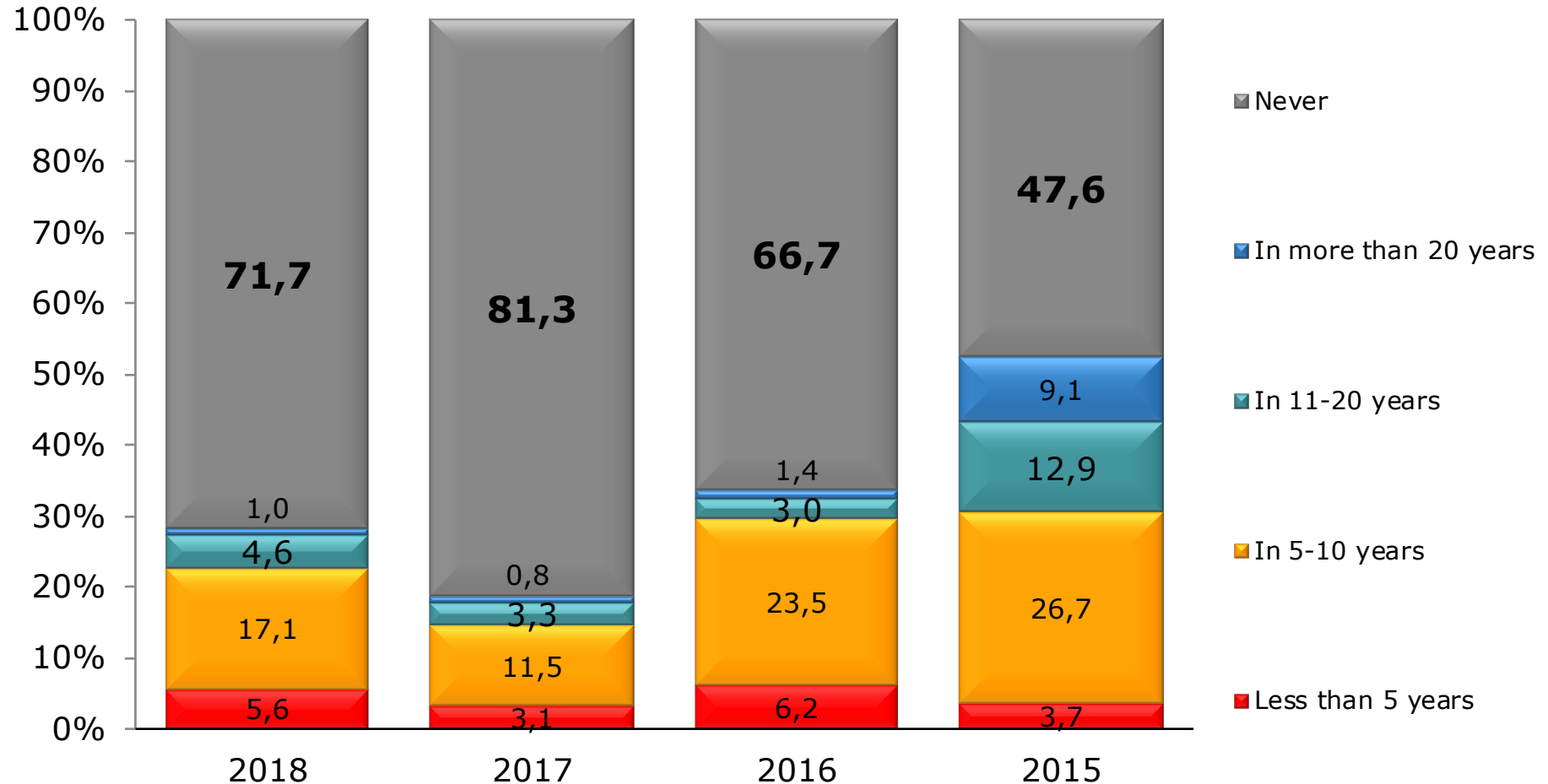
Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

Relations with the EU

Do you want Turkey to become an EU member?

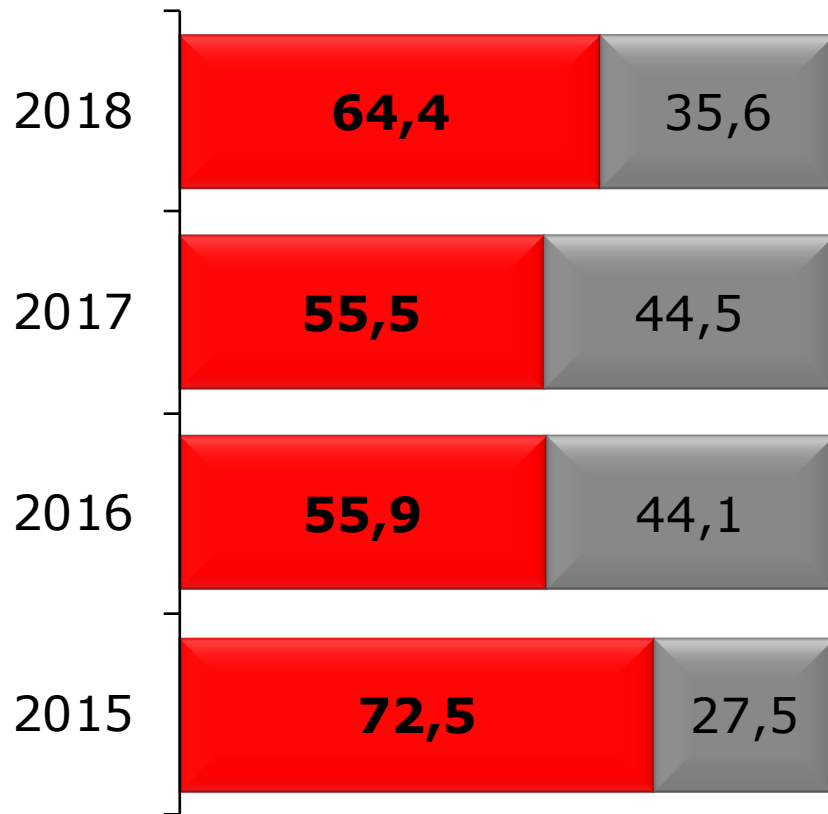


When Turkey can be a full-member of the EU?



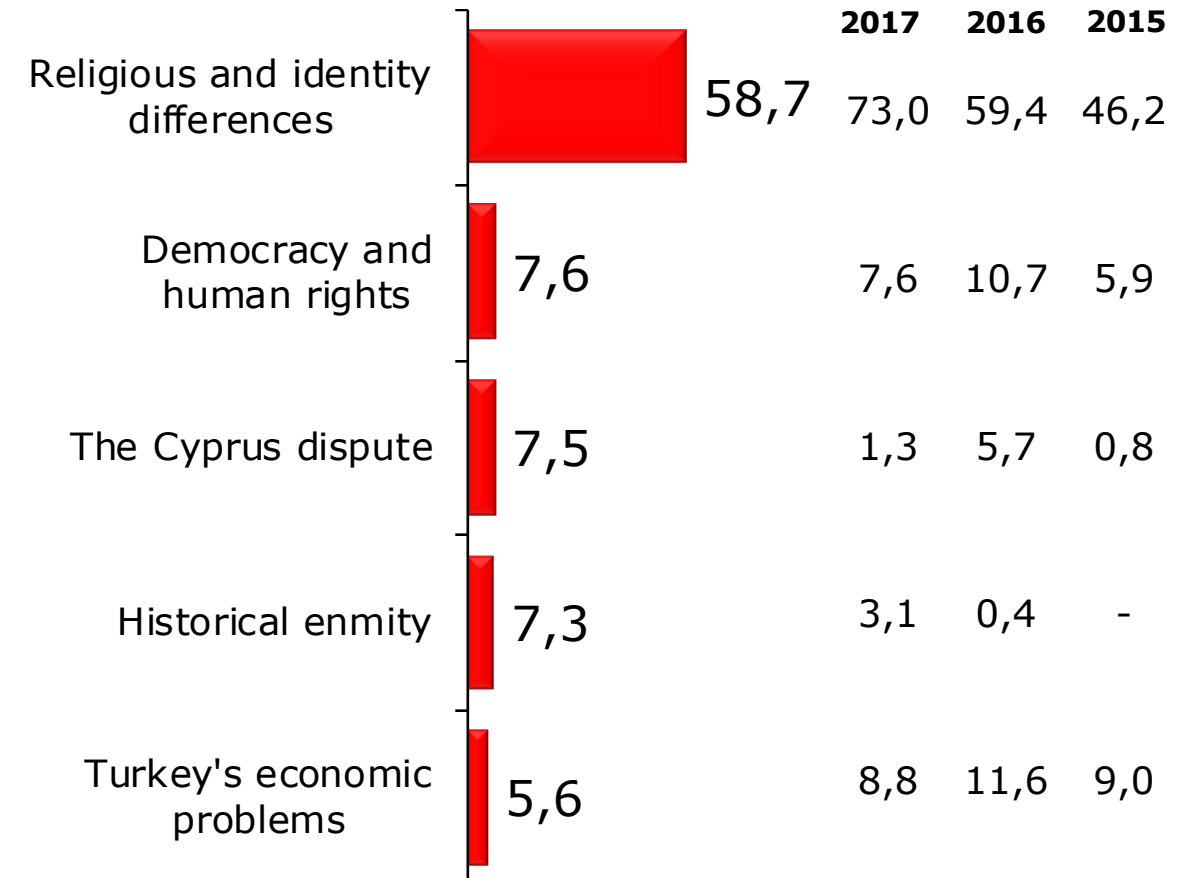
Relations with the EU

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



■ Yes, it is being blocked
■ No, it is not being blocked

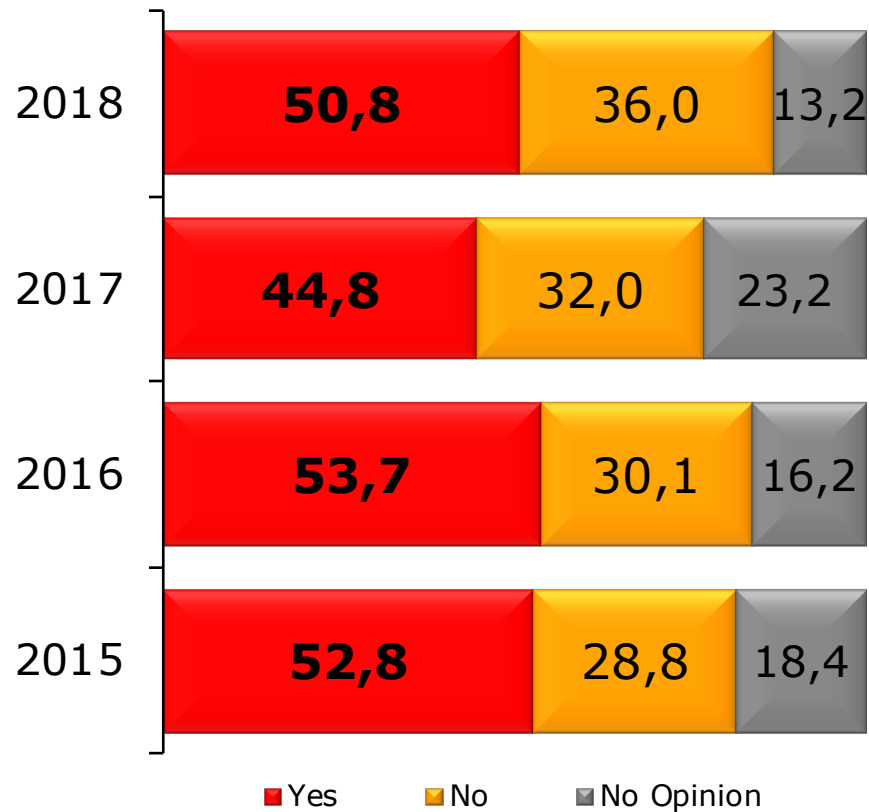
Why do you think that the EU is blocking Turkey's membership to the EU?



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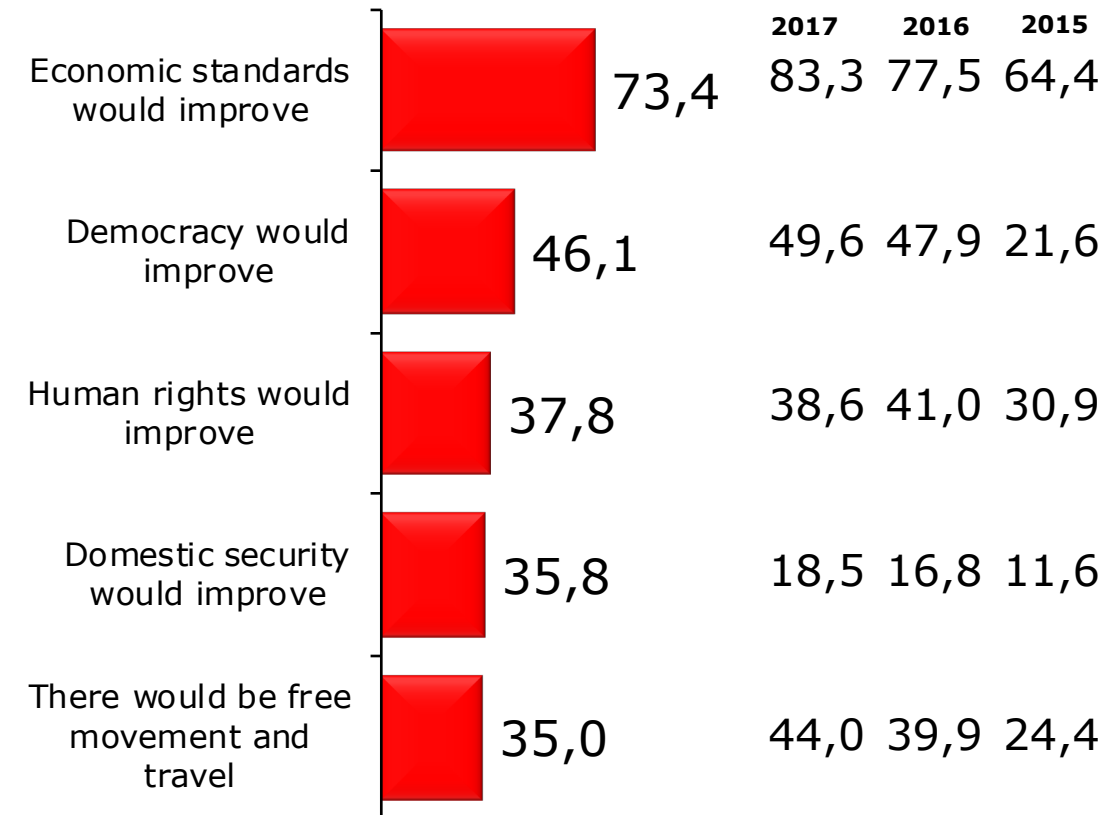
Relations with the EU

Would the EU membership be beneficial to Turkey?



Base: 2015 2016 2017 2018
1000 1000 1000 1000

How would Turkey benefit from EU membership?



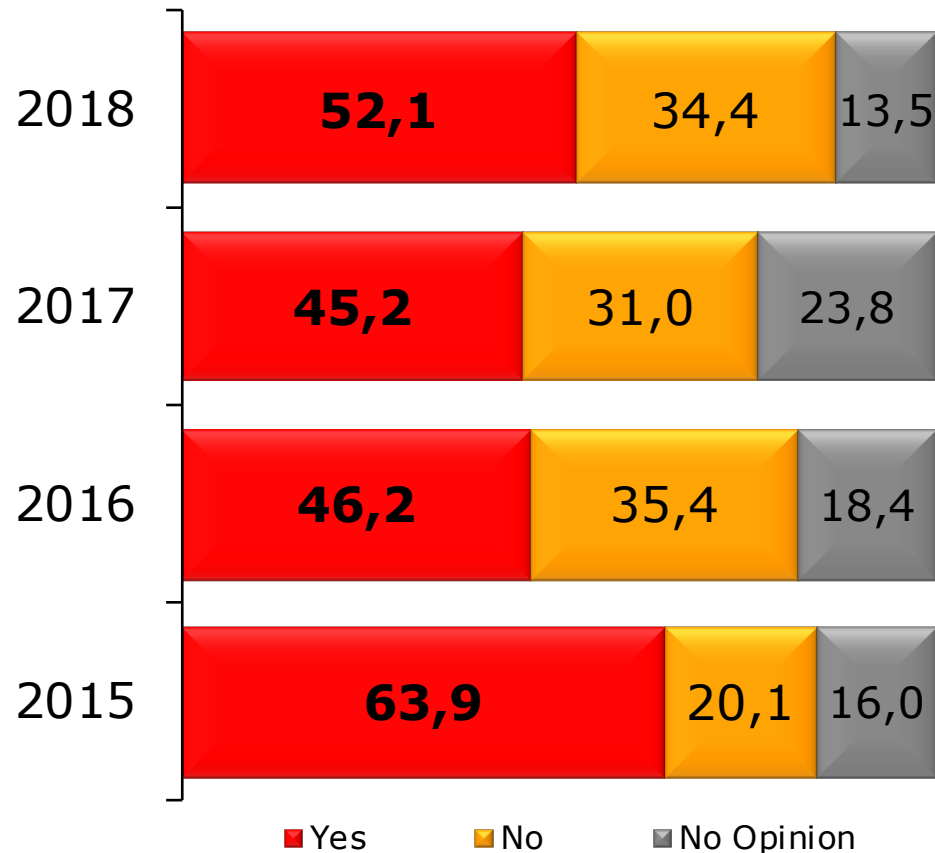
Base: 2015 2016 2017 2018
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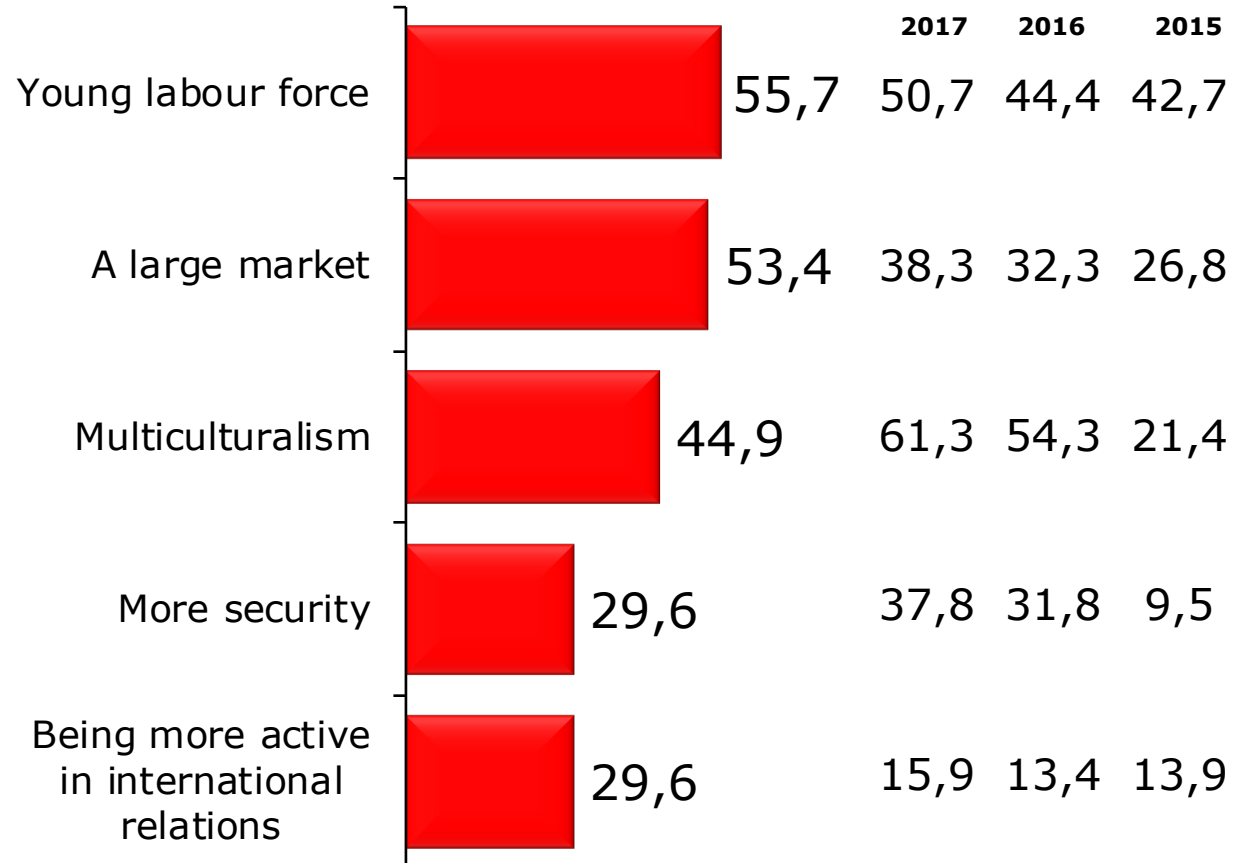
Relations with the EU

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



Base: $\frac{2015 \ 2016 \ 2017 \ 2018}{1000 \ 1000 \ 1000 \ 1000}$

How would the EU benefit from Turkey's membership?



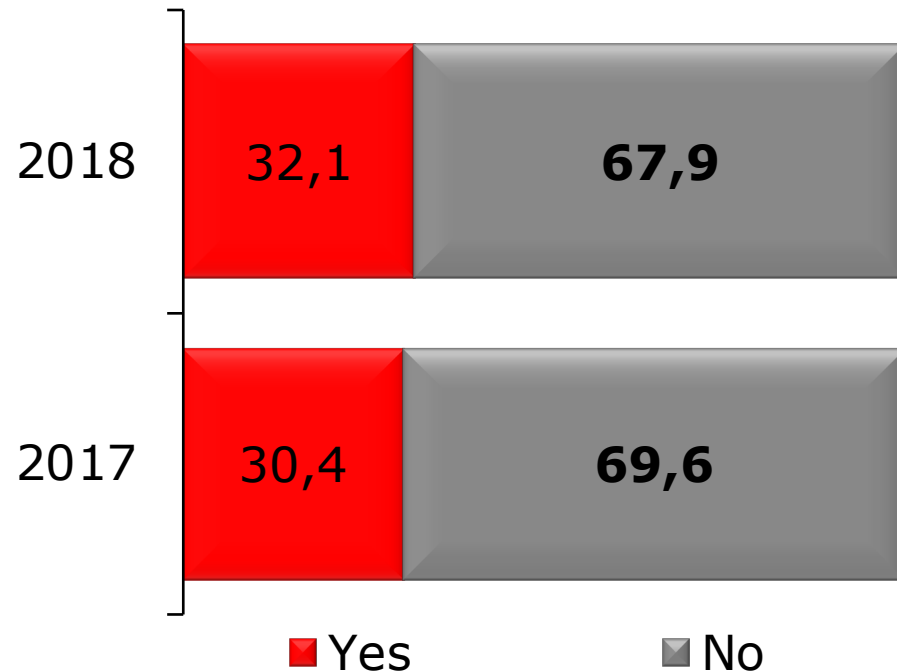
Base: $\frac{2015 \ 2016 \ 2017 \ 2018}{639 \ 462 \ 452 \ 521}$

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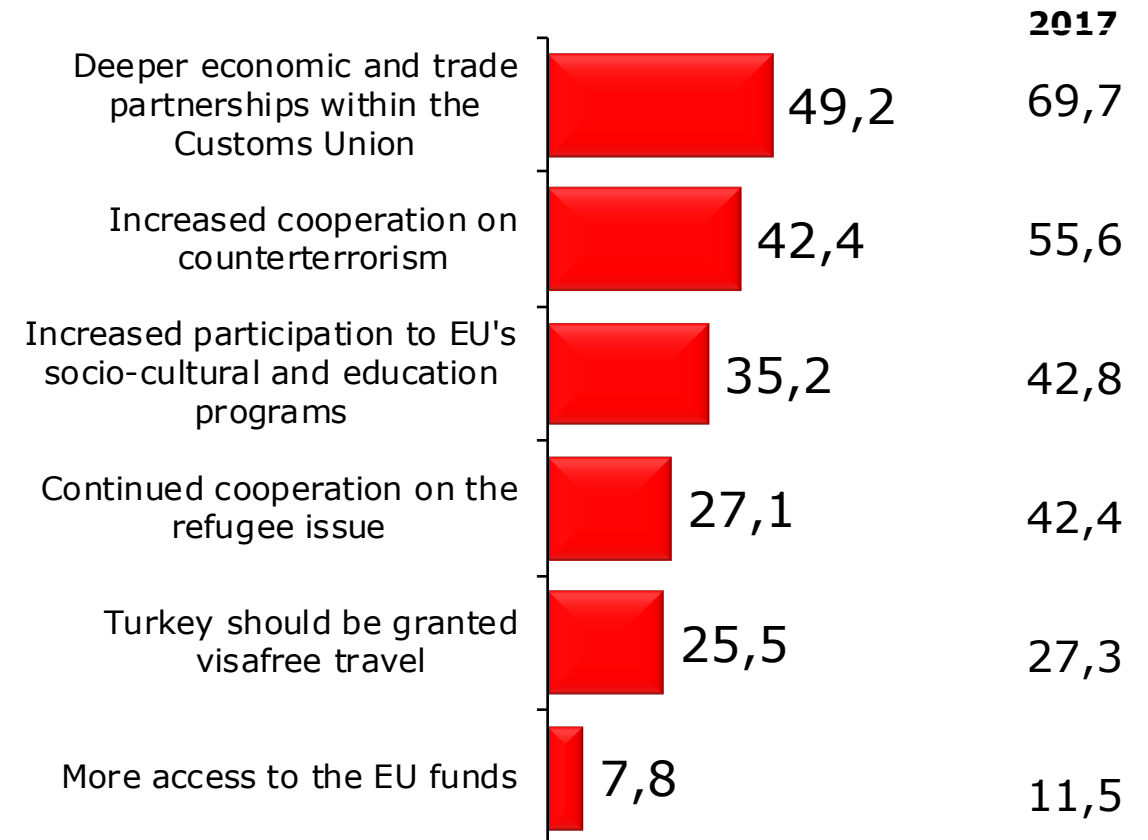
Relations with the EU

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

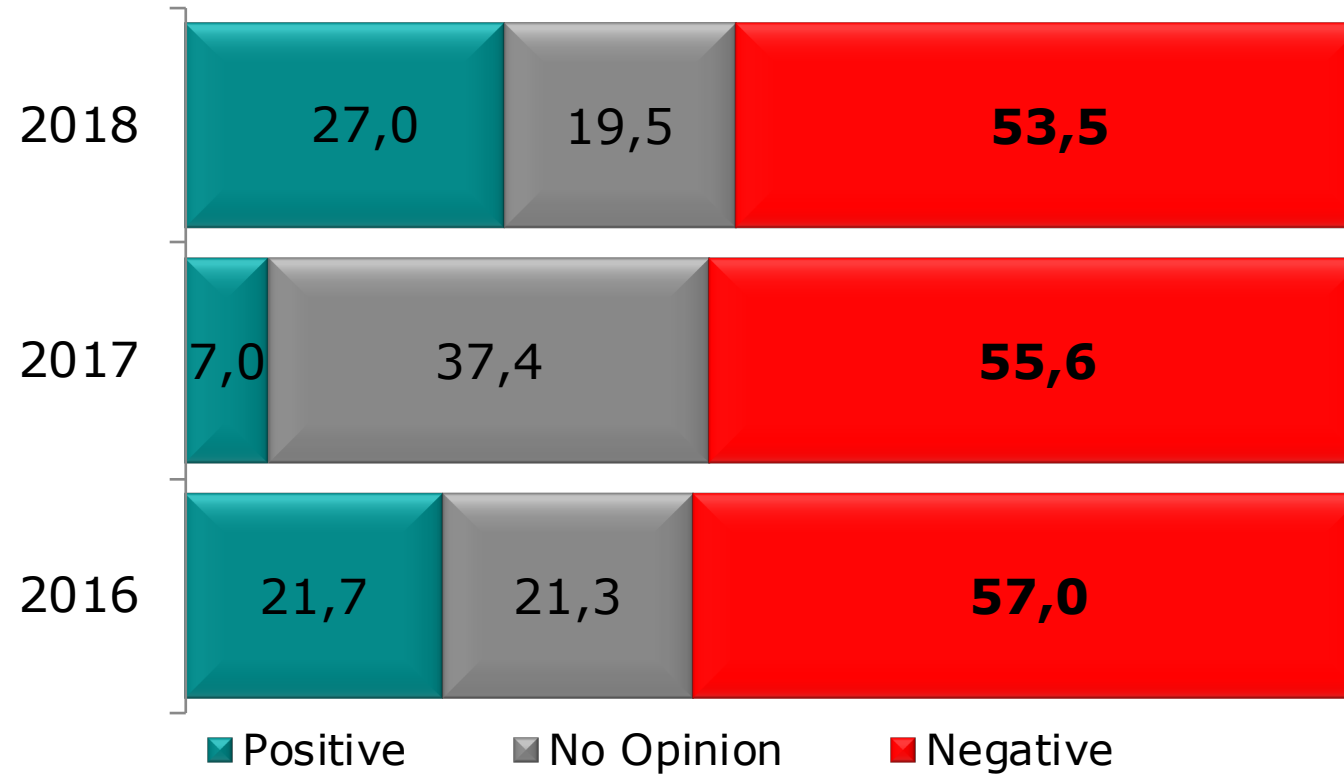
Which one of the following could be an alternative to the EU Membership?



14.8% thinks that the EU membership has no alternative (10.3% in 2017, 19.7% in 2016), and the process should continue.

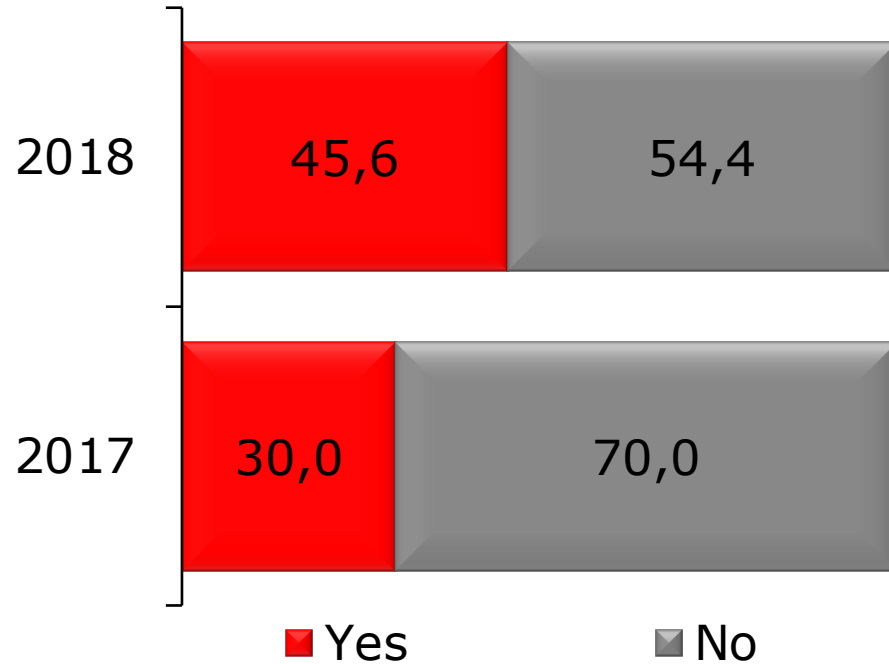
17.8% (12.2% in 2017, 9.9% in 2016) state that Turkey should not join any union.

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

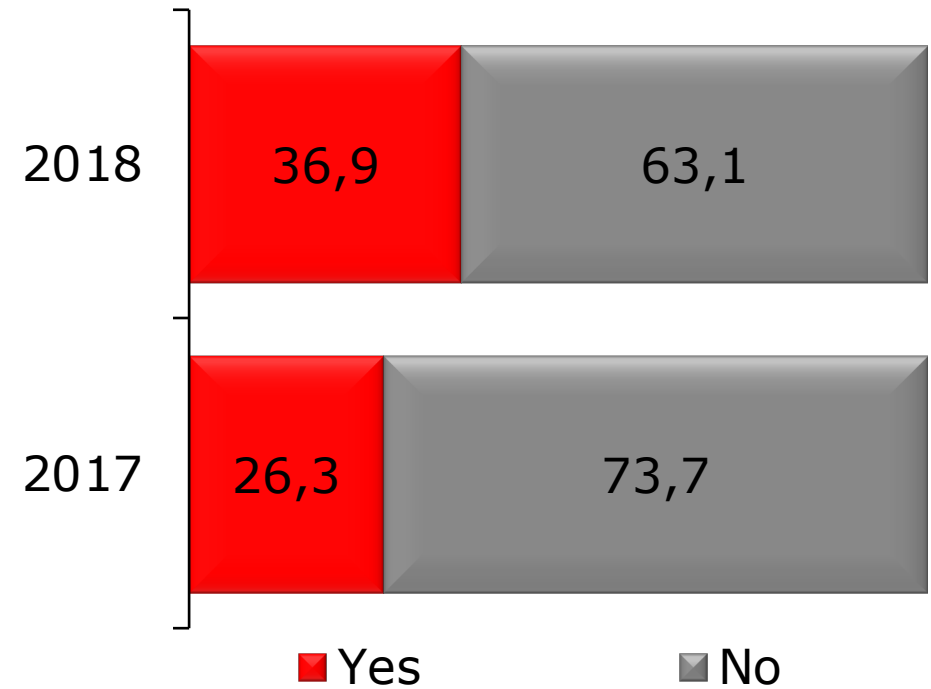


Relations with the EU

Would the EU suspend the accession talks with Turkey soon?

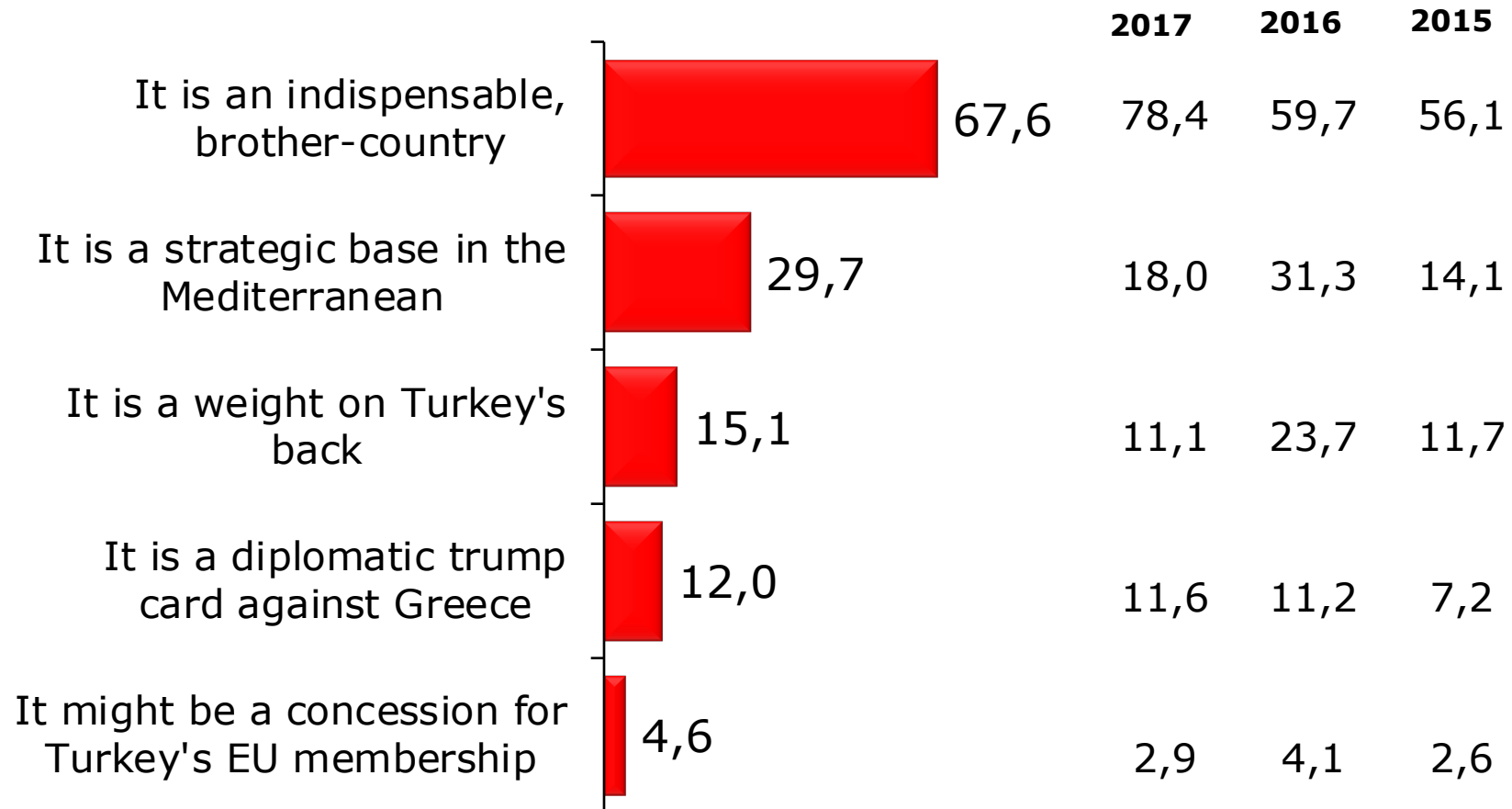


Would Turkey suspend the accession talks with the EU soon?



Relations with Cyprus

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

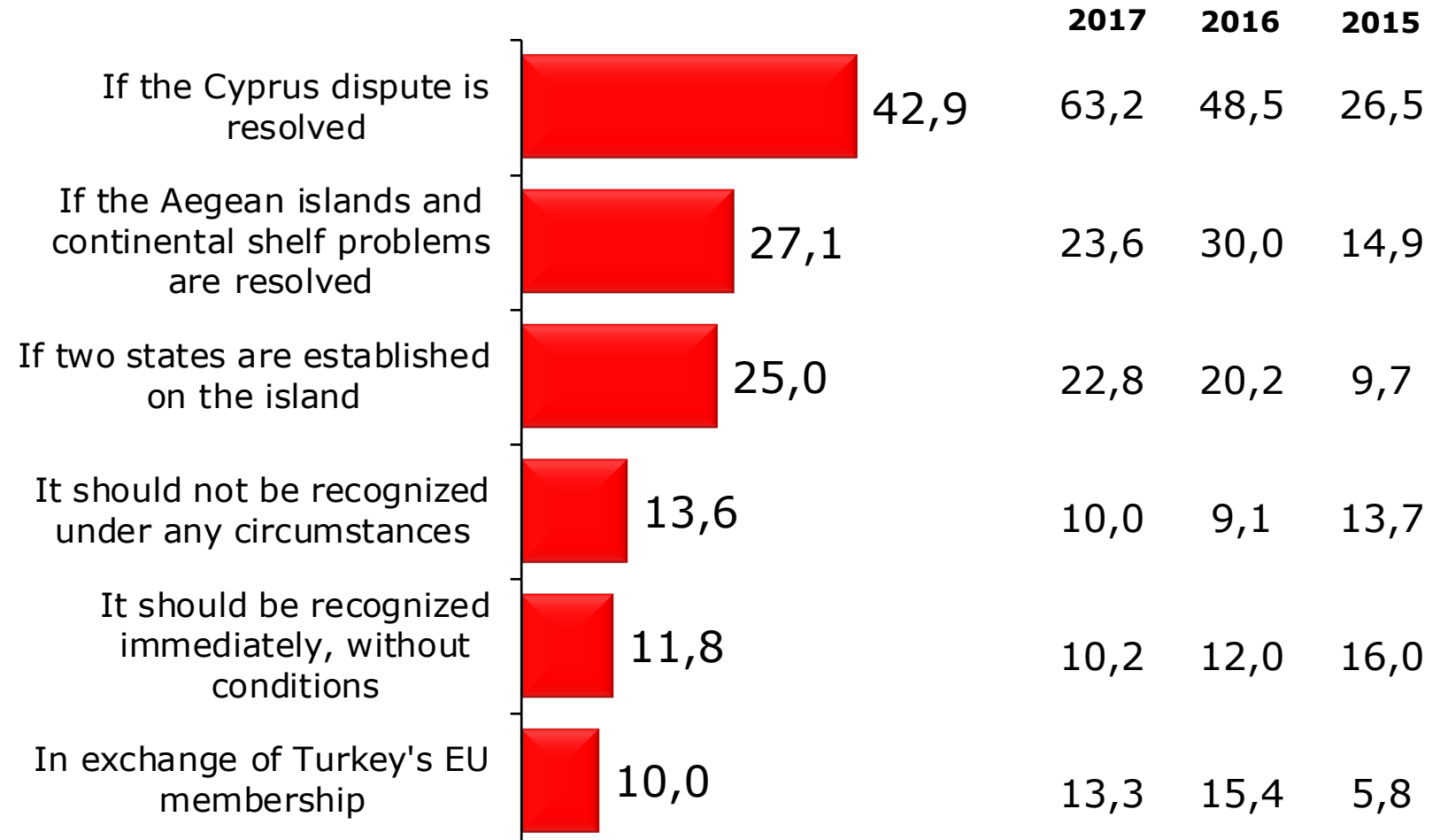


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Relations with Cyprus

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

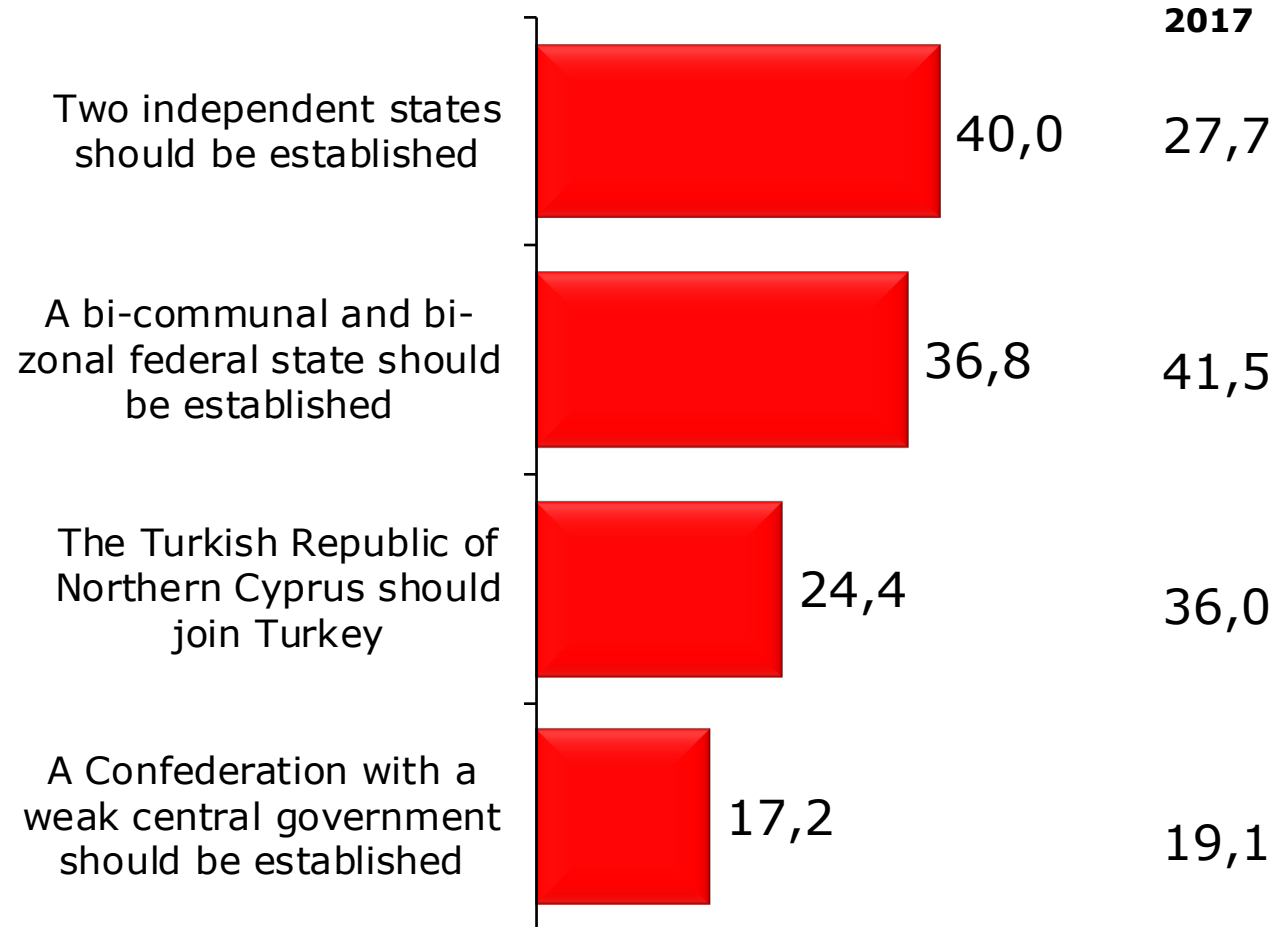


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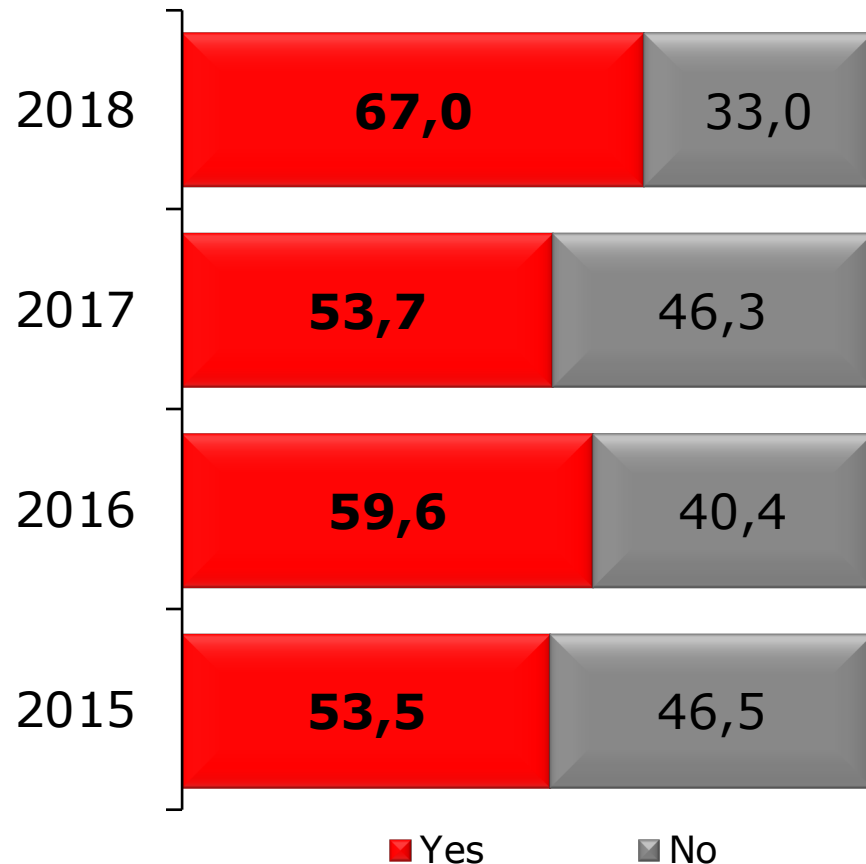
Relations with Cyprus

On what basis should the Cyprus dispute be resolved?

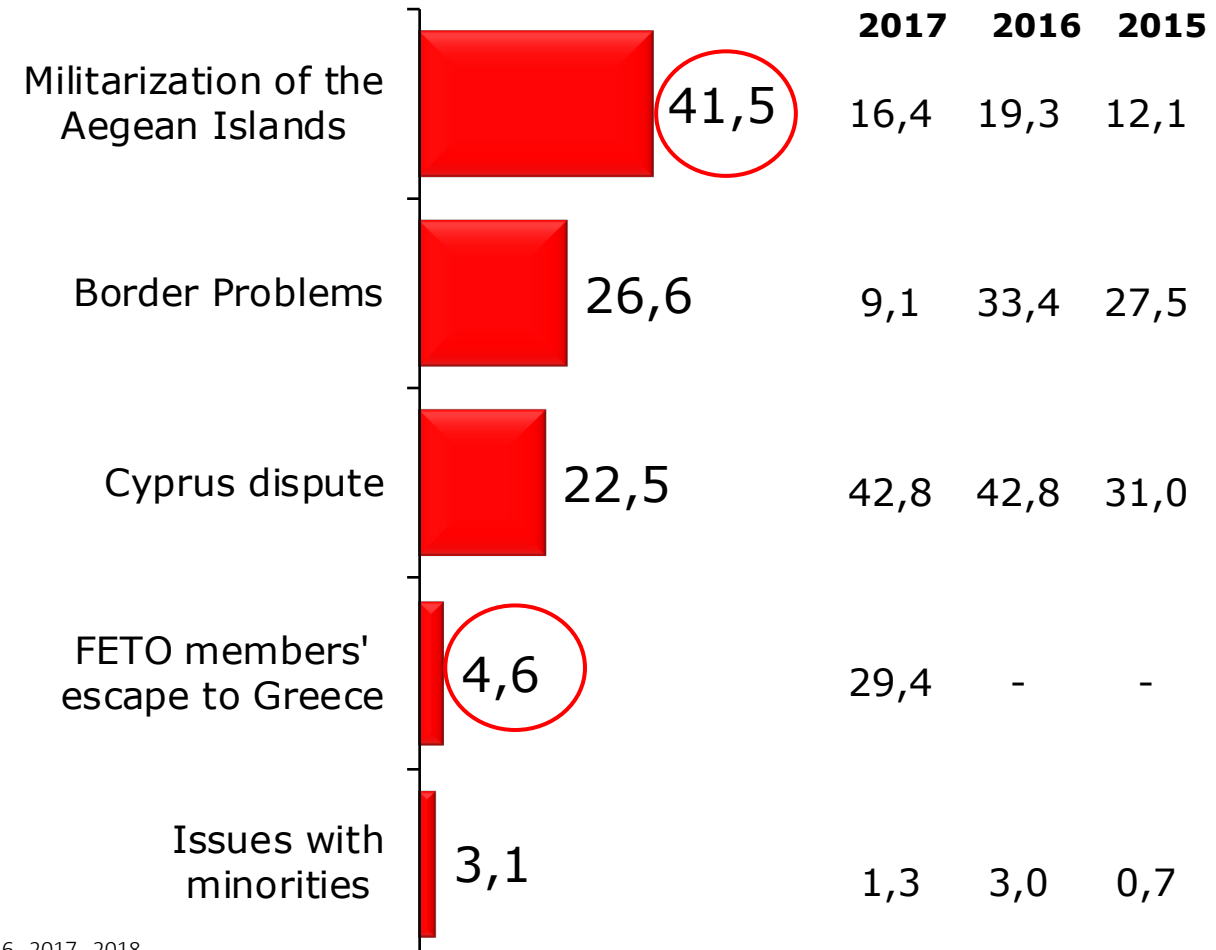


Relations with Greece

Are there any problems between Turkey and Greece?



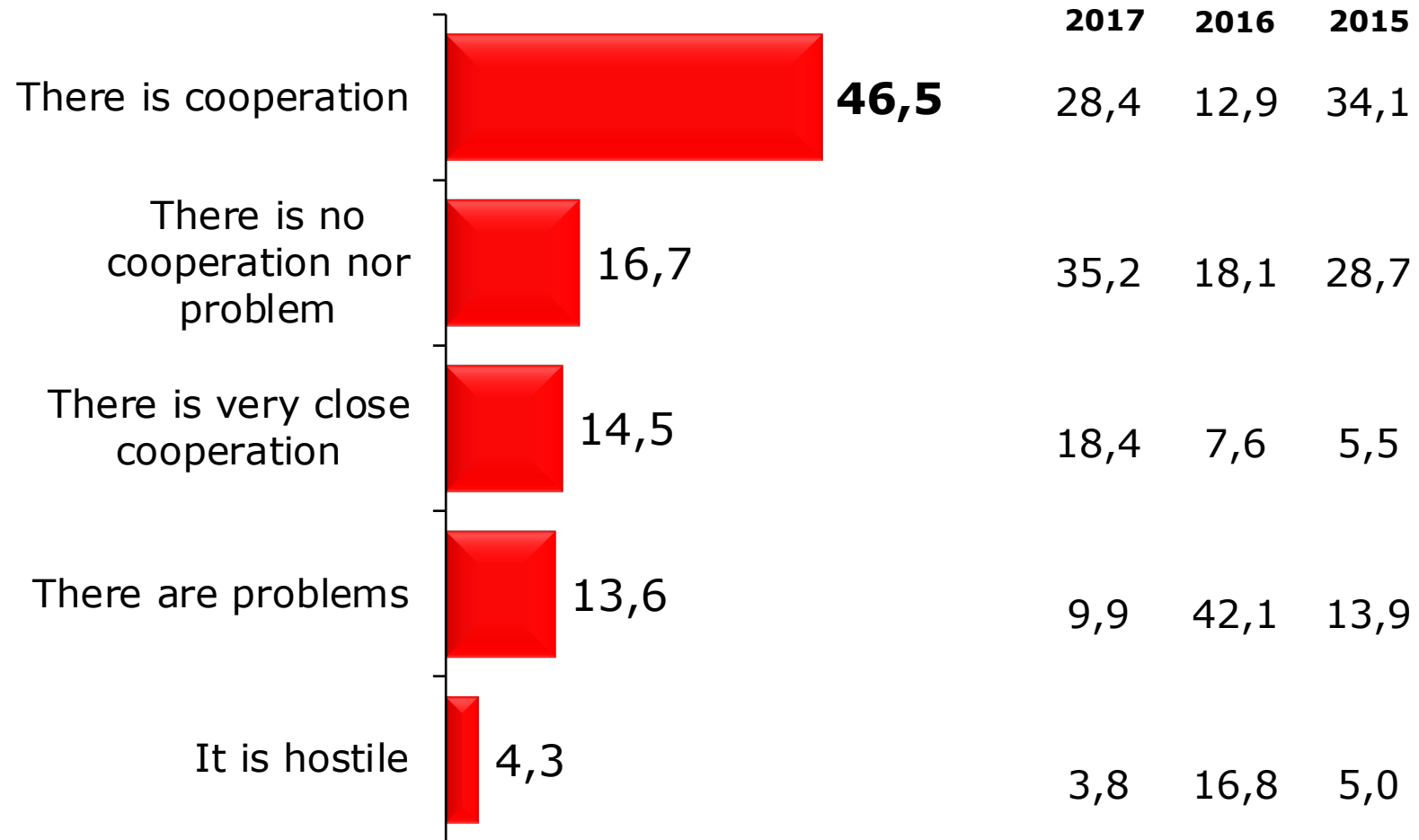
What is the most important problem between Turkey and Greece?



Base: 2015 2016 2017 2018
535 596 537 670

Relations with Russia

How do you define Turkey-Russia relations?

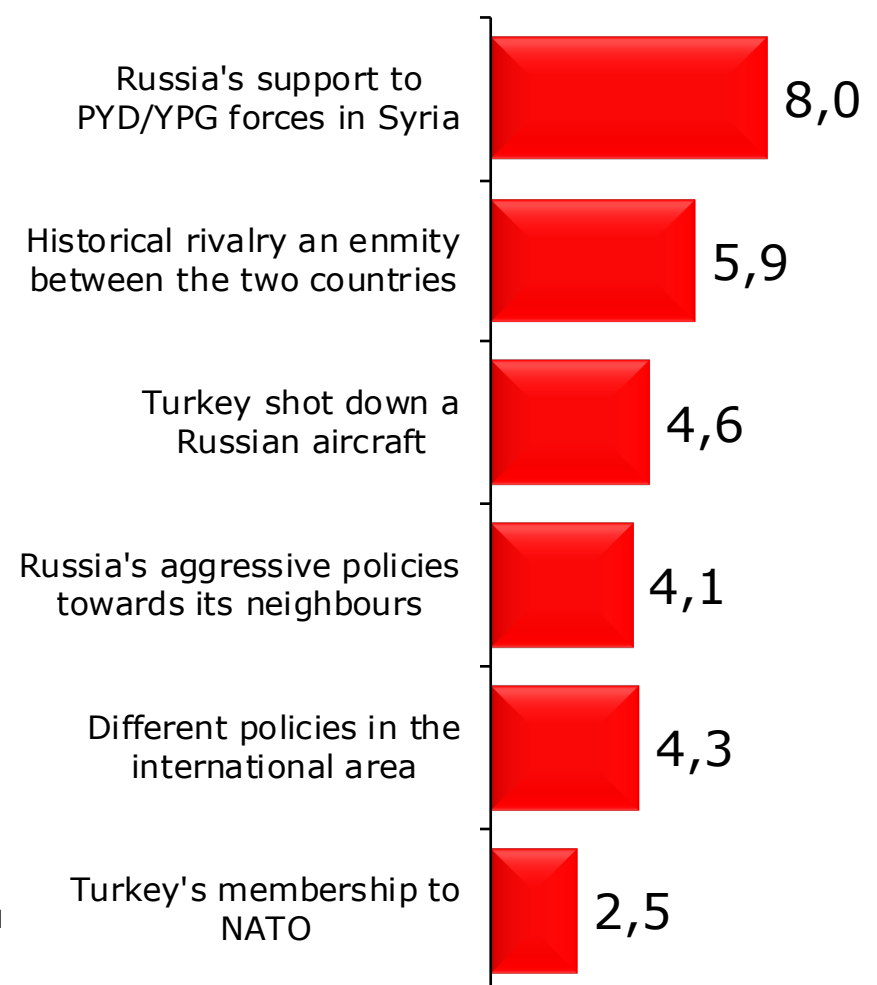
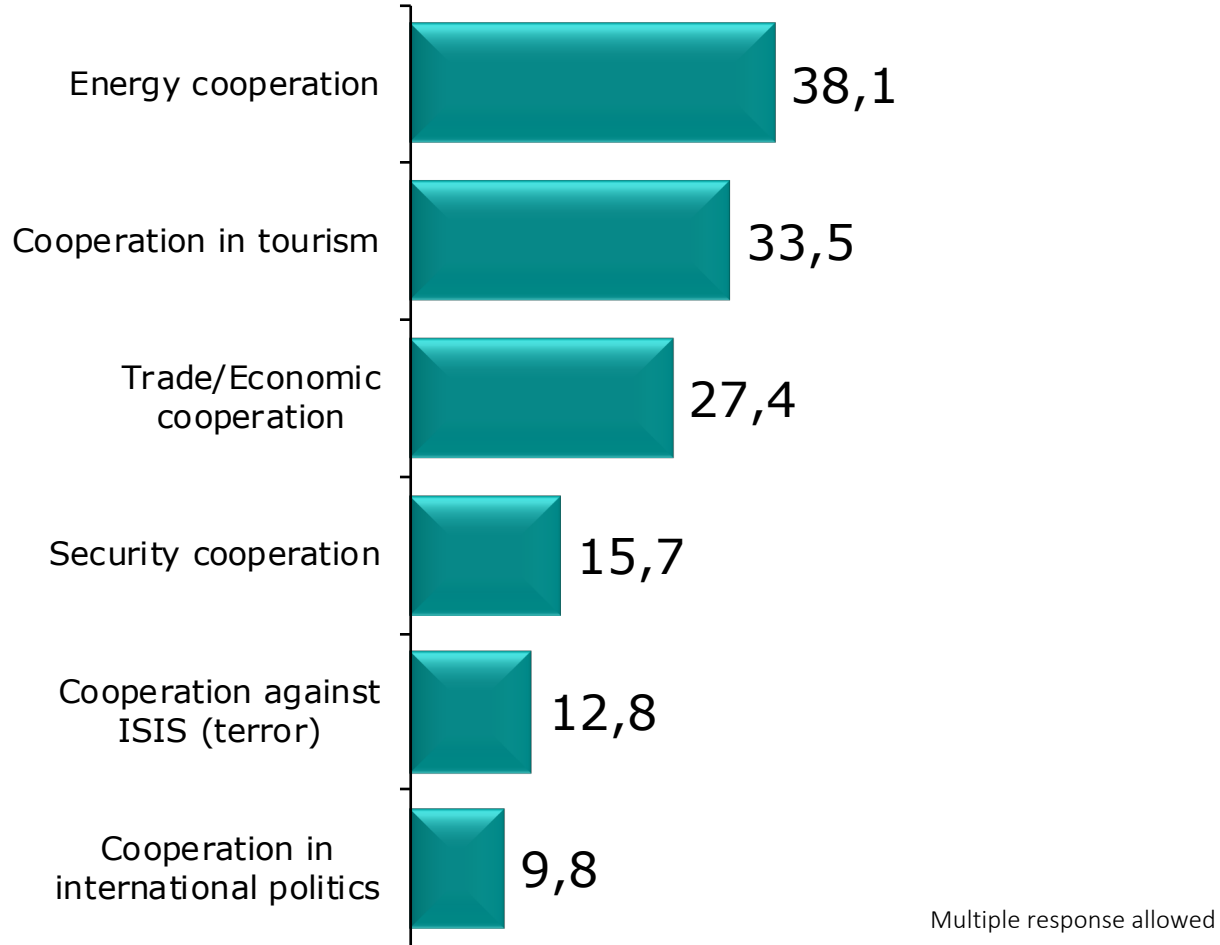


Relations with Russia

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

What are the reasons of enmity between Turkey and Russia?

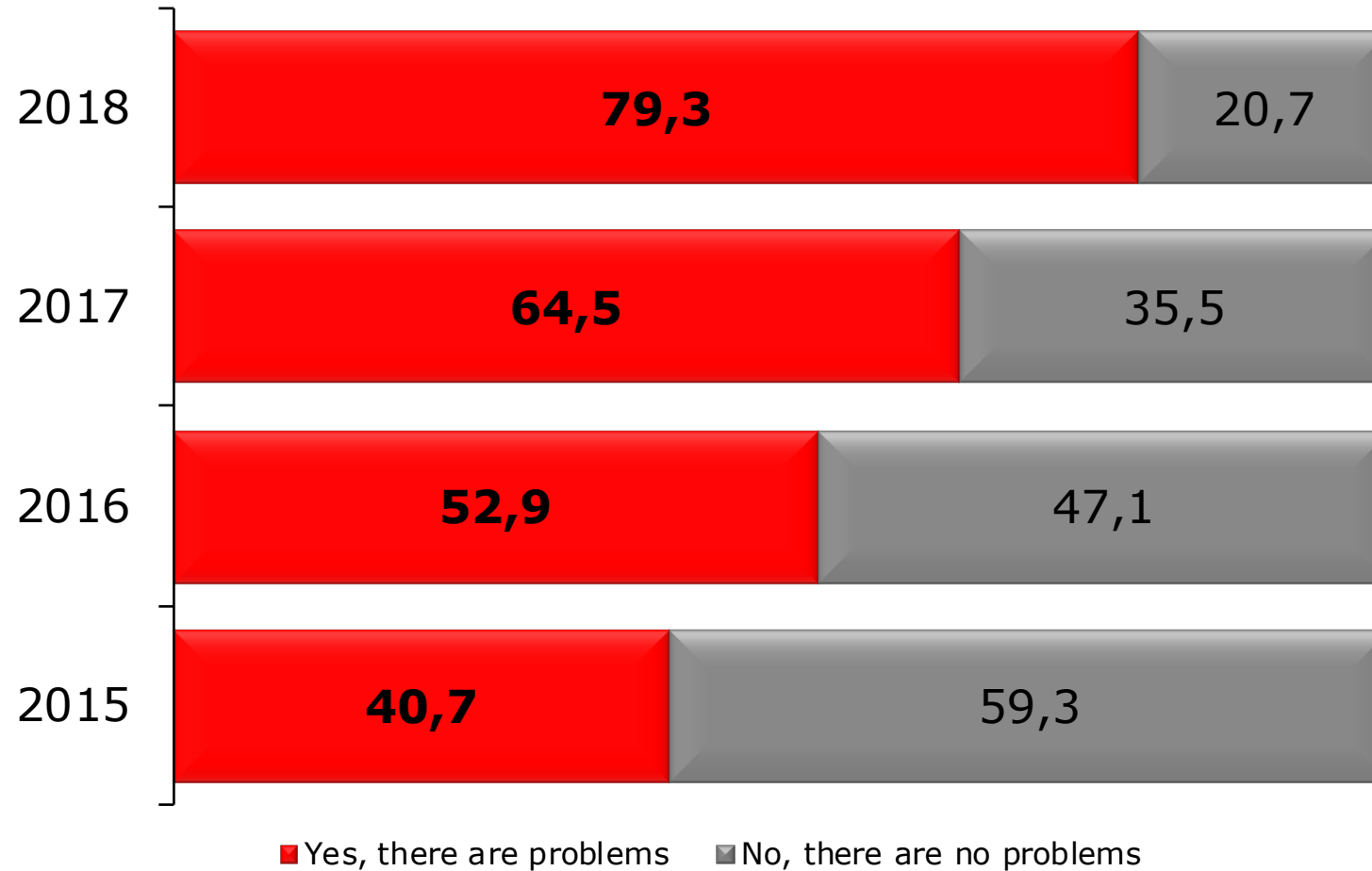
Those stated that there is cooperation:
46.5%



Those stated that there are problems:
13.6%

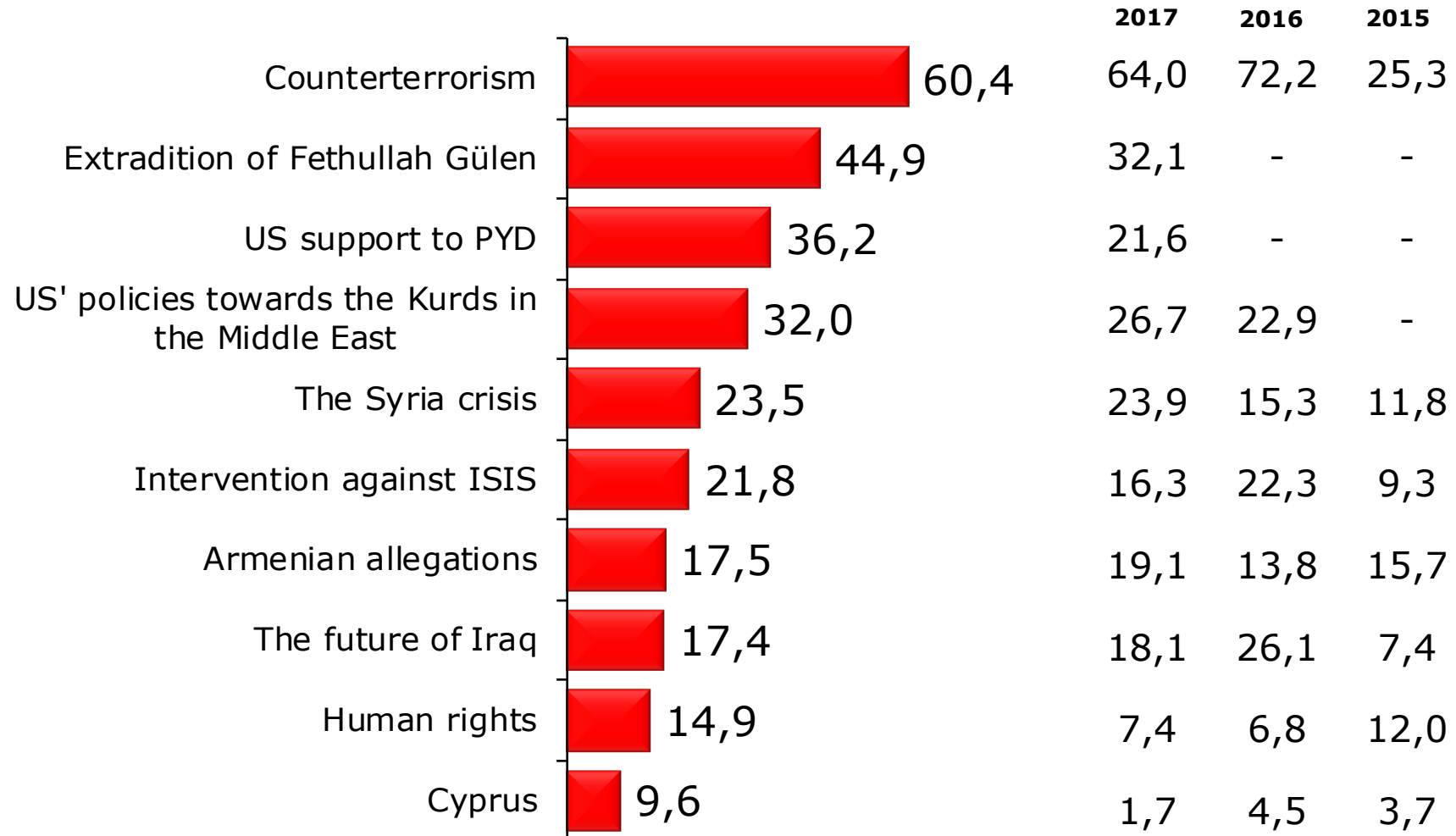
Relations with the USA

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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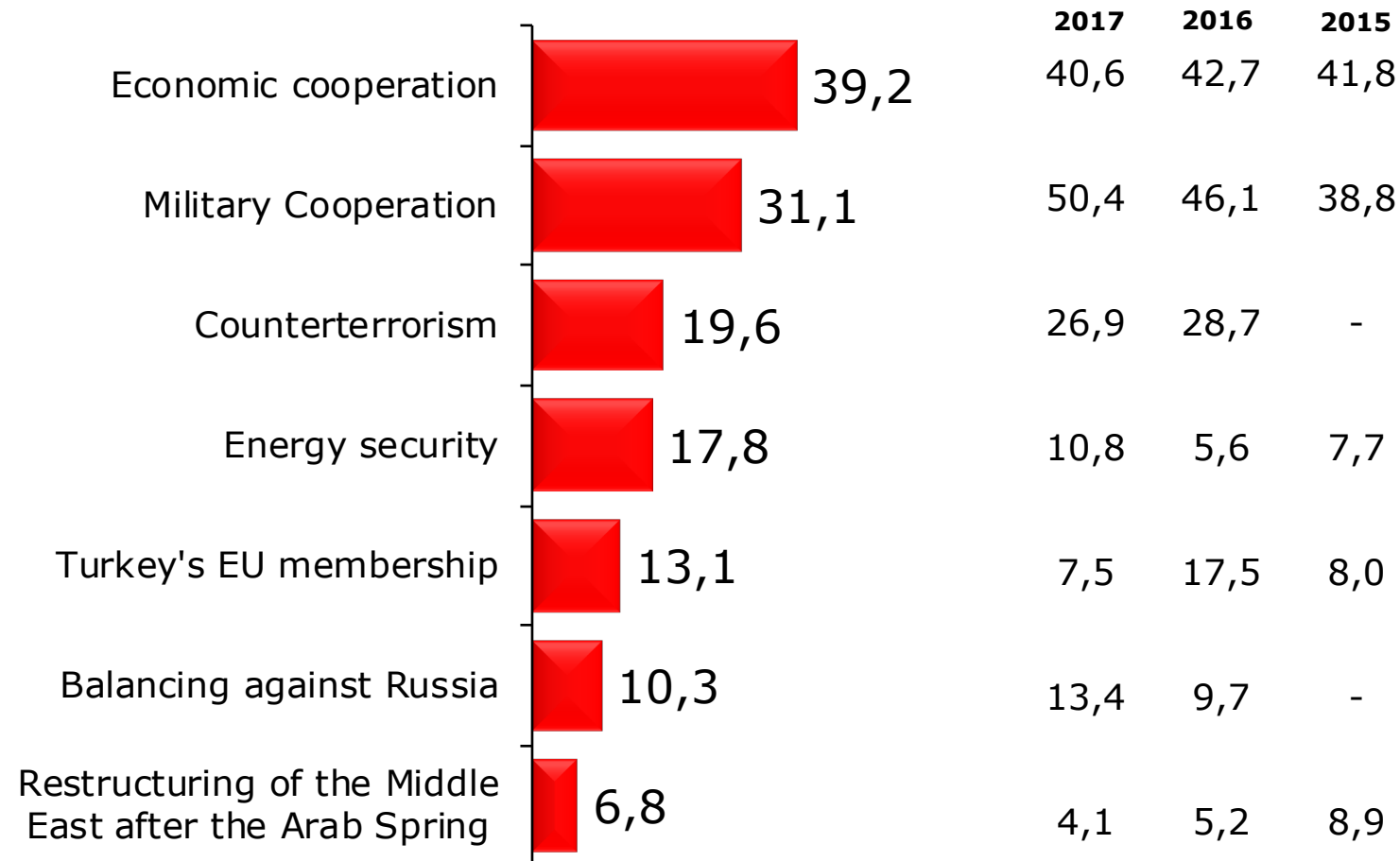
Base:

2015	2016	2017	2018
407	529	645	793



Relations with the USA

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



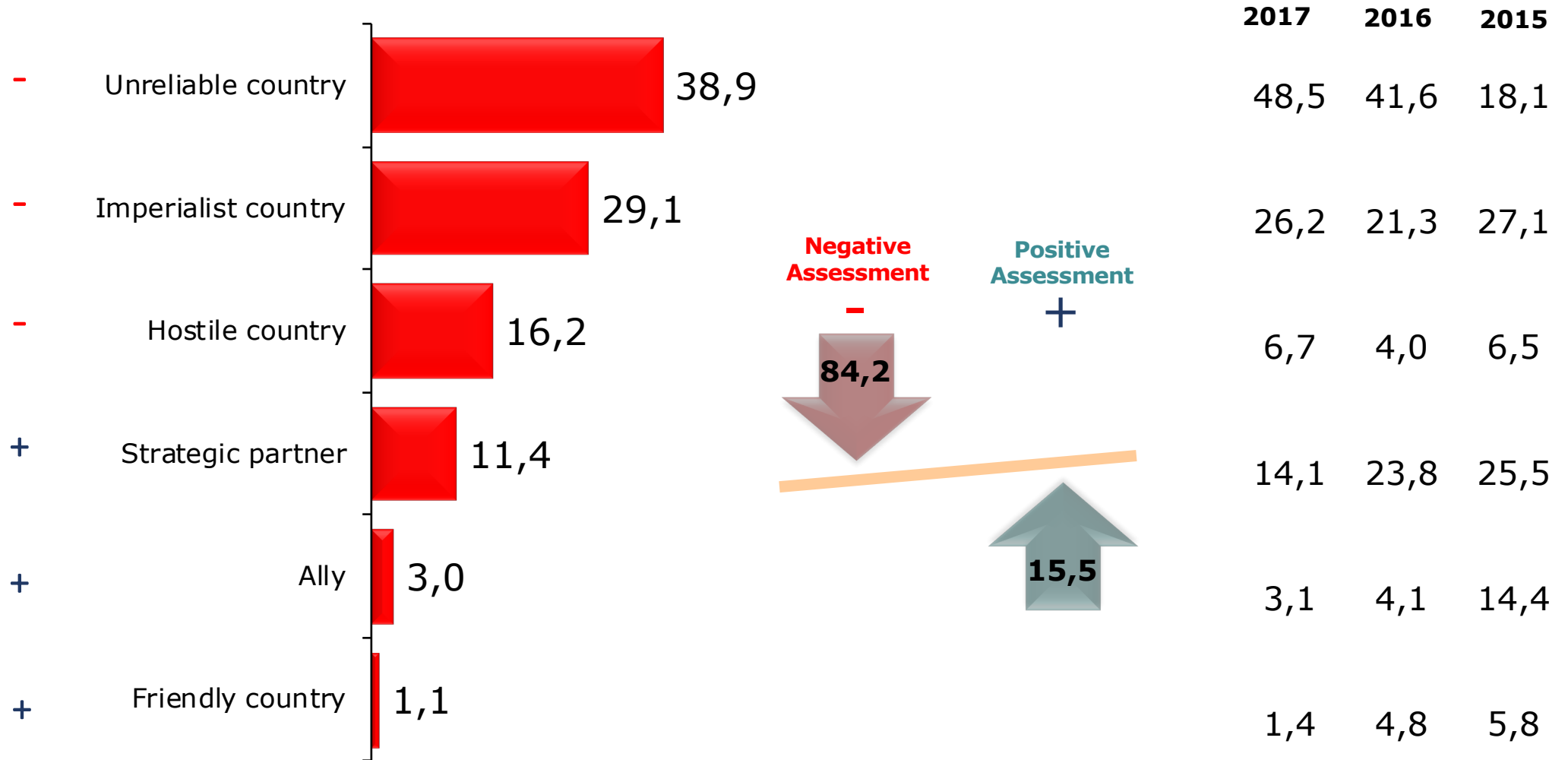
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2015	2016	2017	2018
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Relations with the USA

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



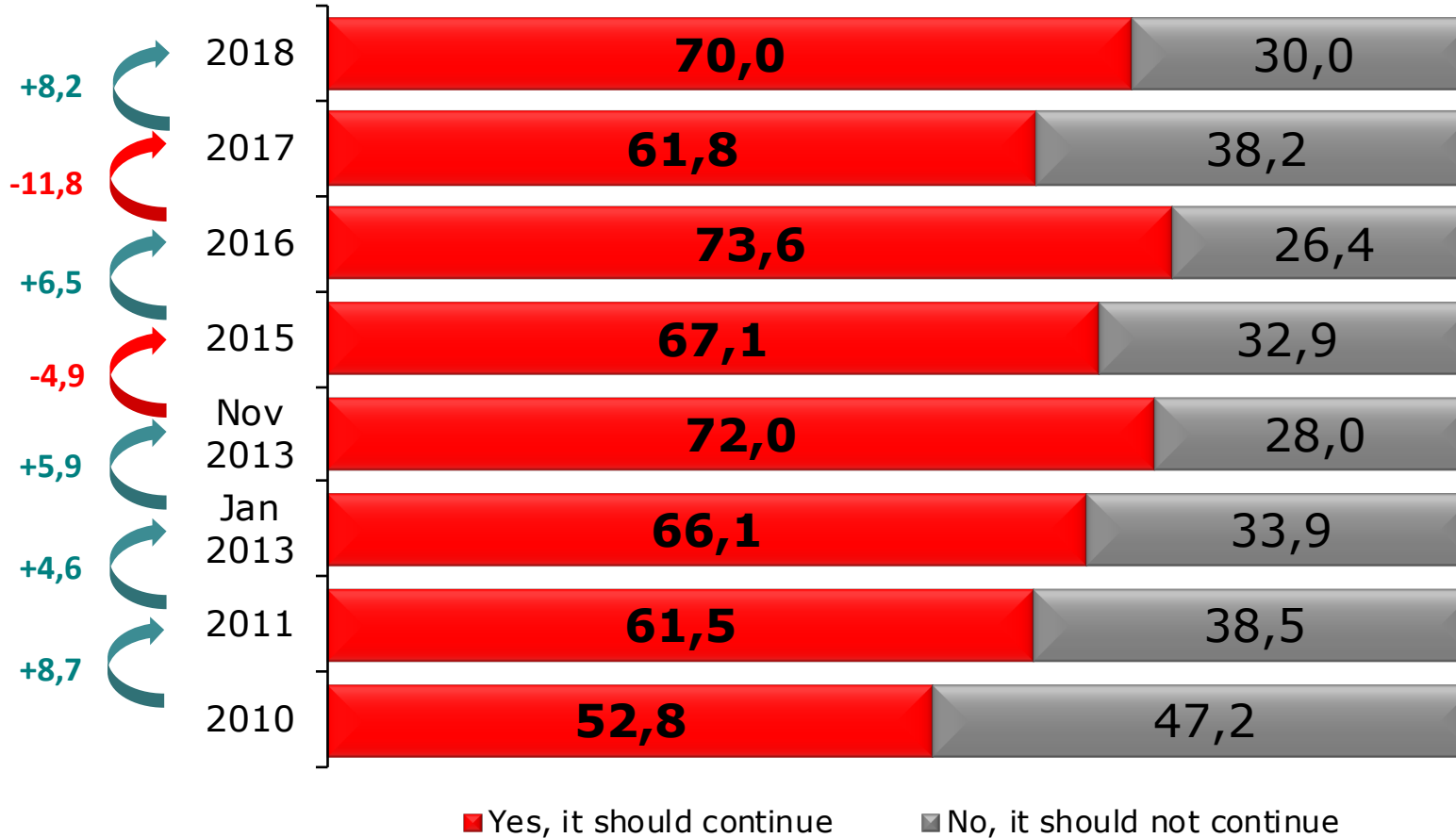
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International Organizations

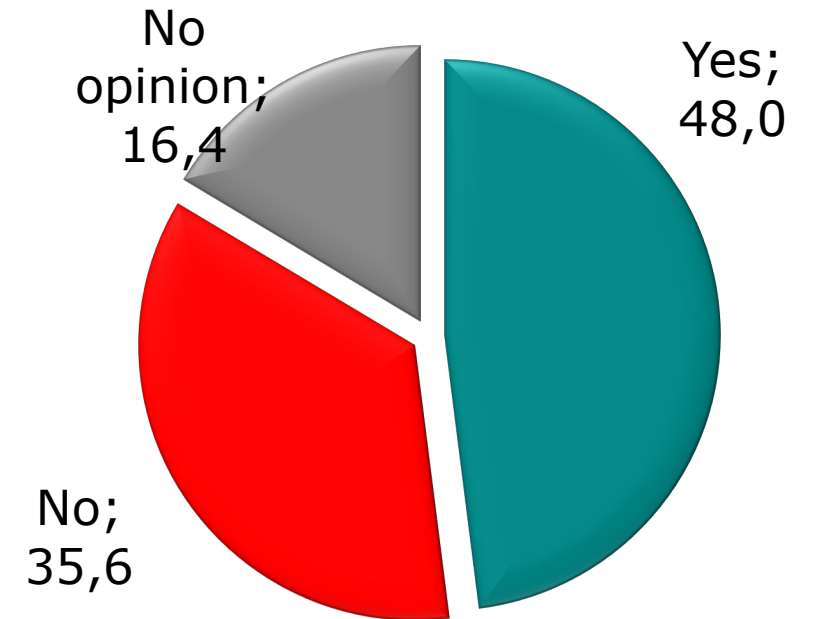
Do you think that Turkey's membership to NATO should continue?



Base:

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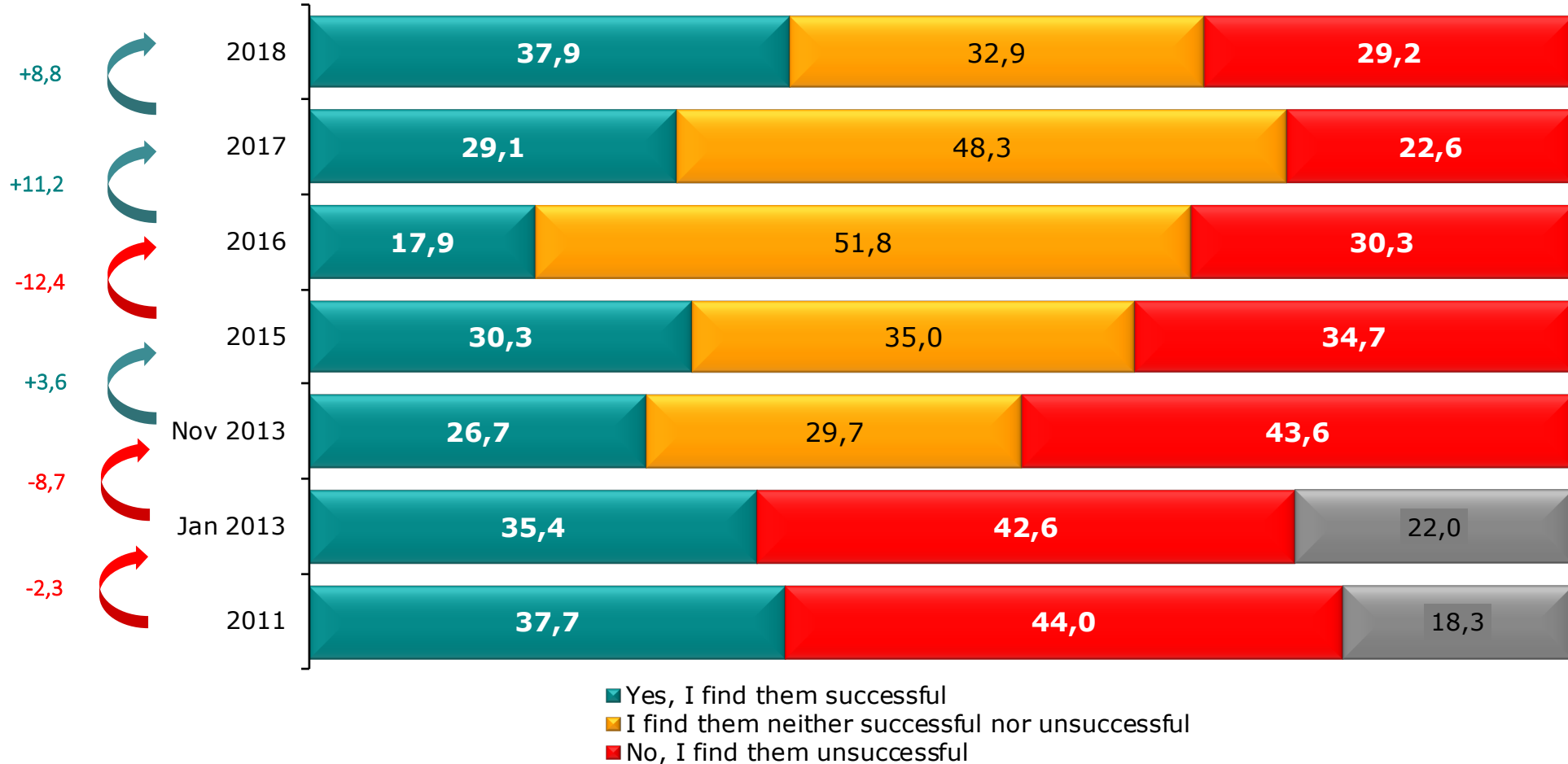
Do you think that Turkey can provide for its security without being a NATO member?



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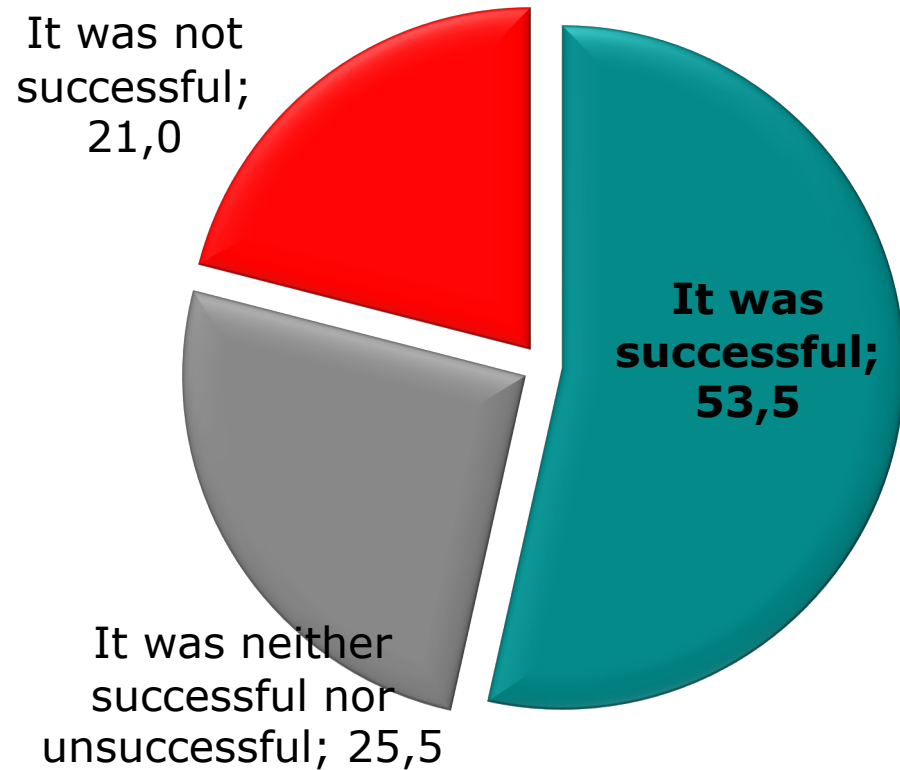
Relations with the Middle East

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

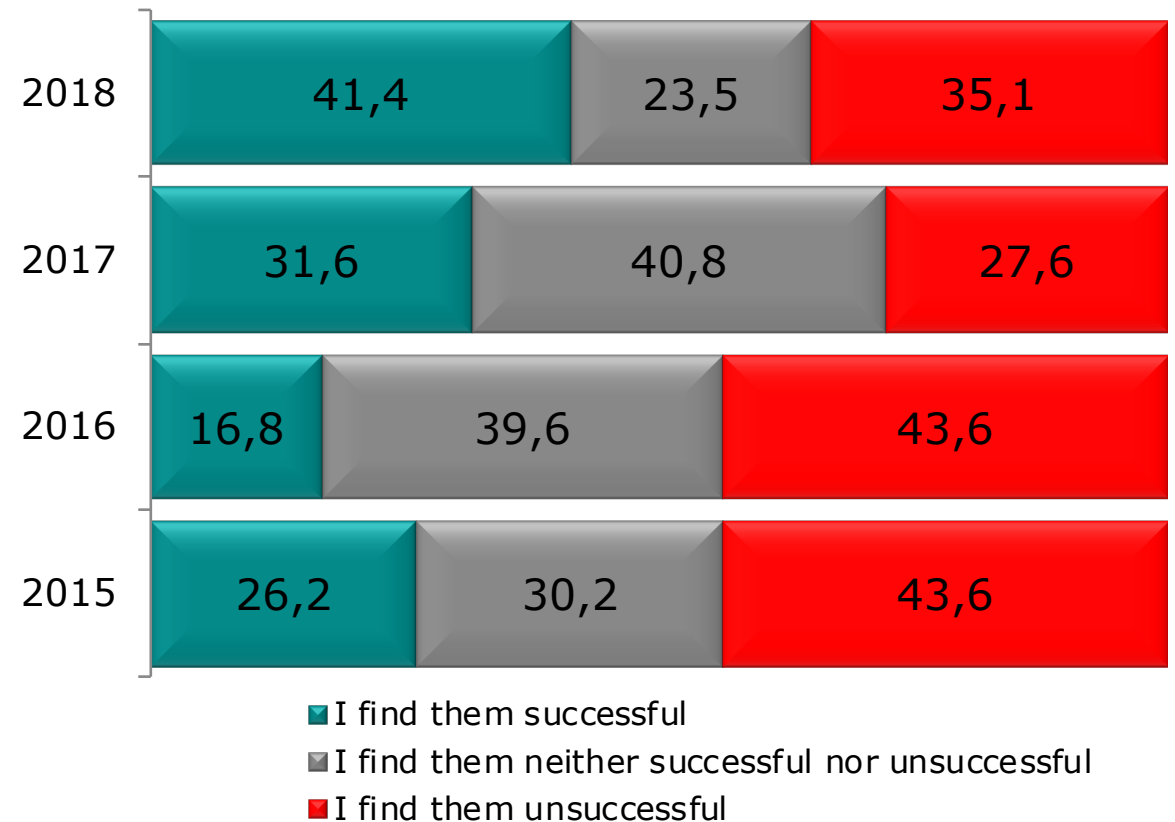


Relations with the Middle East

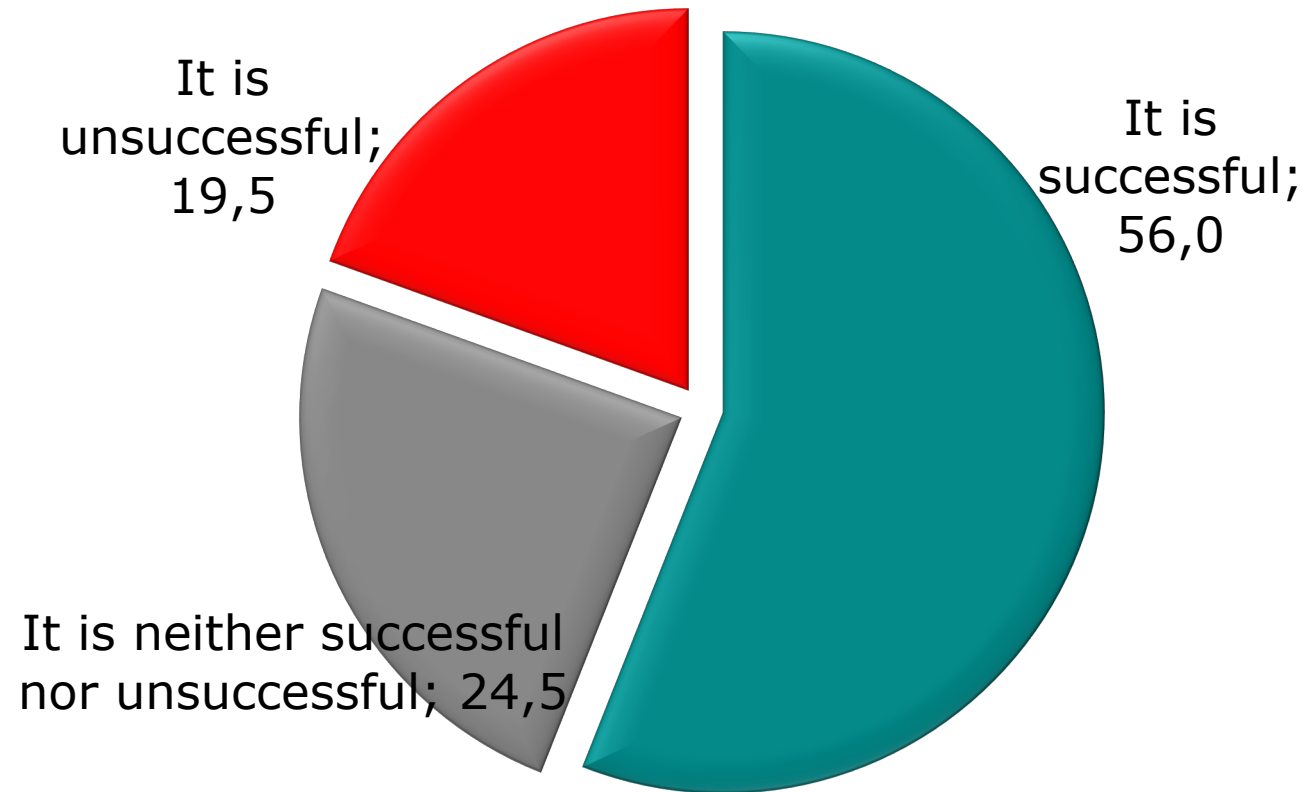
Do you think that the 'Operation Euphrates Shield' is successful?



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



Do you think that the 'Operation Olive Branch' is successful?

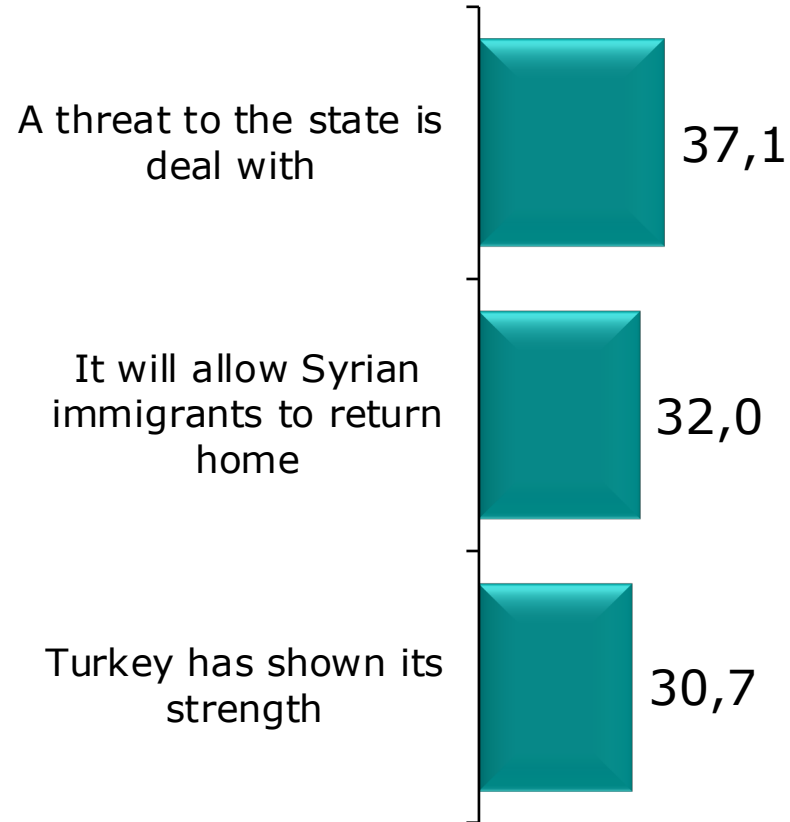


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Relations with the Middle East

Why do you think that 'Operation Olive Branch' is successful?

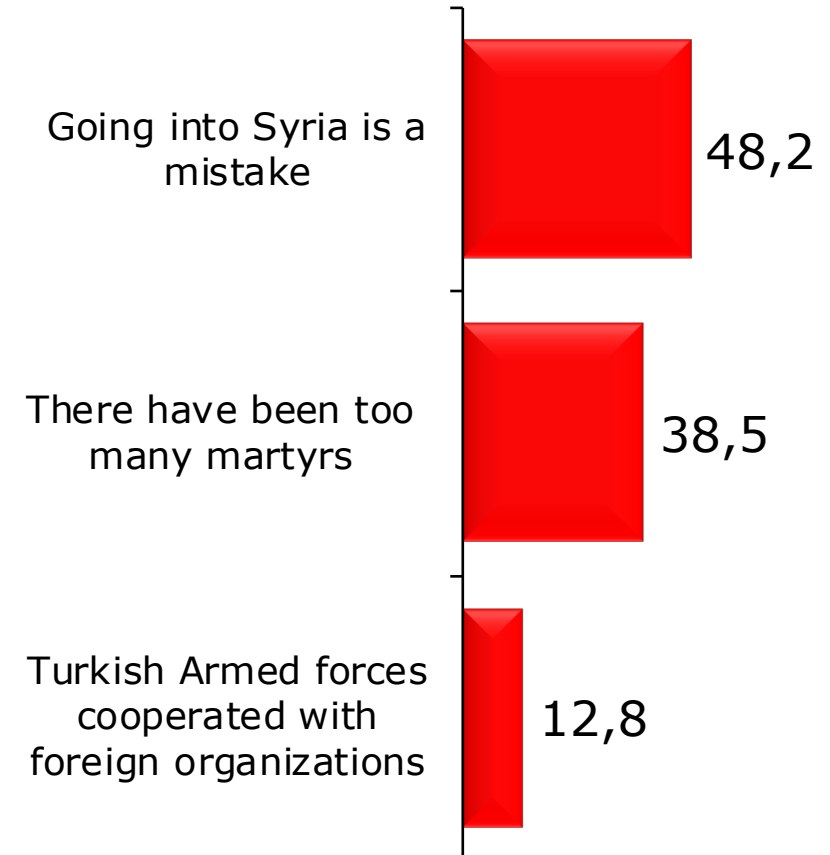
Found Successful
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Why do you think that 'Operation Olive Branch' is unsuccessful?

Found Unsuccessful
%19,5

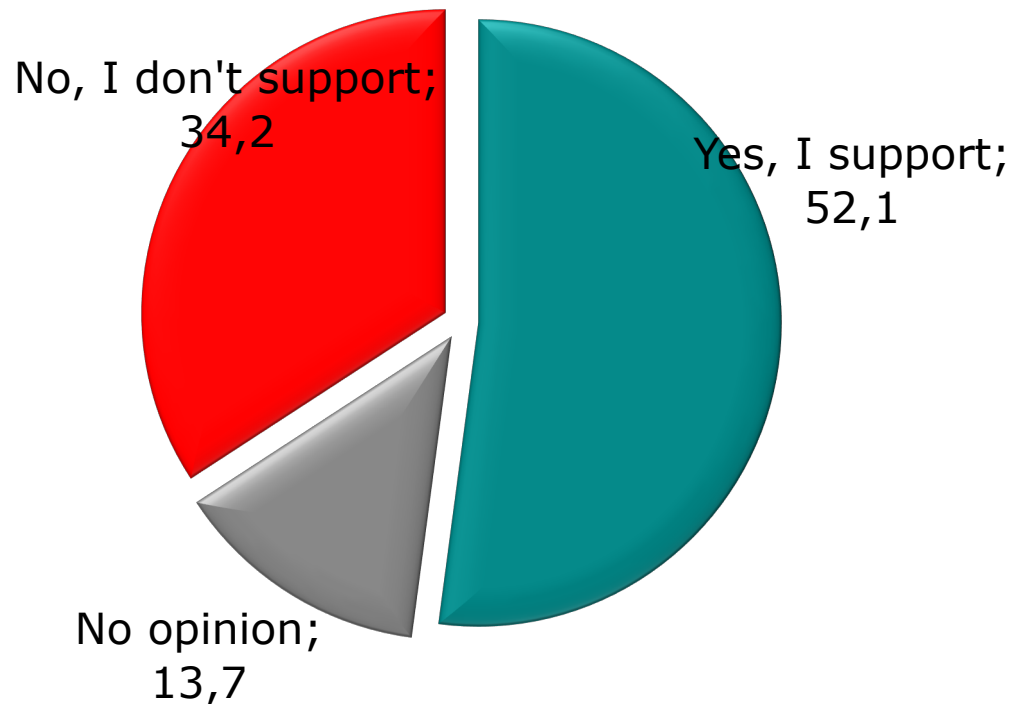


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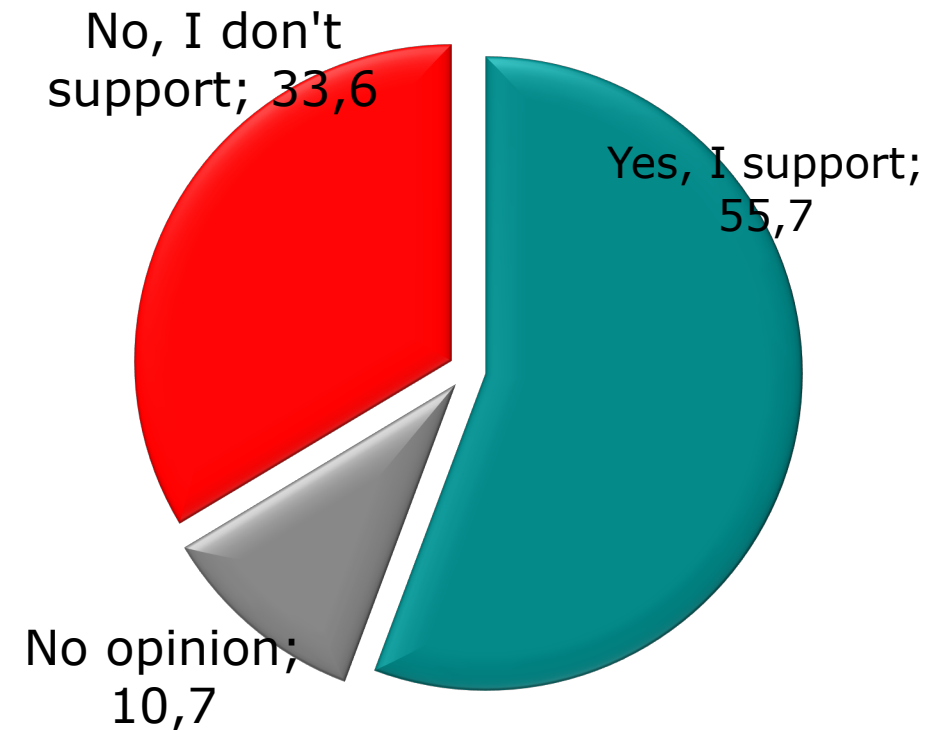
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Relations with the Middle East

Do you support Turkey's observation posts in the ceasefire provinces that are created in Syria?

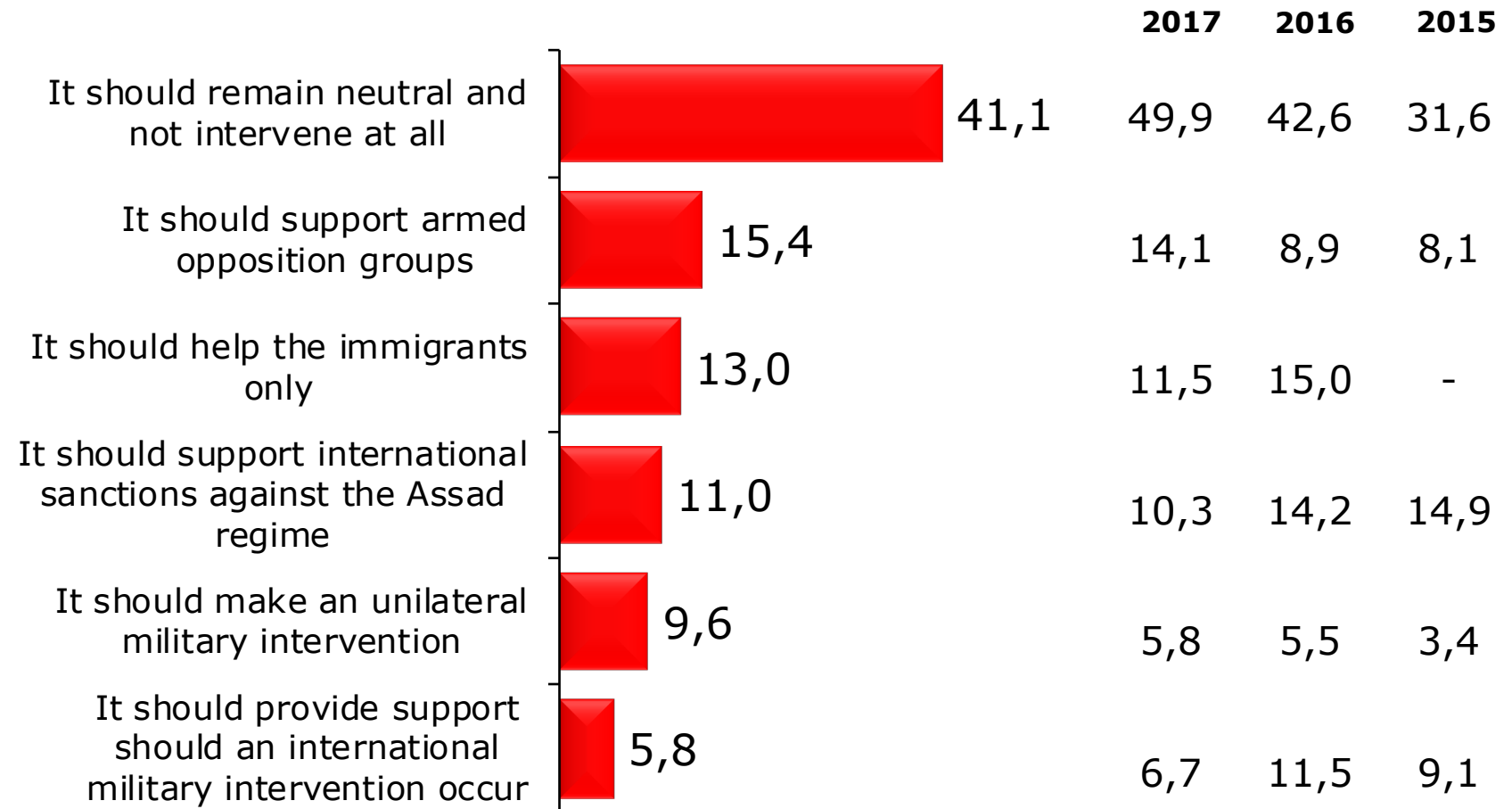


In general, do you support Turkey's cross border military operations?



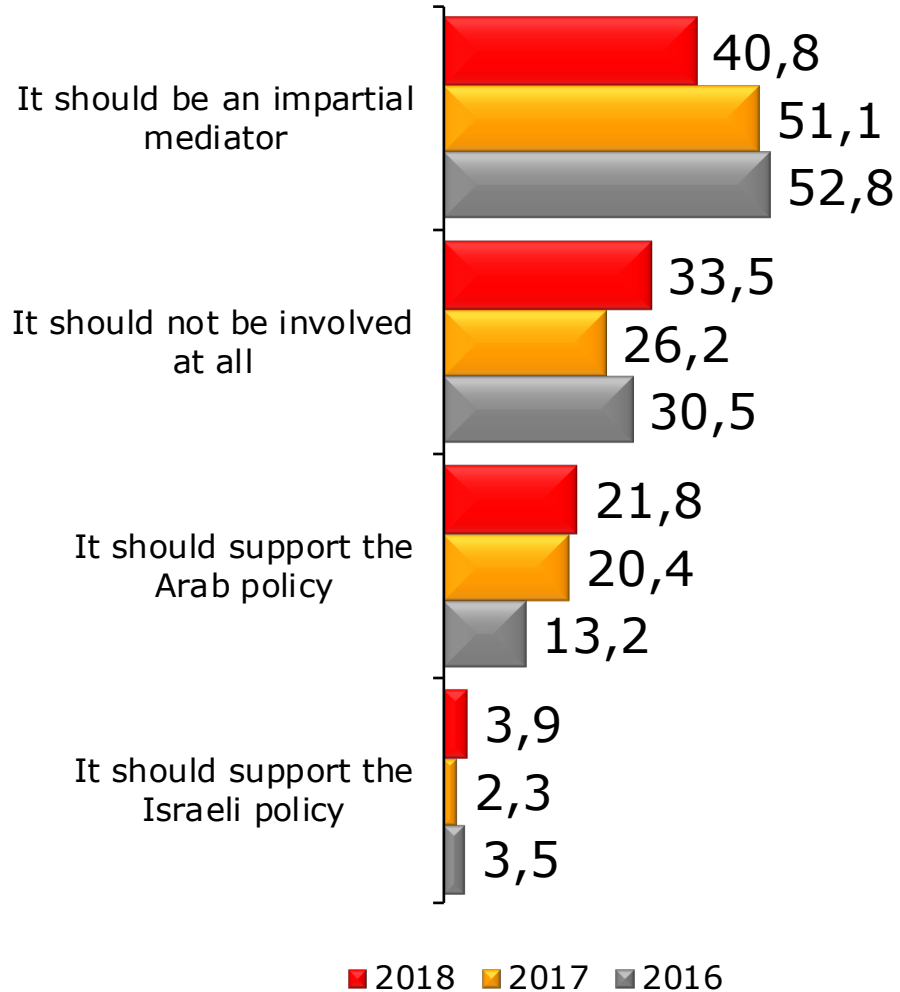
Relations with the Middle East

What kind of policy should Turkey adopt in Syria?

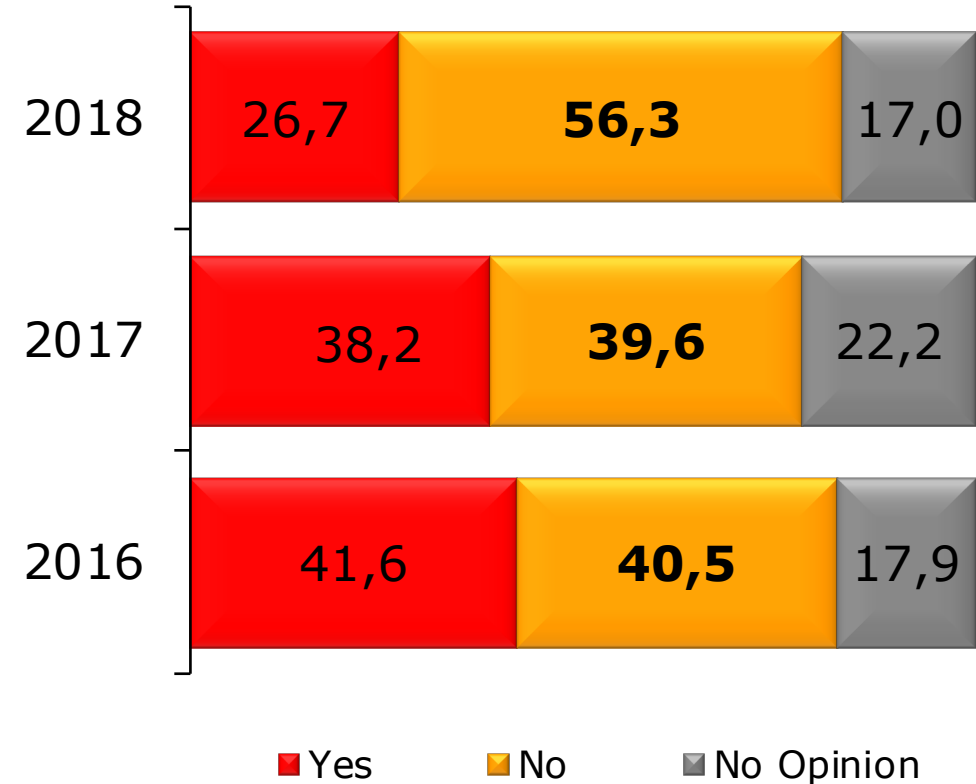


Relations with the Middle East

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



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

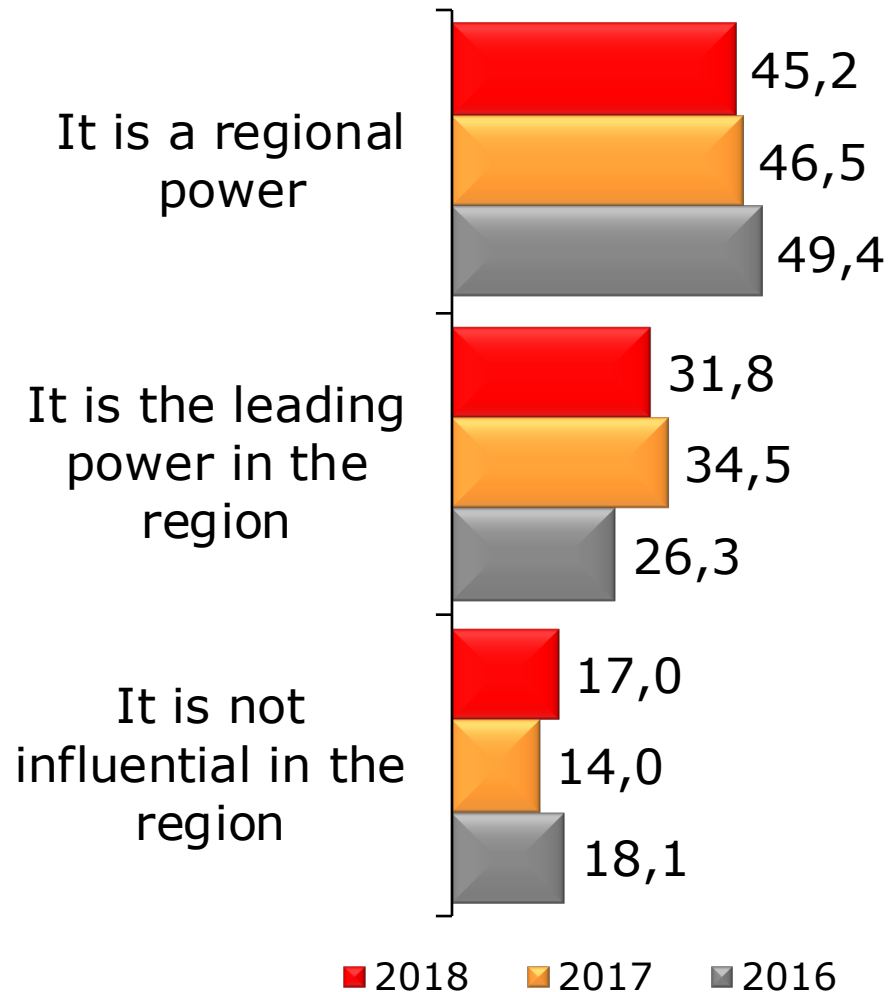


Which country has the most influence in shaping the future of the Middle East after the Arab Spring?

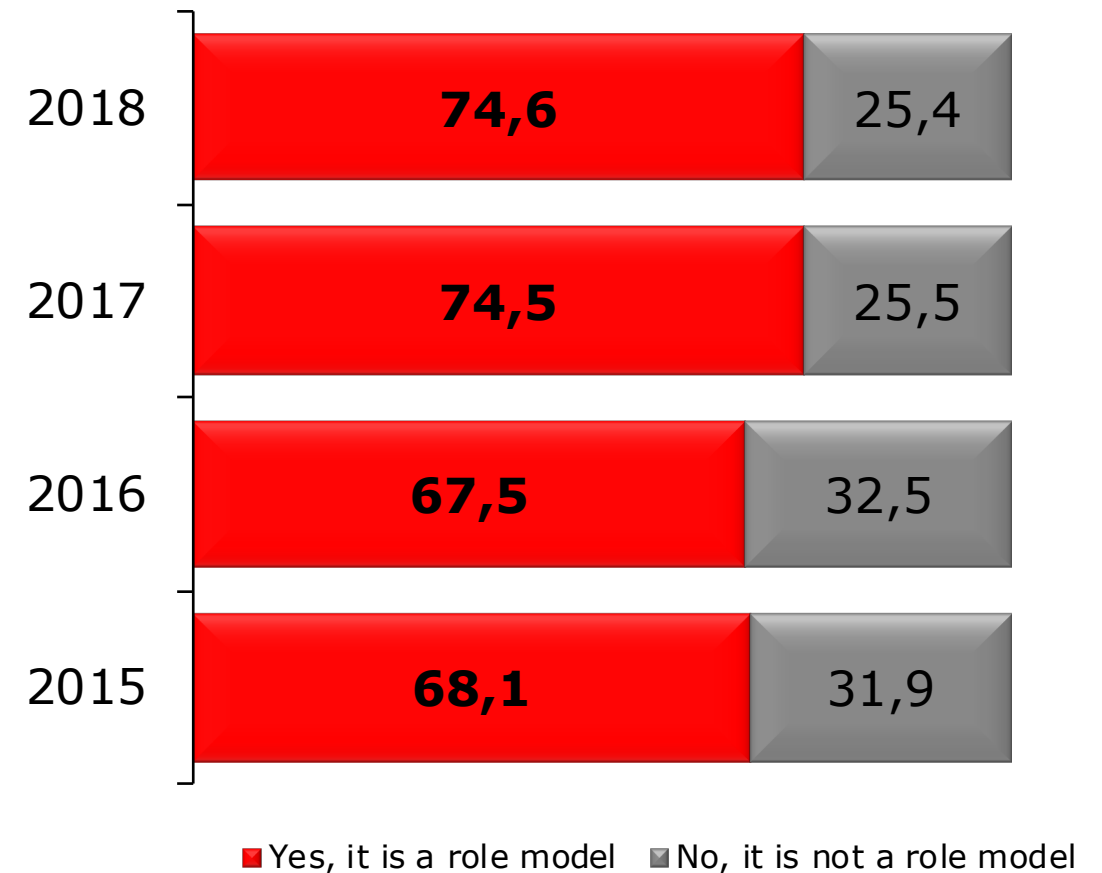
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Turkey	22,6	18,9	11,2	15,6
Russia	10,9	8,7	10,4	3,2
Saudi Arabia	5,3	6,0	13,6	8,8
Iran	2,6	2,5	4,4	6,4
Israel	5,8	2,2	4,9	8,7
China	3,2	0,9	0,9	1,0
Egypt	3,2	0,8	1,9	11,3

Relations with the Middle East

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

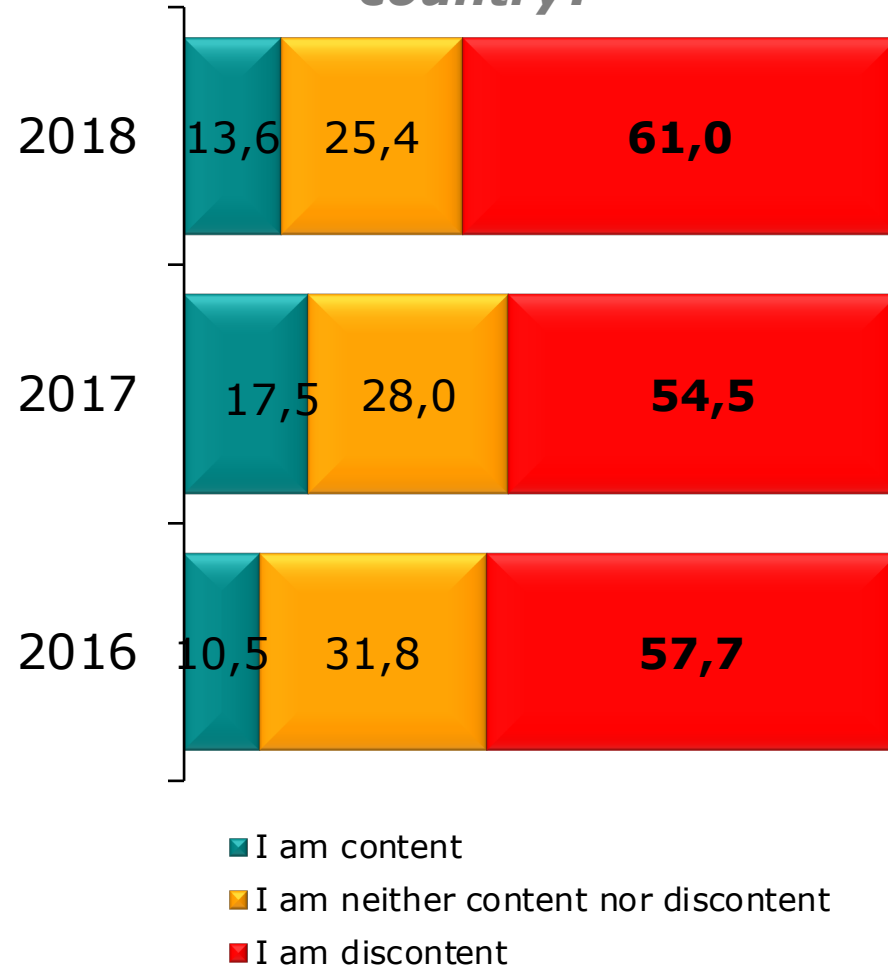


Can Turkey be an example or a role model for Muslim countries?

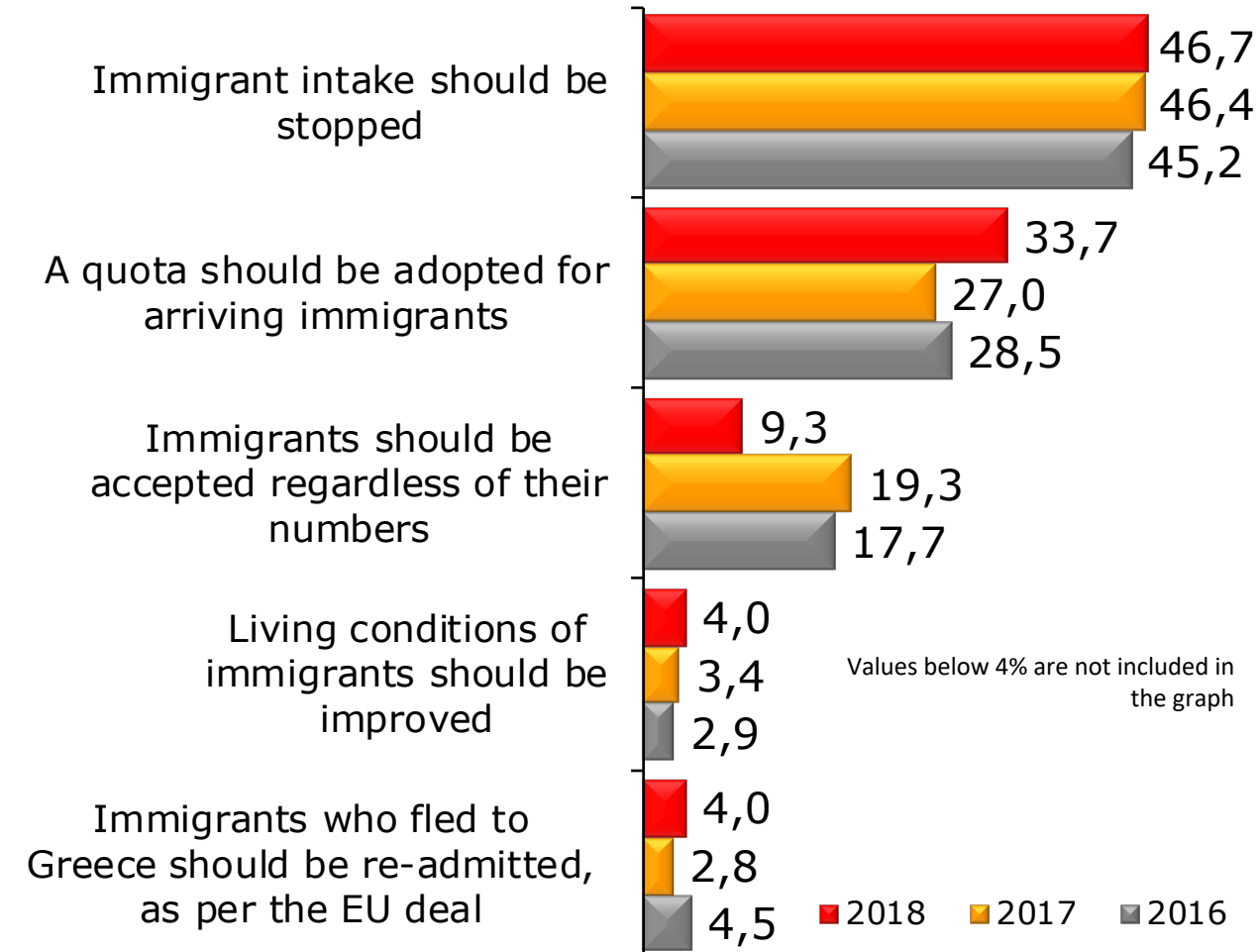


The Issue of Immigration

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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