



Public Perceptions on Turkish Foreign Policy 6 June 2018

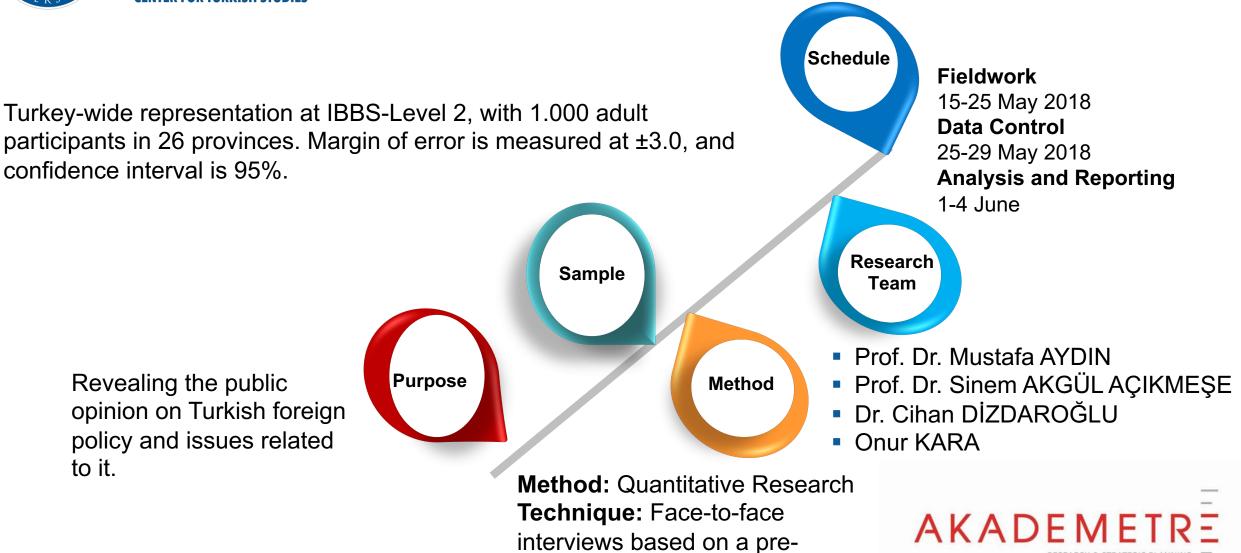
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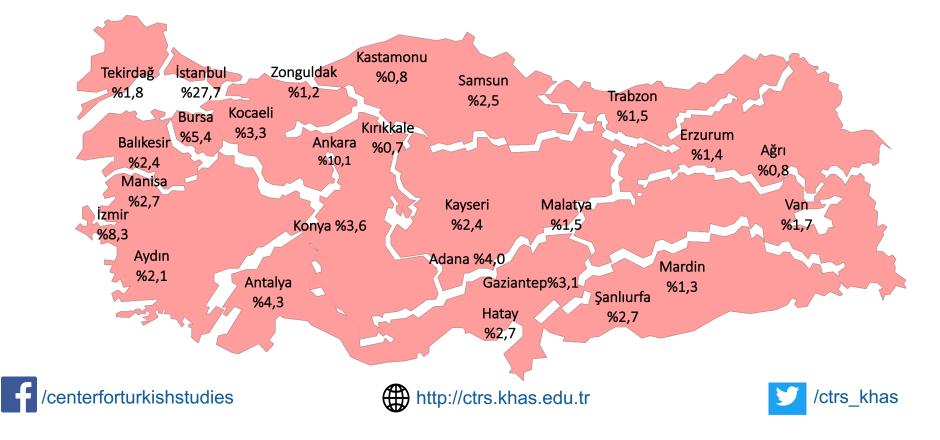


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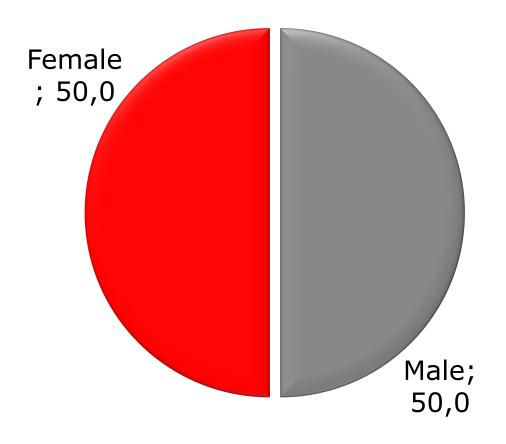
 Interviews were conducted with 1.000 adult participants residing in 26 provinces representative of Turkey at IBBS-2 level, all residing in city centers.



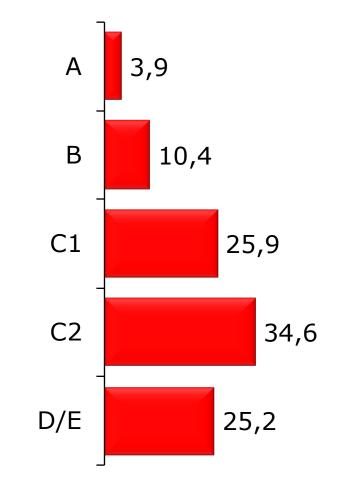
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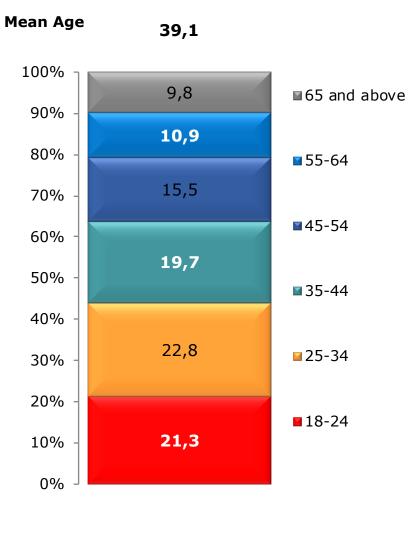


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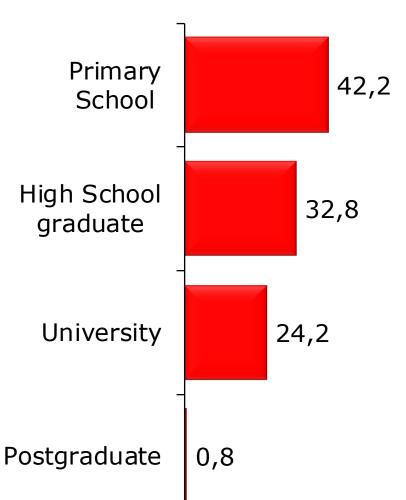


Age Distribution



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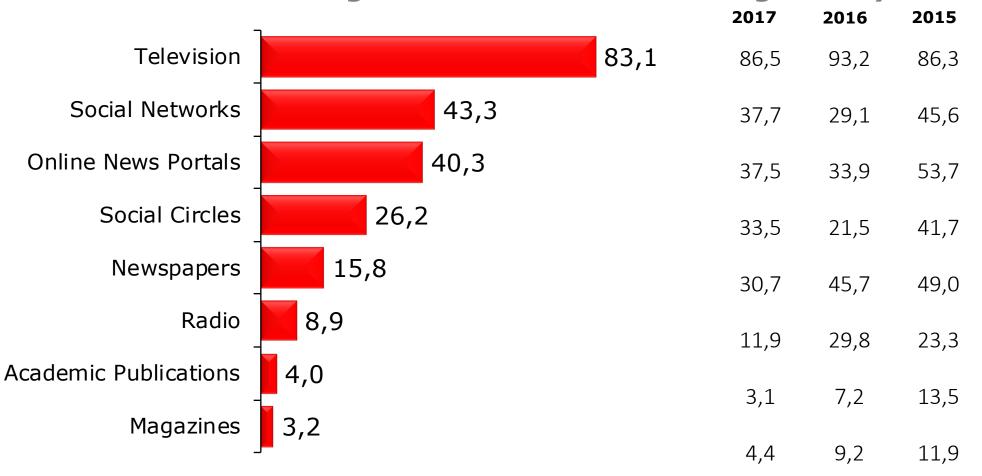


Education



Access to Information

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

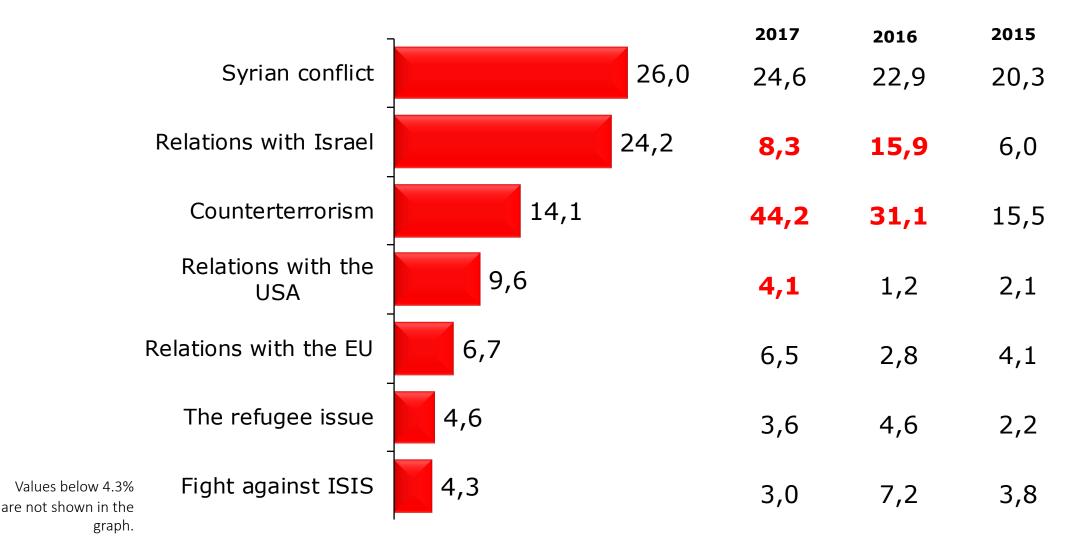


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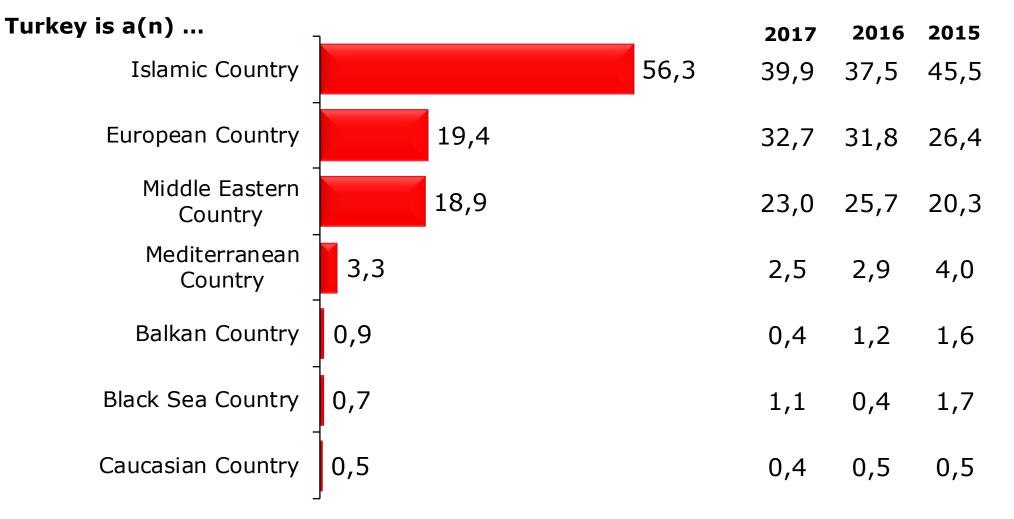
What is the most important issue of Turkish Foreign Policy recently?





Foreign Policy Image

Which one of the following represents Turkey the best?





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?

-		2017 2	016	2015			2017	2016	2015
The Presidency	68,8	69,2 2	3,2	28,4	The President	66,8	67,2	32,0	41,9
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	42,7	37,3 7	6,4	57,1	Minister of Foreign Affairs	37,4	32,7	68,0	48,5
The Prime Minister's Office	19,2	15,3 3	31,1	20,5	The Prime Minister	21,7	17,3	32,3	22,9
Turkish General Staff	11,9	24,3 3	3,8	4,1	The Government	18,5	34,9	53,0	25,3
The Government	10,0	18,9 5	5,9	28,4	Chief of the General Staff	2,5	5,1	4,0	4,1
National Intelligence Organization	6,3	13,4 8	8,3	5,2	Ambassadors	1,4	7,7	10,6	0,2



Foreign Policy-Making

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

		2017	2016	2015
Strengthening political relations with other countries	52,6	61,2	61,9	53,0
Economic aid to other countries	31,4	38,8	49,3	27,2
Mediating between countries	31,4	19,1	26,3	26,9
Sanctions of diplomatic and economic nature	26,6	30,0	36,3	27,9
Use of military force	15,3	7,8	12,3	16,3
Strengthening of economic relations with other countries	14,3	25,1	24,0	40,5
Public diplomacy activities	10,1	11,6	12,4	22,1
Playing a more active role in international institutions	1,9	15,1	9,4	29,2

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

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Perceptions toward Cooperation

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

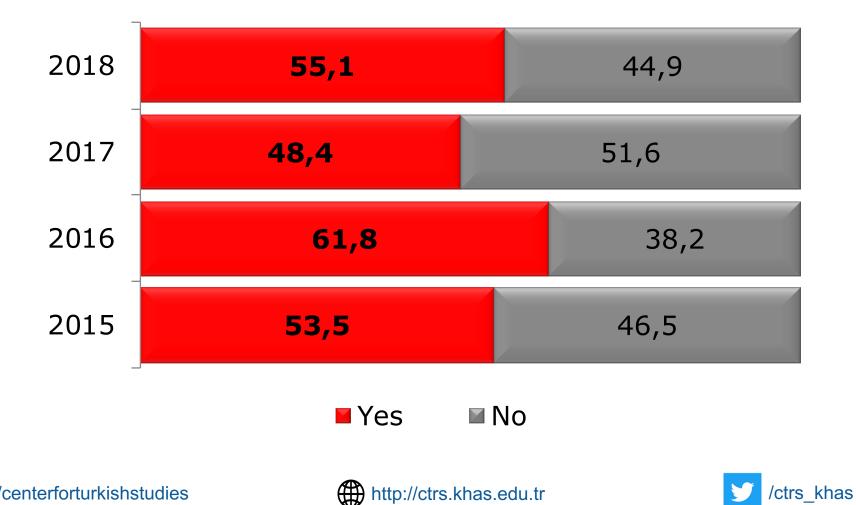
	2018	2017	2016	2015
Azerbaijan	45,4	59,0	48,5	18,7
Turkic Republics	31,8	37,4	16,7	16,2
Muslim Countries	23,4	22,4	9,8	19,5
Russia	(13,2)	7,8	3,0	9,4
NATO countries	8,1	7,1	-	-
TRNC	10,1	5,4	3,6	6,3
Pakistan	4,6	4,7	1,3	1,3
The European Union	7,6	4,1	8,1	7,0
China	4,8	3,4	3,1	3,7
USA	1,7	2,5	7,2	12,6
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

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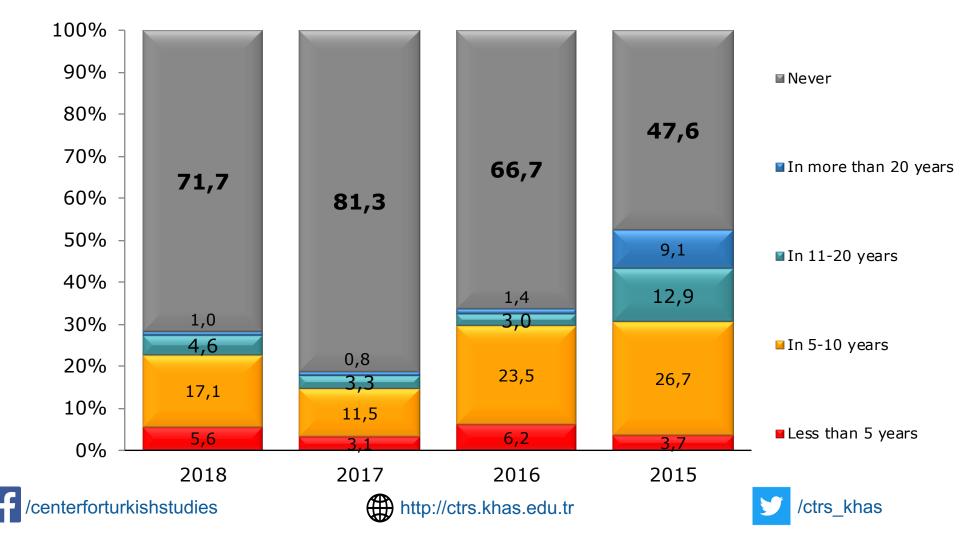
Do you want Turkey to become an EU member?





Relations with the EU

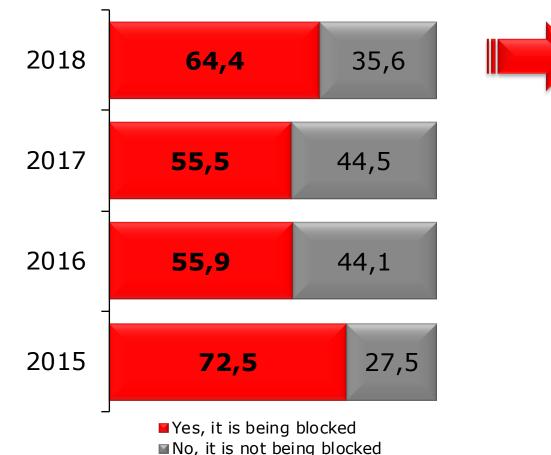
When Turkey can be a full-member of the EU?





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 Turkey's membership to the EU?

-			2017	2016	2015			
Religious and identity differences		58,7	73,0	59,4	46,2			
Democracy and human rights	7,6		7,6	10,7	5,9			
The Cyprus dispute	7,5		1,3	5,7	0,8			
Historical enmity	7,3		3,1	0,4	-			
- Turkey's economic problems	5,6		8,8	11,6	9,0			
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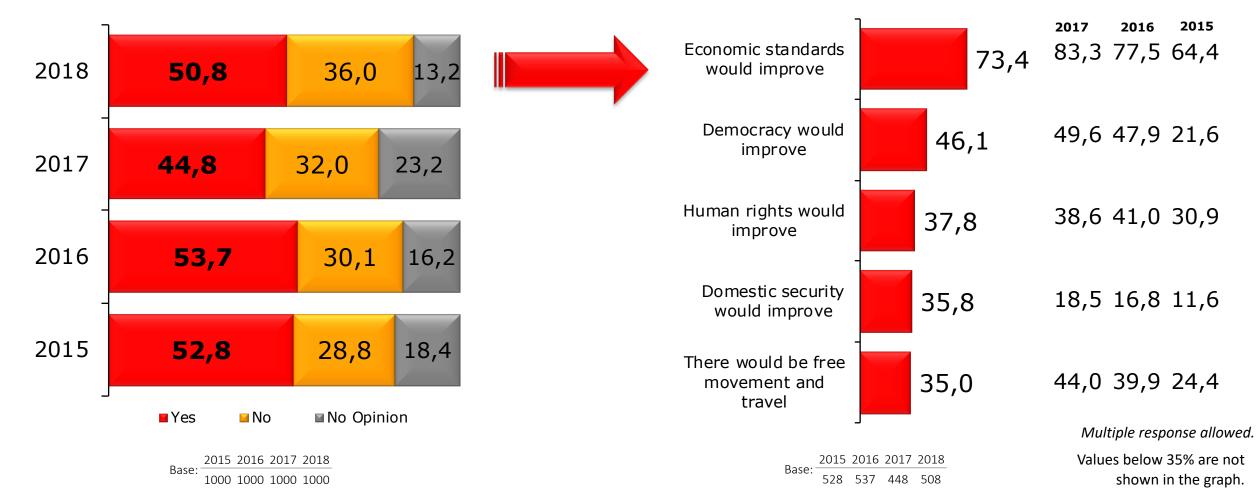
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Relations with the EU

Would the EU membership be beneficial to Turkey?

How would Turkey benefit from EU membership?





Relations with the EU

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

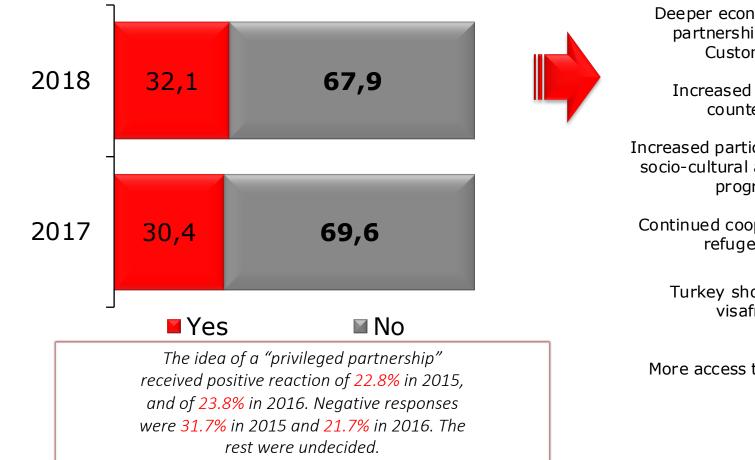
How would the EU benefit from Turkey's membership?

2018	52,1	34,4 13,5	Young labour force		2017 55,7 50,7	2016 2015 44,4 42,7
2017	45,2	31,0 23,8	A large market		53,4 38,3	32,3 26,8
- 2016	46,2	35,4 18,4	Multiculturalism -		44,9 61,3	54,3 21,4
-			More security	29,6	5 37,8	31,8 9,5
2015	63,9	20,1 16,0	- Being more active in international relations	29,6	5 15,9	13,4 13,9
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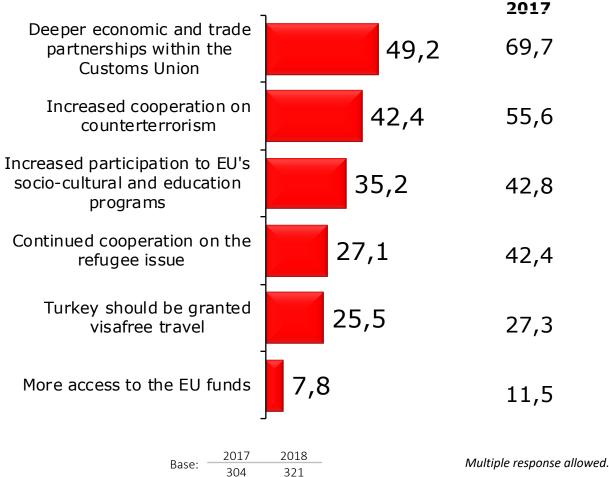
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Relations with the EU

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



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





Relations with the EU

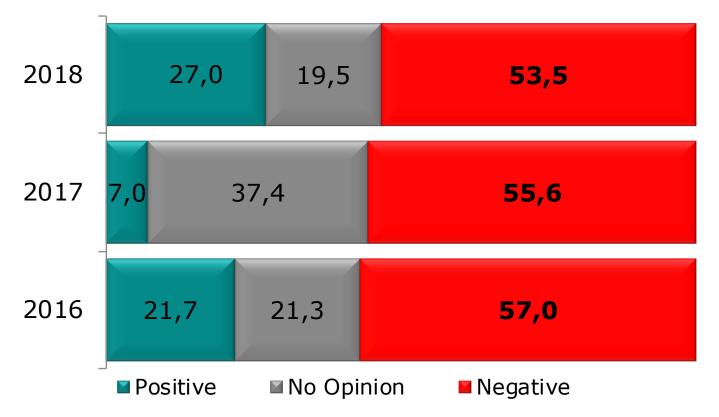
Which one of the following could be an alternative to the EU Membership?

-		2017	2016	2015	
It should establish a Turkic Union	15,9	11,5	9,0	-	14.8% thinks that the EU membership has no
Being more active in the Organization for Islamic Cooperation	15,0	17,6	17,6	14,2	alternative (10.3% in 2017, 19.7% in 2016), and the process should continue.
Strategic cooperation with Russia	14,1	27,6	14,8	11,2	17.8% (12.2% in 2017, 9.9% in 2016) state that Turkey should not join
Joining the Shanghai Cooperation Organization	12,1	13,1	6,8	4,9	any union.
Improving relations with NATO-USA	8,6	7,5	19,8	13,1	



Relations with the EU

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



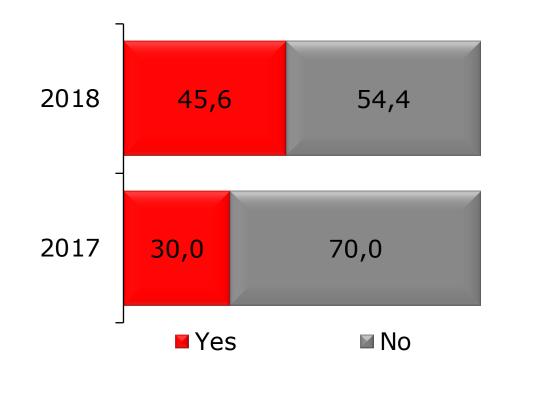




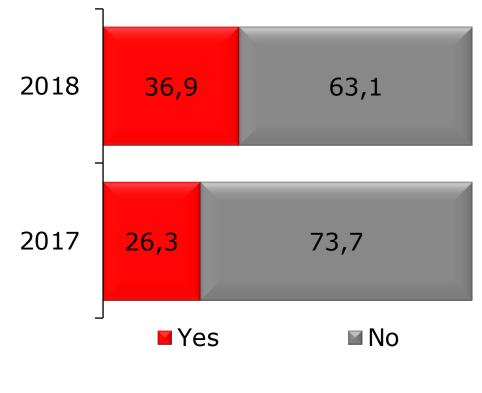


Relations with the EU

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?

-	ı		2017	2016	2015
It is an indispensable, brother-country		67,6	78,4	59,7	56,1
It is a strategic base in the Mediterranean	29,7		18,0	31,3	14,1
It is a weight on Turkey's back	15,1		11,1	23,7	11,7
It is a diplomatic trump card against Greece	12,0		11,6	11,2	7,2
It might be a concession for Turkey's EU membership	4,6		2,9	4,1	2,6

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Relations with Cyprus

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

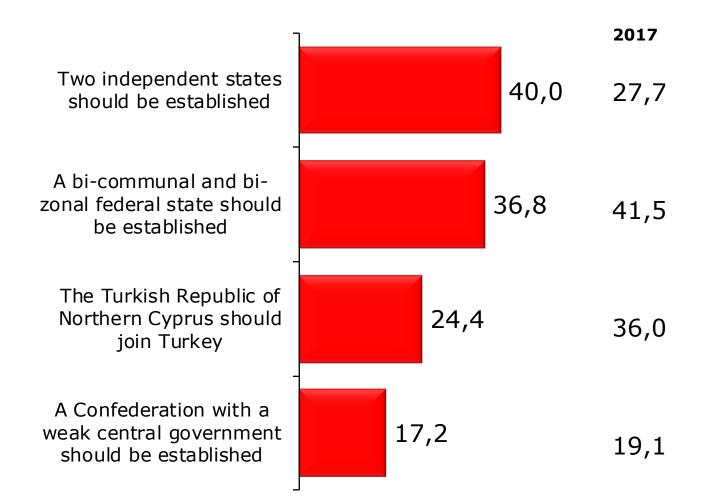
_	1	2017	2016	2015
If the Cyprus dispute is resolved	42,9	63,2	48,5	26,5
If the Aegean islands and continental shelf problems are resolved	27,1	23,6	30,0	14,9
If two states are established on the island	25,0	22,8	20,2	9,7
It should not be recognized under any circumstances	13,6	10,0	9,1	13,7
It should be recognized immediately, without conditions	11,8	10,2	12,0	16,0
In exchange of Turkey's EU membership	10,0	13,3	15,4	5,8

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Relations with Cyprus

On what basis should the Cyprus dispute be resolved?



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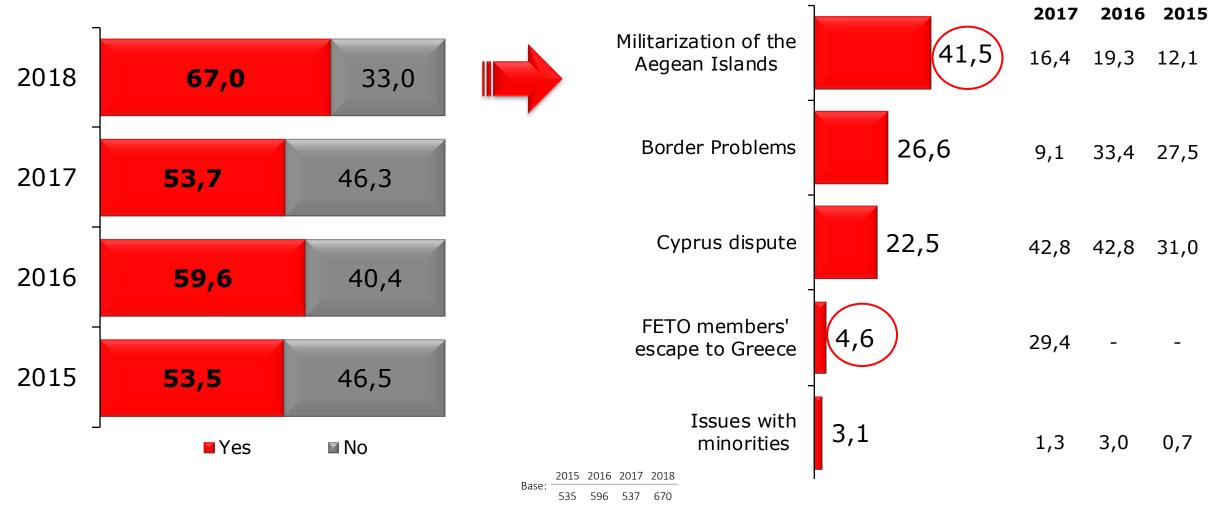
What is the most important problem

between Turkey and Greece?

Relations with Greece

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Are there any problems between Turkey and Greece?



Relations with Russia

How do you define Turkey-Russia relations?

-		2017	2016	2015
There is cooperation	46,5	5 28,4	12,9	34,1
There is no cooperation nor problem	16,7	35,2	18,1	28,7
There is very close cooperation	14,5	18,4	7,6	5,5
There are problems	13,6	9,9	42,1	13,9
It is hostile	4,3	3,8	16,8	5,0



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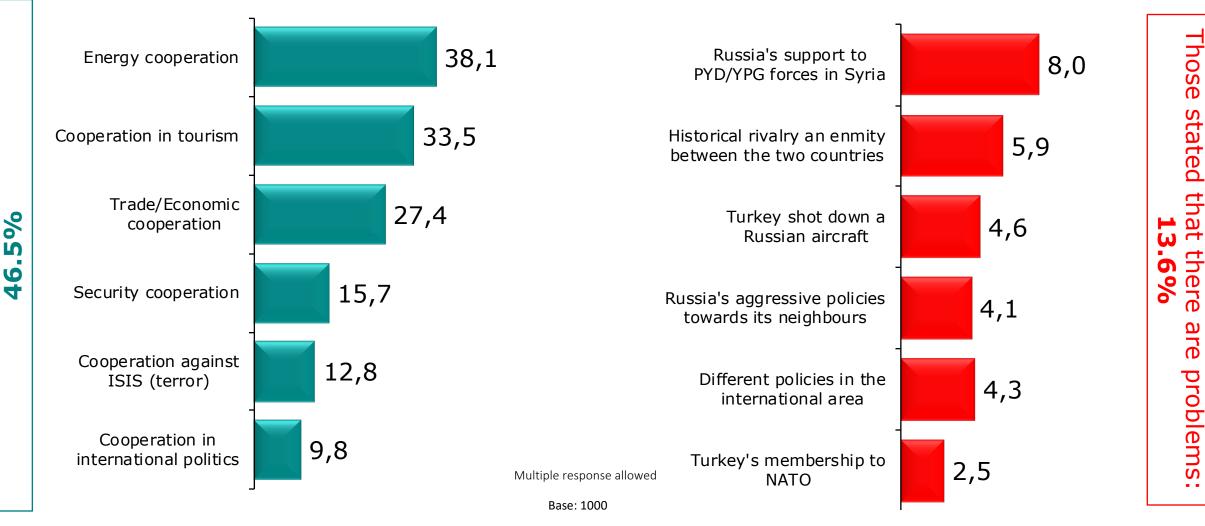
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Relations with Russia

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

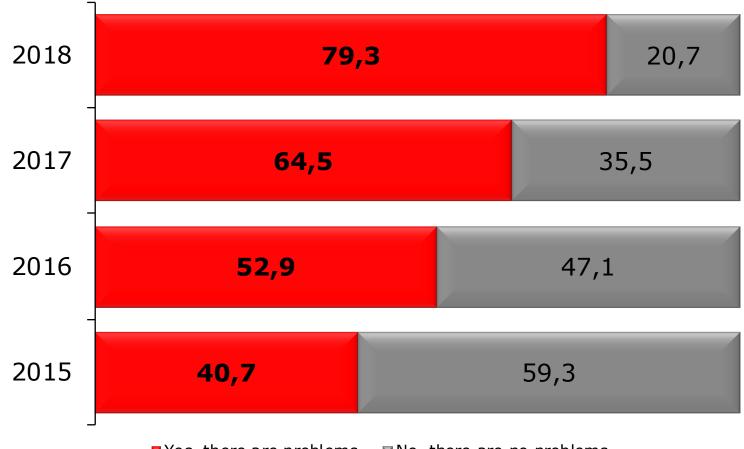
What are the reasons of enmity between Turkey and Russia?





Relations with the USA

Are there any problems between Turkey and the USA?



■ Yes, there are problems ■ No, there are no problems



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Relations with the USA

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

	_		2017	2016	2015	
	Counterterrorism	60,4	64,0	72,2	25,3	
	Extradition of Fethullah Gülen	44,9	32,1	-	-	
	US support to PYD	36,2	21,6	-	-	
U	S' policies towards the Kurds in the Middle East	32,0	26,7	22,9	-	
	The Syria crisis	23,5	23,9	15,3	11,8	
	Intervention against ISIS	21,8	16,3	22,3	9,3	
	Armenian allegations	17,5	19,1	13,8	15,7	
	The future of Iraq	17,4	18,1	26,1	7,4	
	Human rights	14,9	7,4	6,8	12,0	
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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?

-	l	2017	2016	2015	
Economic cooperation	39,2	40,6	42,7	41,8	
Military Cooperation	31,1	50,4	46,1	38,8	
Counterterrorism	19,6	26,9	28,7	-	
Energy security	17,8	10,8	5,6	7,7	
Turkey's EU membership	13,1	7,5	17,5	8,0	
Balancing against Russia	10,3	13,4	9,7	-	
Restructuring of the Middle East after the Arab Spring	6,8	4,1	5,2	8,9	Multiple
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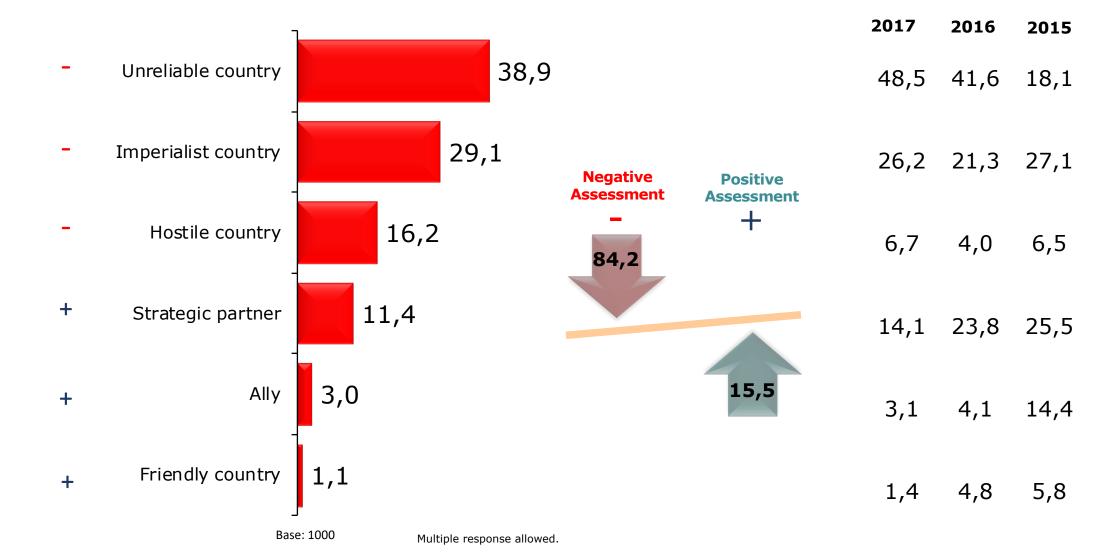
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Relations with the USA

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?

2018 70,0 30,0 +8,2 2017 61,8 38,2 -11,8 73,6 26,4 2016 +6,5 32,9 67,1 2015 -4,9 Nov 72,0 28,0 2013 +5.9Jan 66,1 33,9 2013 61,5 38,5 2011 2010 47,2 52,8

■ No, it should not continue

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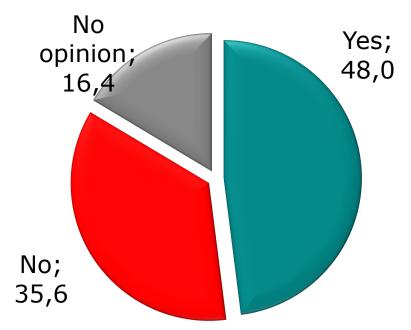
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Do you think that Turkey can provide for its security without being a NATO member?



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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?



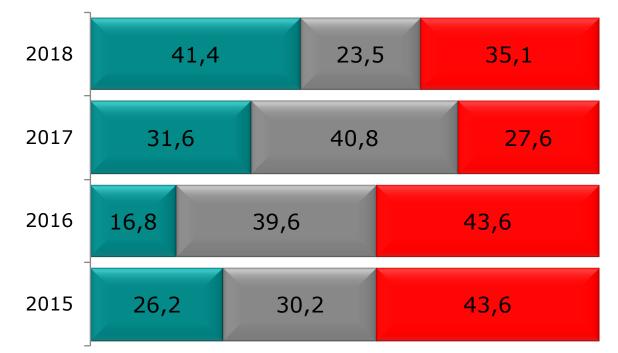
Yes, I find them successful

■ I find them neither successful nor unsuccessful

No, I find them unsuccessful

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?



■I find them successful

I find them neither successful nor unsuccessful

■ I find them unsuccessful

It was not successful; 21,0 It was successful; 53,5 It was neither successful nor unsuccessful; 25,5

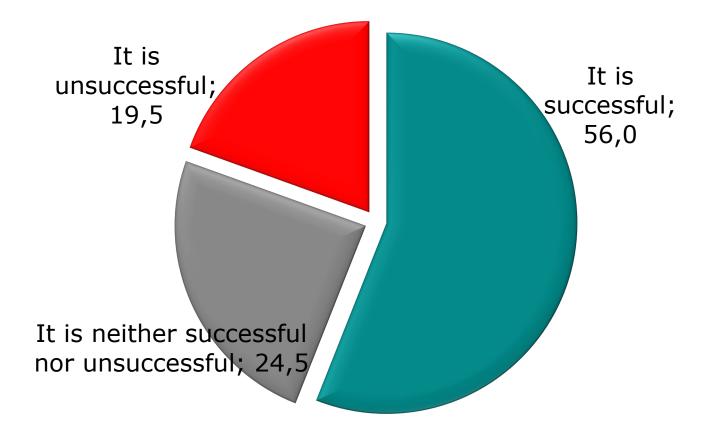
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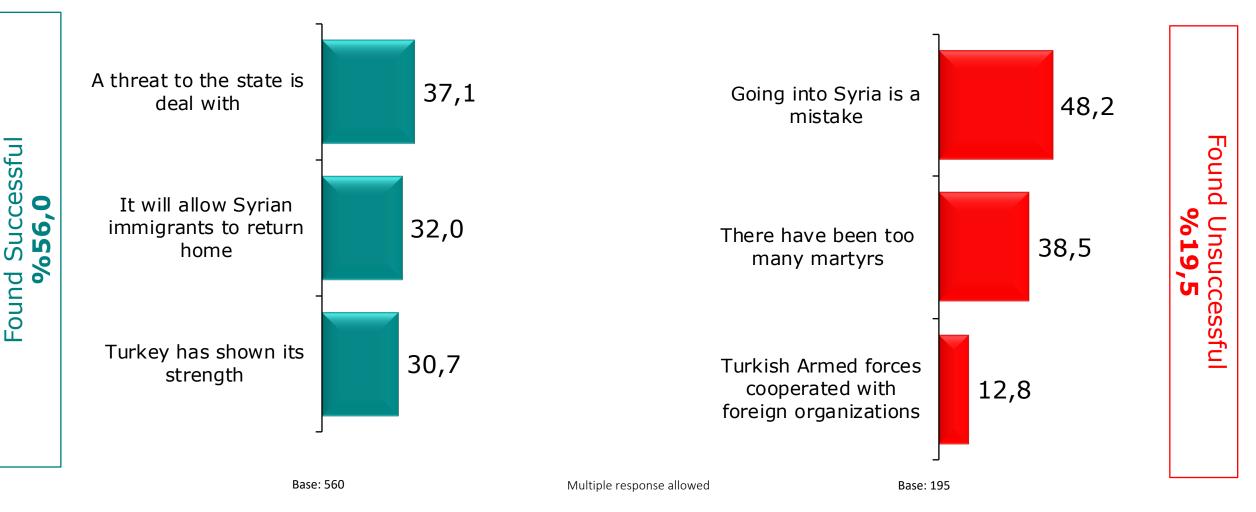






Why do you think that 'Operation Olive Branch' is successful?

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



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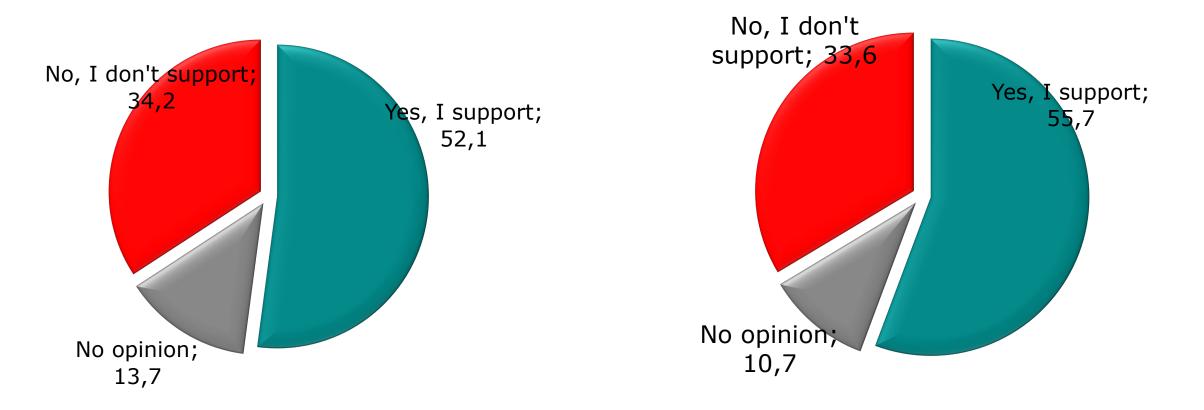
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Relations with the Middle East

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

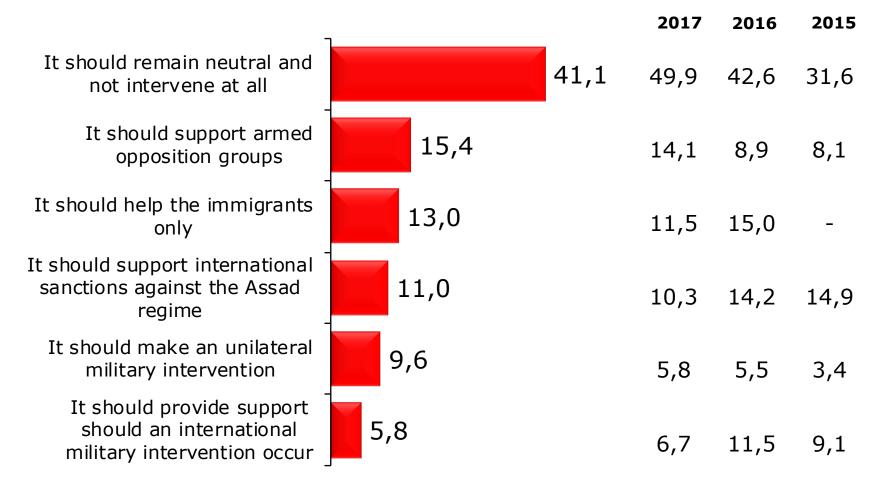
In general, do you support Turkey's cross border military operations?





Relations with the Middle East

What kind of policy should Turkey adopt in Syria?

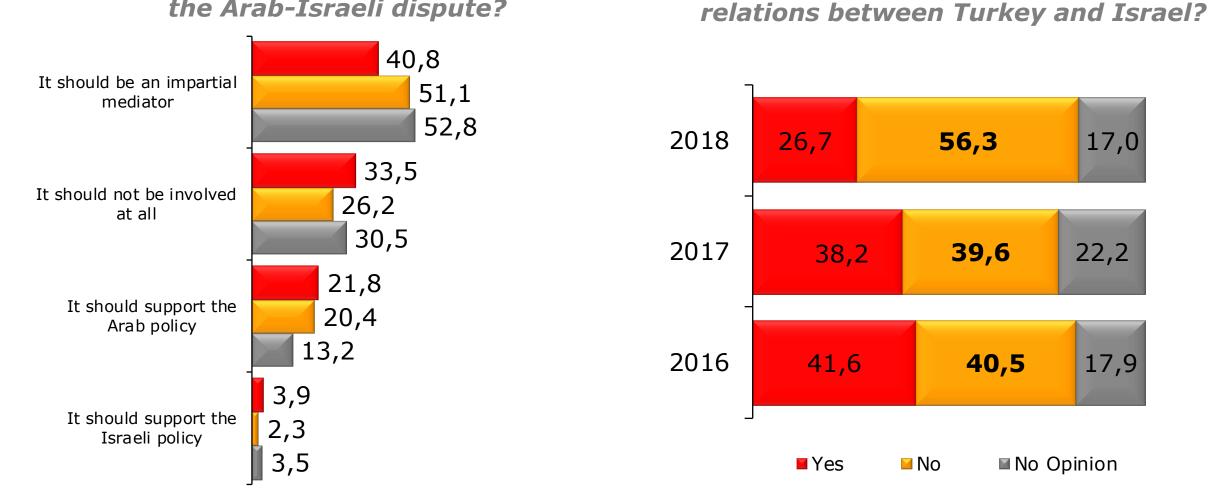




Relations with the Middle East

Do you support the normalization of

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





Relations with the Middle East

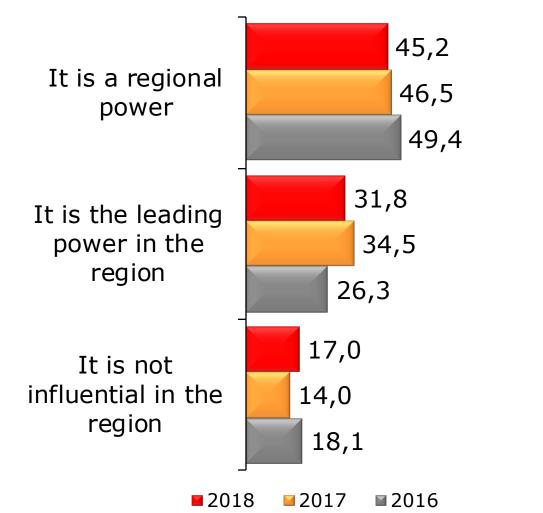
Which country has the most influence in shaping the future of the Middle East after the Arab Spring?

	2018	2017	2016	2015
USA	45,2	57,4	49,1	18,4
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?

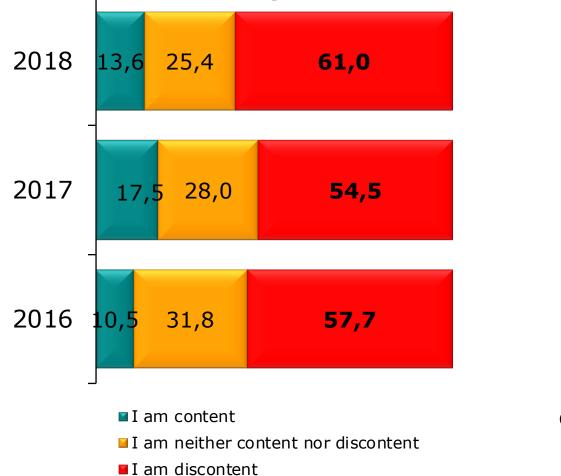


■ Yes, it is a role model ■ No, it is not a role model

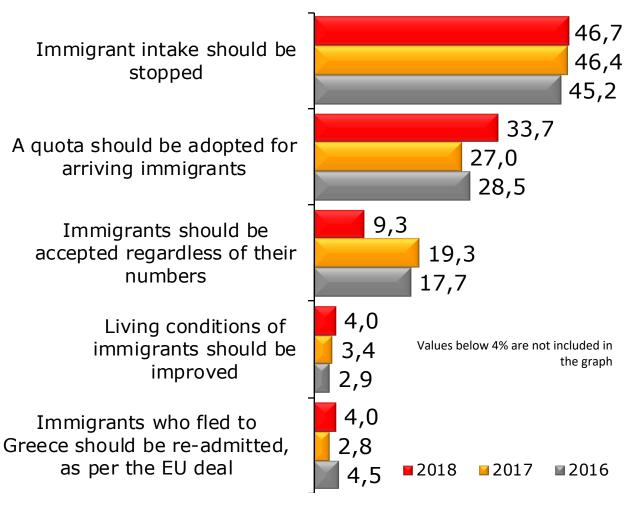


The Issue of Immigration

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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