



Social & Political Trends in Turkey

Quantitative Research Summary

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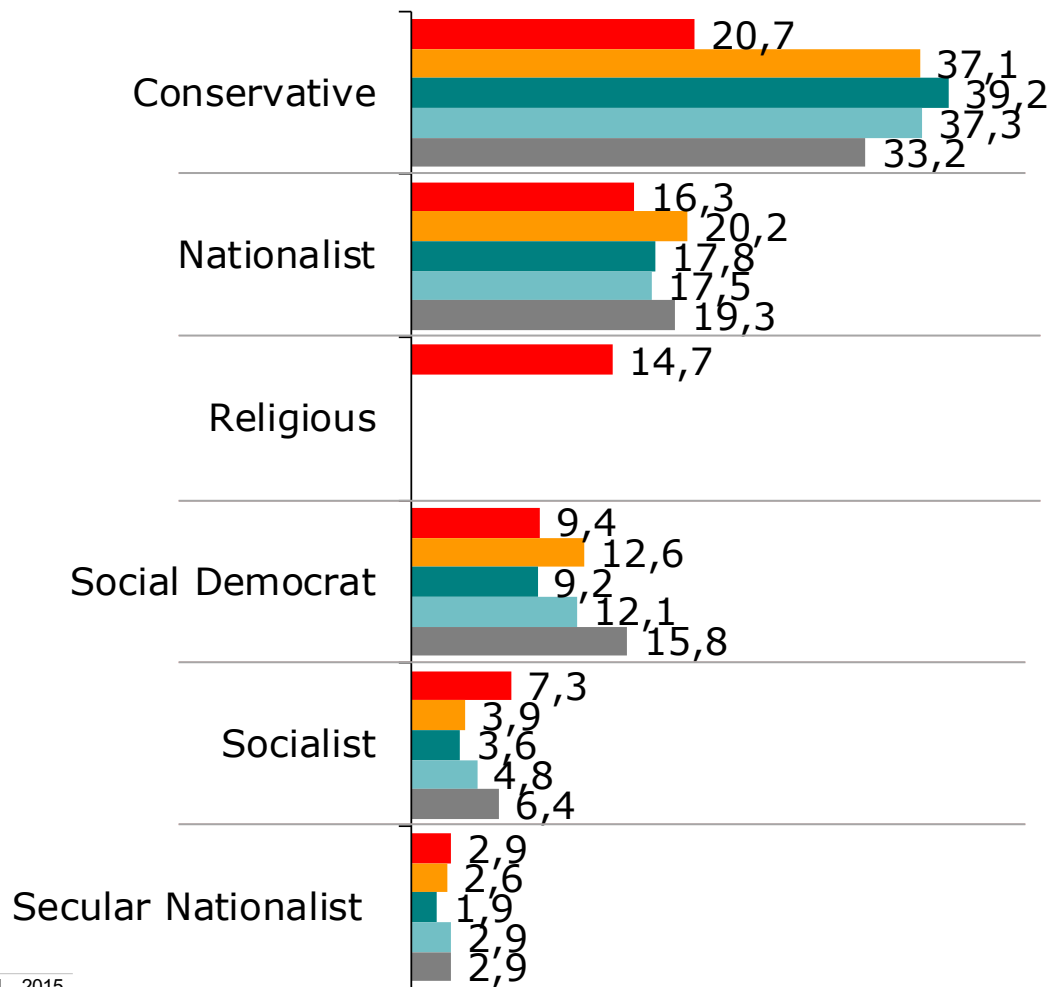
General Framework

Objective	To determine public opinion and attitudes in Turkey towards present and potential problems and current events.		
Method	Research method	: Quantitative Research	
	Data collection method	: Face to face interviews based on prepared survey question form	
Sample	Sample:	Turkey wide representative sample; age 18 and over, residing in the city centres of 26 cities (İstanbul, Ankara, Konya, Bursa, Kocaeli, İzmir, Aydın, Manisa, Tekirdağ, Balıkesir, Adana, Antalya, Hatay, Zonguldak, Samsun, Kayseri, Kastamonu, Kırıkkale, Trabzon, Gaziantep, Diyarbakır, Mardin, Malatya, Bitlis, Erzurum, Ağrı)	
	Sample Size	: 1.000	
	Confidence Level	: 95 %	
	Margin of Error	: $\pm 3,0$	
Time Frame	Field Work	: 09 – 17 December 2015	
	Data Check and Analysis	: 10 – 21 December 2015	
	Reporting	: 22 December 2015 – 30 December 2015	



Turkish People's Position in the Political Spectrum

How would you define your politics?



1.2 percent of people do not want to express their politics.

Listed based on the political identity in 2015.

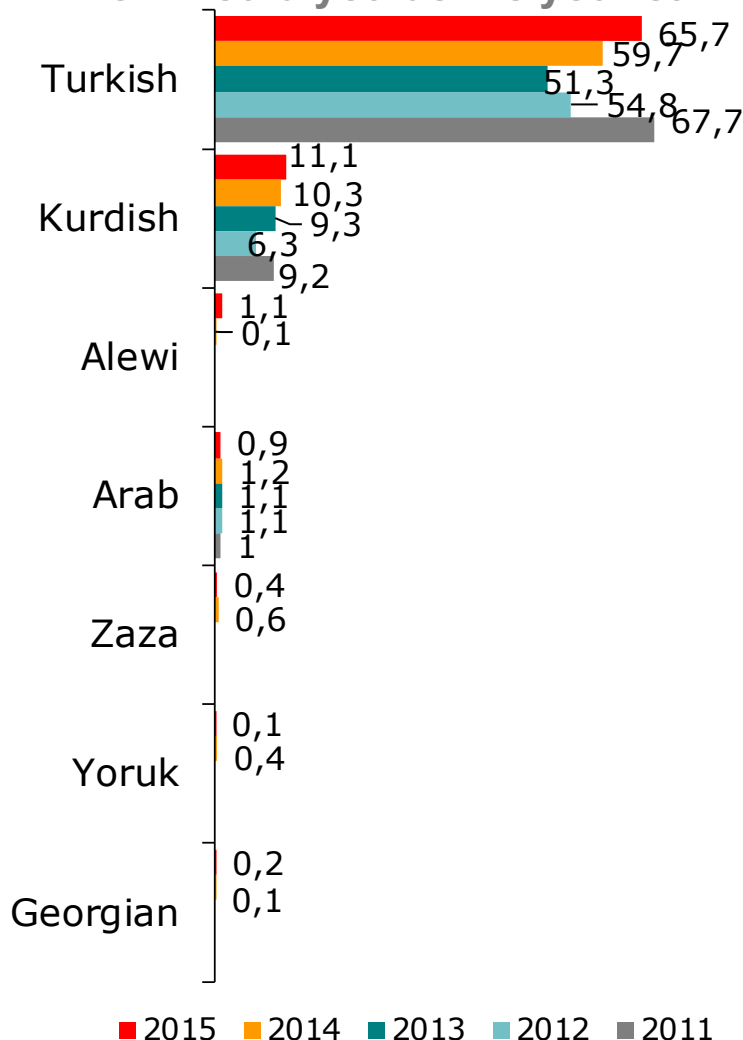
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■ 2015 ■ 2014 ■ 2013 ■ 2012 ■ 2011



Ethnic Background

How would you define your ethnicity?



In 2014, 8 percent and in 2015 3.5 percent of respondents did not want to state their ethnic background.

In 2014 15,5% and in 2015 16,8% of respondents did not know what ethnicity means.

Listed based on ethnic structure in 2015.

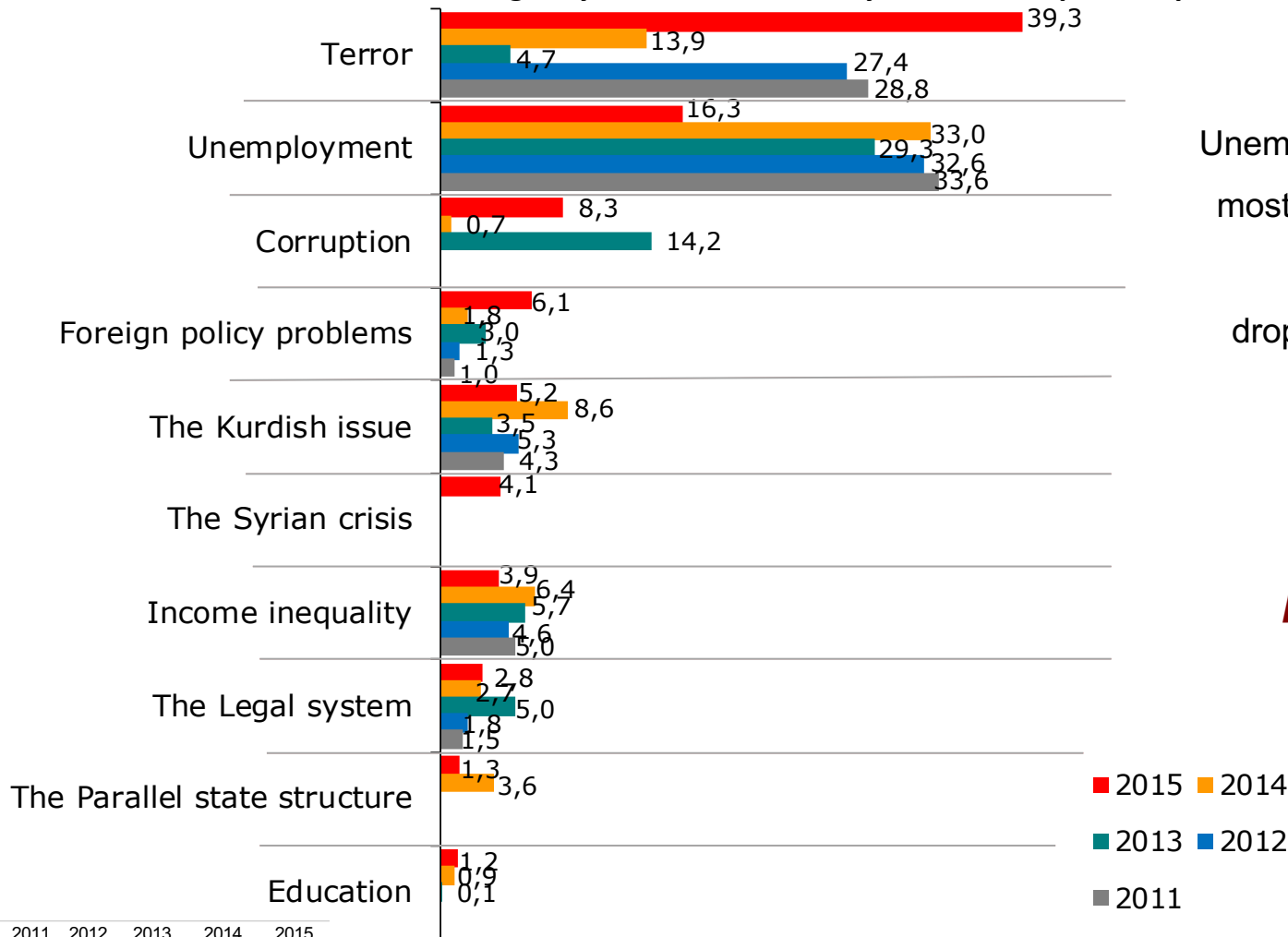
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Turkey and Its Problems

Most Important Current Problem in Turkey

Which one of the following do you think is currently the most important problem in Turkey?

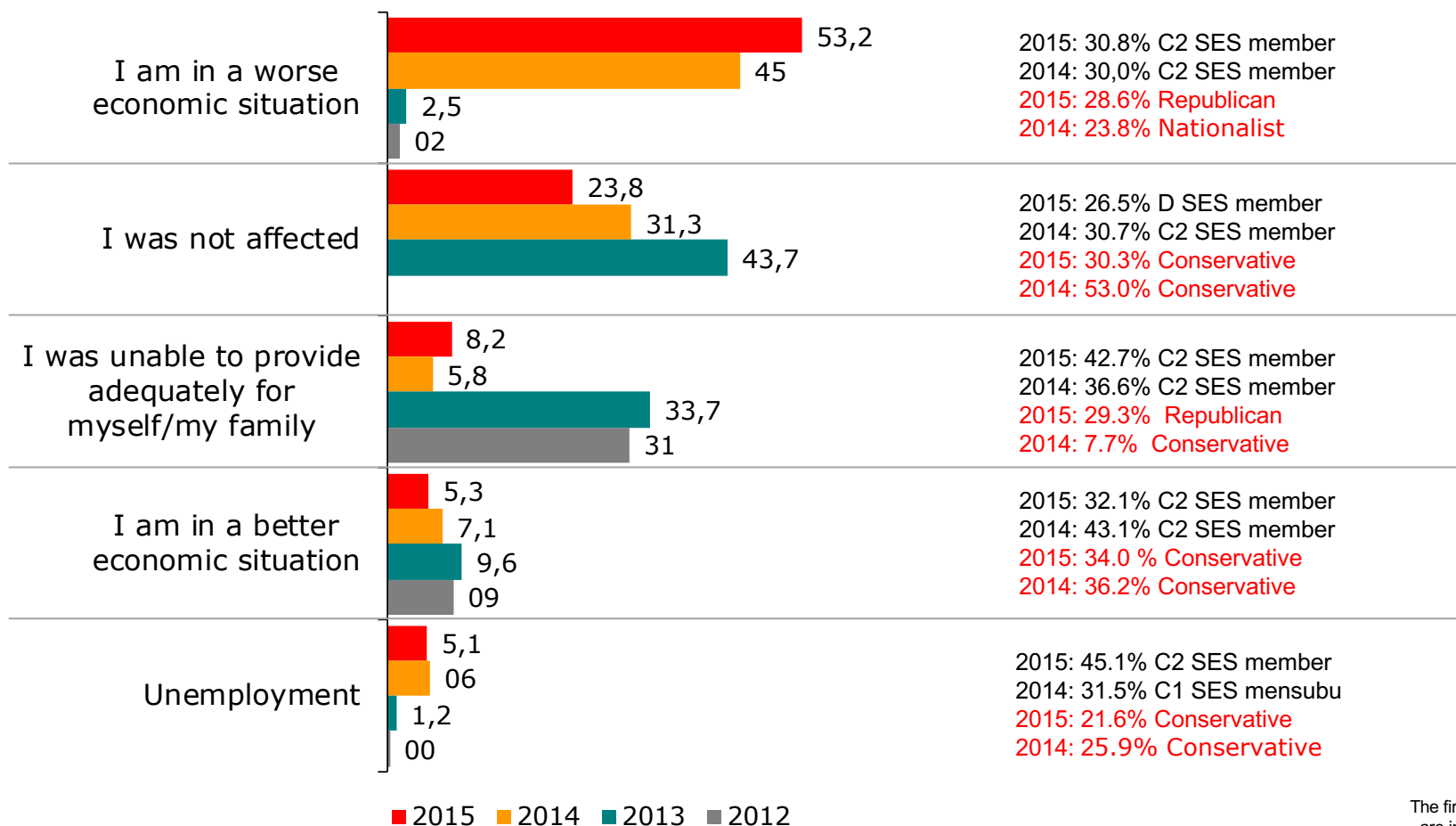


Unemployment, seen as the most important problem for the last four years has dropped to 2nd position in 2015.

The most serious problem in 2015 is seen as terror.



How did the economic developments of the past year affect you?



2015: 30.8% C2 SES member
2014: 30,0% C2 SES member
2015: 28.6% Republican
2014: 23.8% Nationalist

2015: 26.5% D SES member
2014: 30.7% C2 SES member
2015: 30.3% Conservative
2014: 53.0% Conservative

2015: 42.7% C2 SES member
2014: 36.6% C2 SES member
2015: 29.3% Republican
2014: 7.7% Conservative

2015: 32.1% C2 SES member
2014: 43.1% C2 SES member
2015: 34.0 % Conservative
2014: 36.2% Conservative

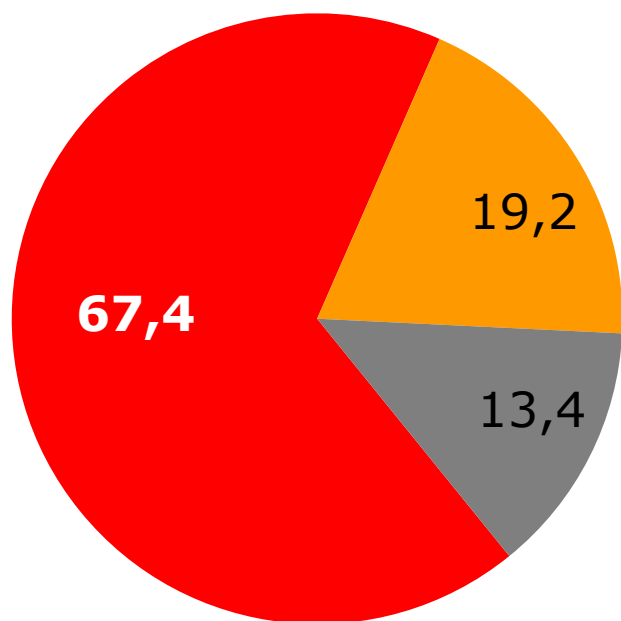
2015: 45.1% C2 SES member
2014: 31.5% C1 SES mensubu
2015: 21.6% Conservative
2014: 25.9% Conservative

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The first five criteria are included in the chart.



Do you think the Central Bank administration should be independent of politics?



■ Yes ■ No ■ No Opinion

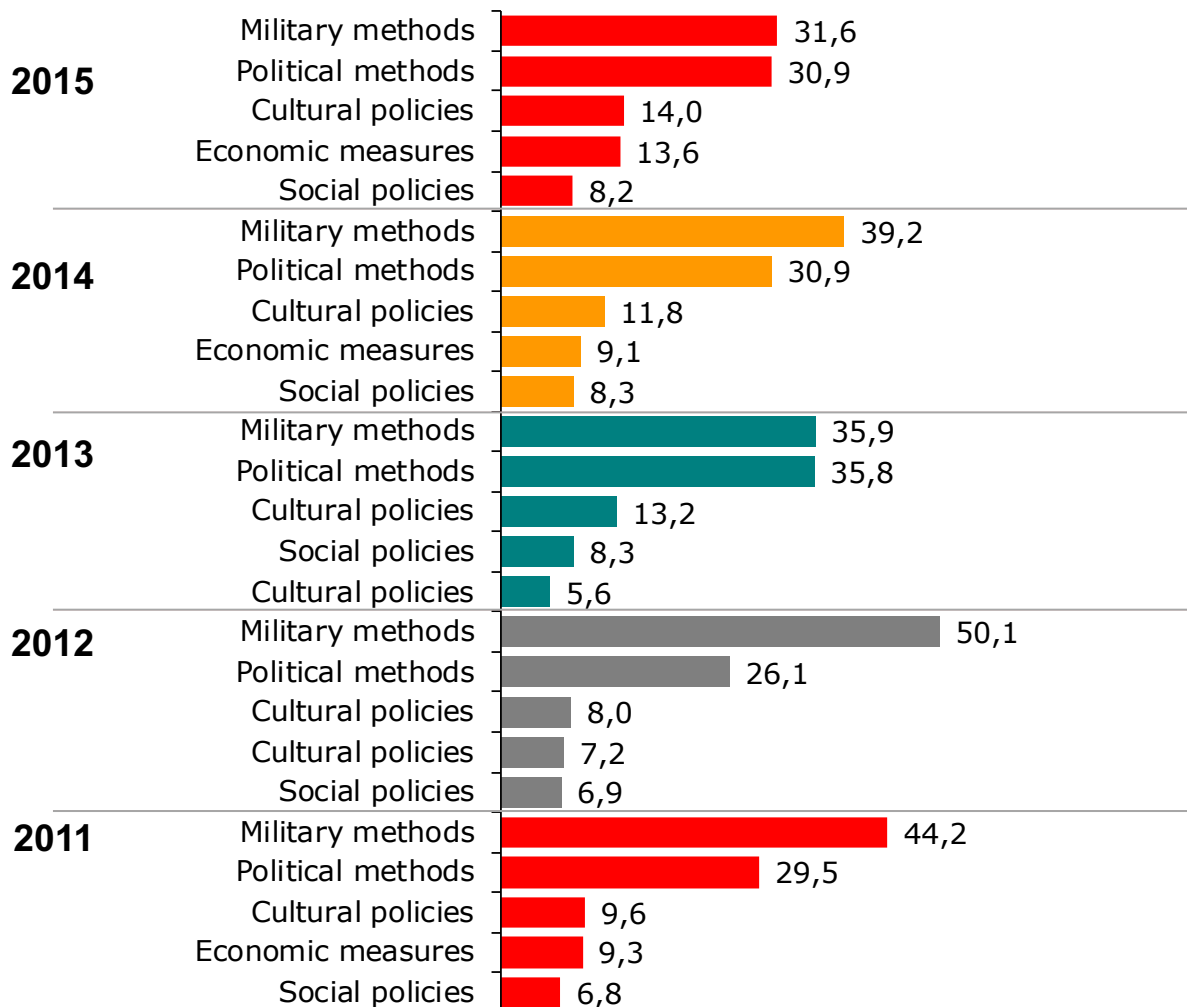
Political View	Yes(%)	No(%)	No Opinion(%)
Republican/Kemalist	81,5	13,8	4,7
Nationalist	59,5	21,5	19,0
Social Democrat	59,6	25,5	14,9
Conservative	61,8	19,3	18,8
Socialist	79,5	12,3	8,2

Party	Yes(%)	No(%)	No Opinion(%)
AK Party	62,2	22,7	15,1
CHP	70,4	16,0	13,6
MHP	67,2	18,8	14,1
HDP	82,0	11,7	6,3



The Most Effective Way to Solve the Terror Problem in Turkey

Which of the following do you think is the most effective way to solve the terror problem?



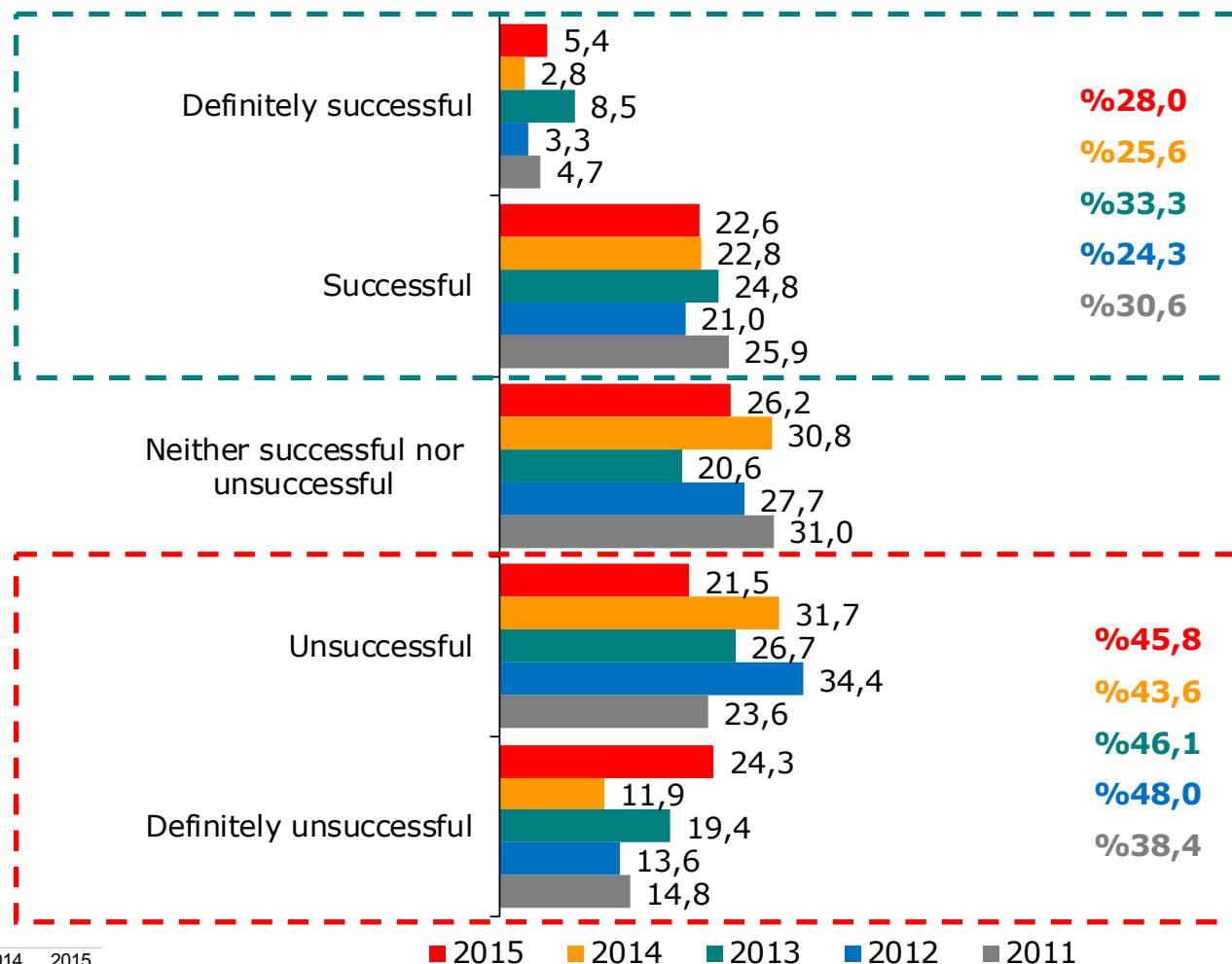
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answers in
2015.

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Evaluation of the Government's Anti-Terror Policies

How do you rate the government's performance in combatting terror in the past year?

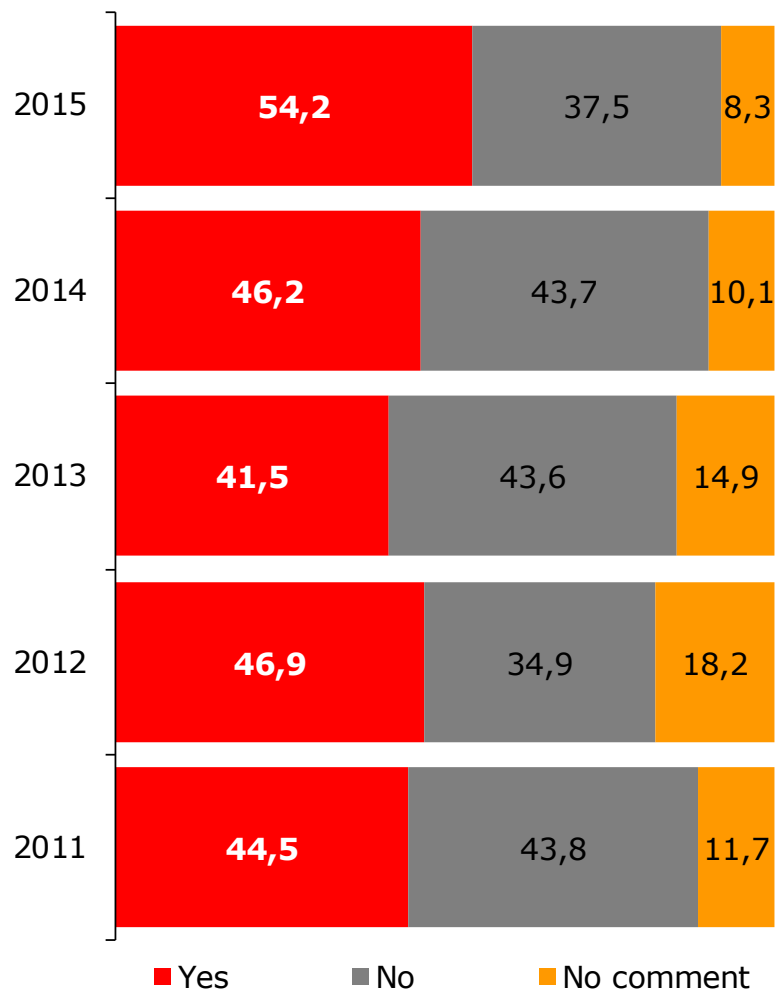


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Perception of the Danger of Turkey Being Divided

Do you think Turkey is in danger of being divided?

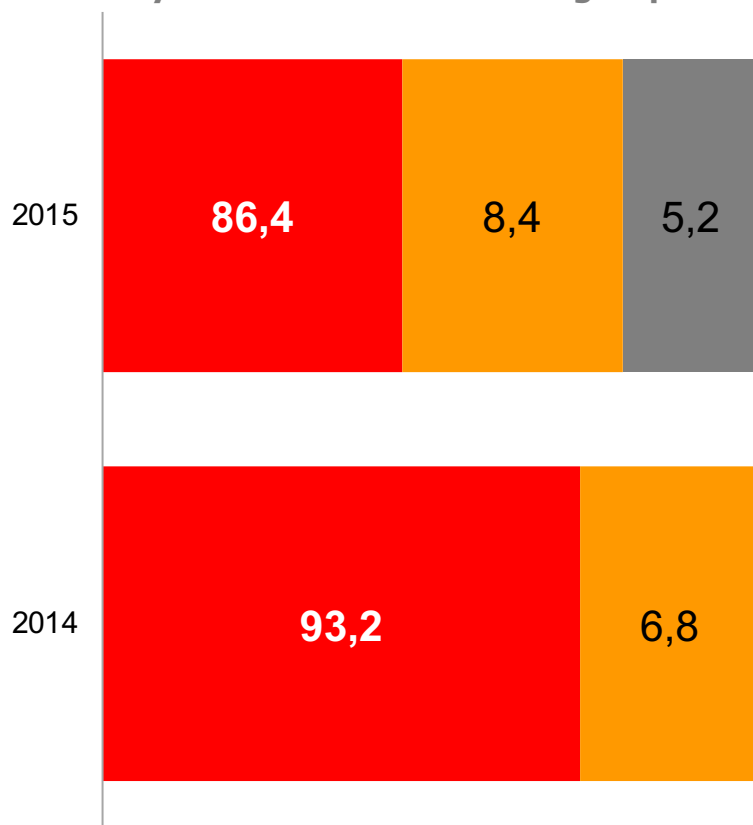


Political View	Year	Yes(%)	No(%)	No comment (%)
Republican/Kemalist	2015	65,7	27,6	6,7
	2014	74,5	18,8	6,7
	2013	65,1	22,4	12,5
	2012	59,7	21,4	18,9
Nationalist	2015	55,8	39,9	4,3
	2014	58,9	34,7	6,4
	2013	49,4	37,6	12,9
	2012	46,9	32,6	20,6
Social Democrat	2015	55,3	37,2	7,4
	2014	54,0	36,5	9,5
	2013	35,9	47,8	16,3
	2012	49,6	24,0	26,4
Conservative	2015	42,5	47,3	10,1
	2014	23,7	64,7	11,6
	2013	28,3	54,3	17,3
	2012	38,4	43,8	17,9
Socialist	2015	76,7	15,1	8,2
	2014	46,2	41,0	12,8
	2013	33,3	66,7	-
	2012	75,0	20,8	4,2



PERCEIVING ISIS AS A TERRORIST GROUP

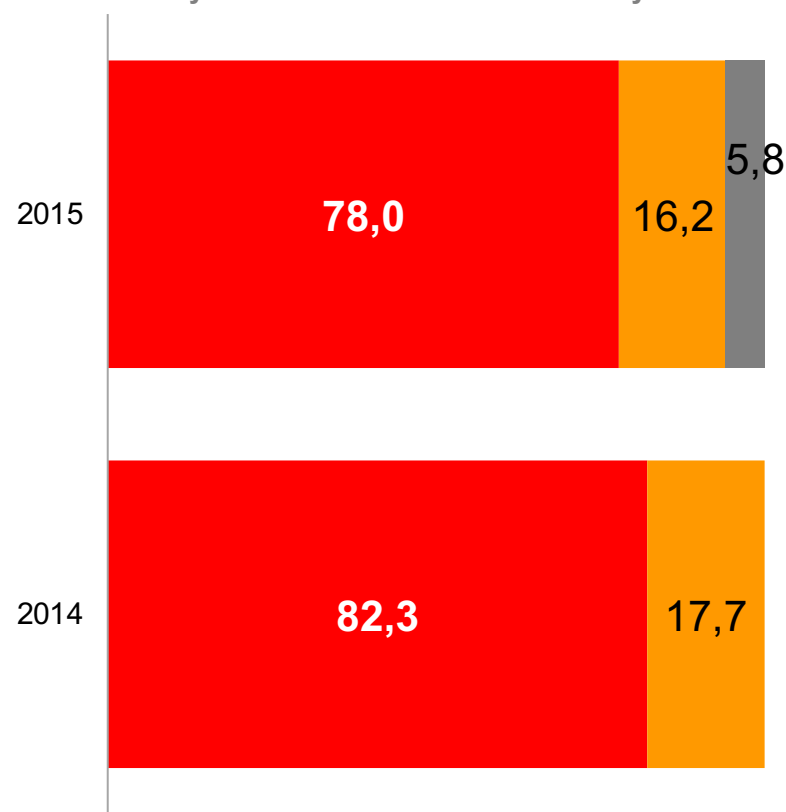
Do you think ISIS is a terror group?



■ Yes ■ No ■ No Opinion

PERCEIVING ISIS AS A THREAT TO TURKEY

Do you think ISIS is a threat to Turkey?



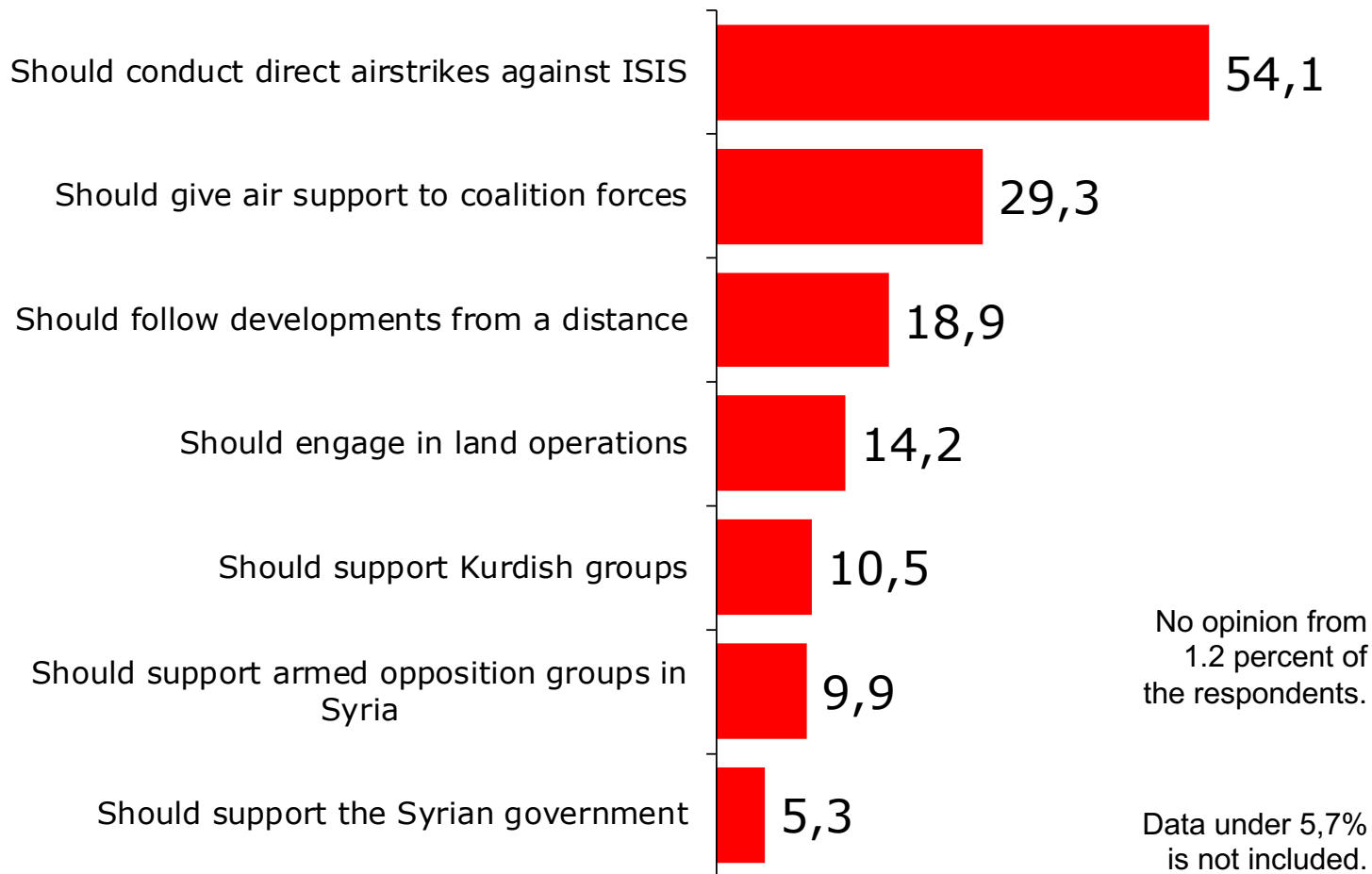
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Policy to be followed against ISIS

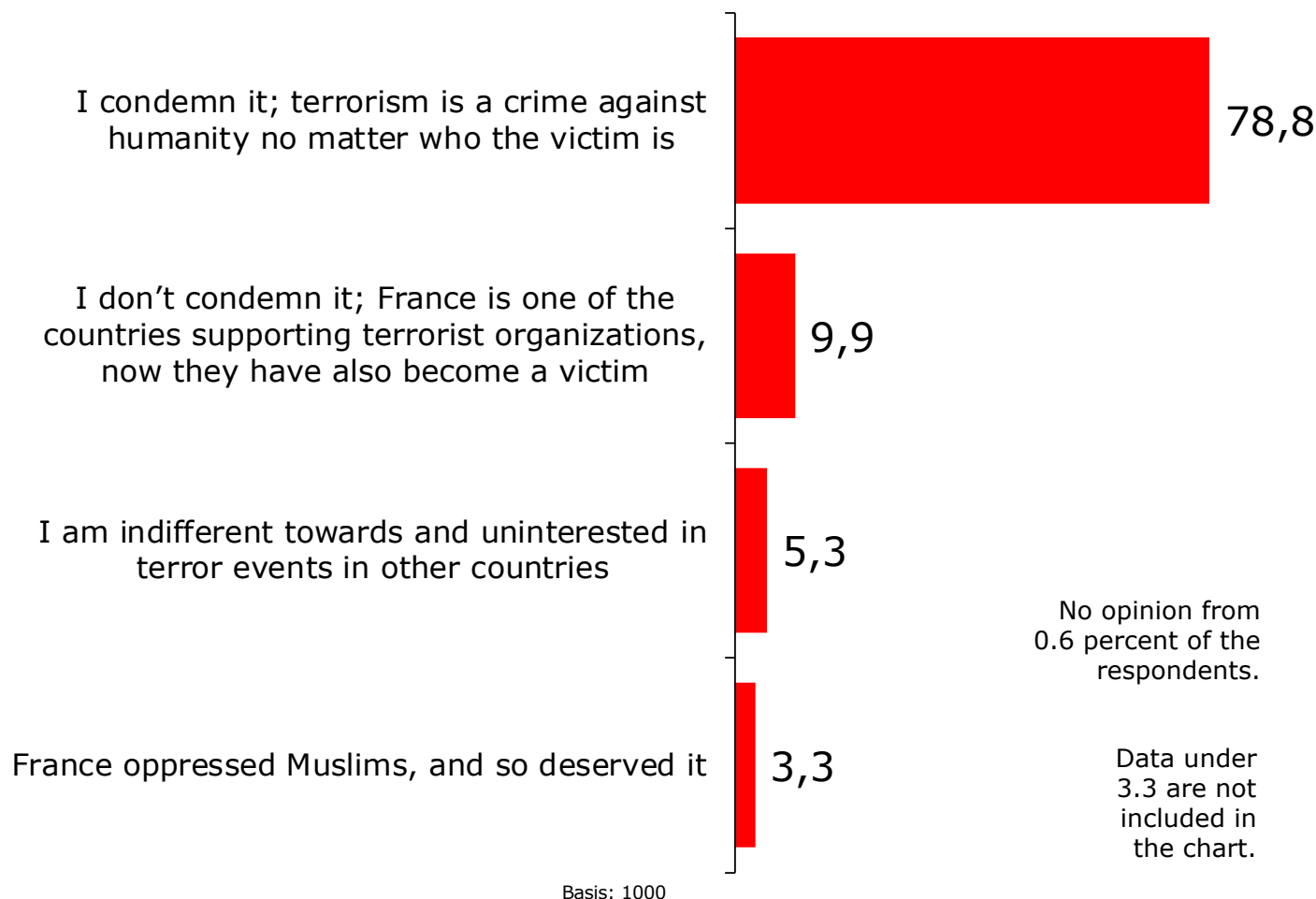
What sort of a policy should Turkey follow against ISIS?



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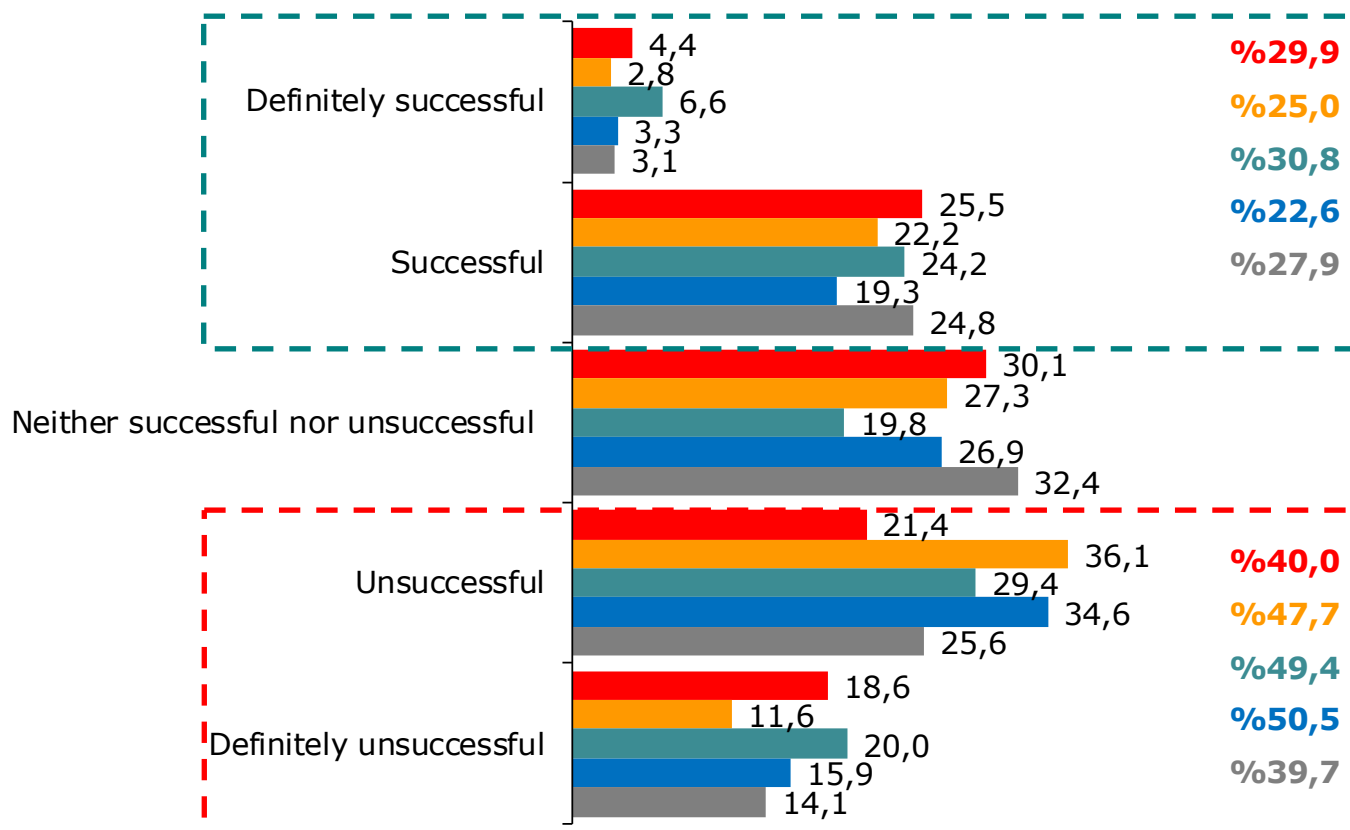
Evaluation of the recent attacks in Paris

Please indicate which one of the following reflects your emotions and opinions regarding the recent terror attacks in Paris?



Evaluation of the Government's Policies on the Kurdish Issue

What is your overall evaluation of how successful or unsuccessful of the government's policies regarding the Kurdish issue?



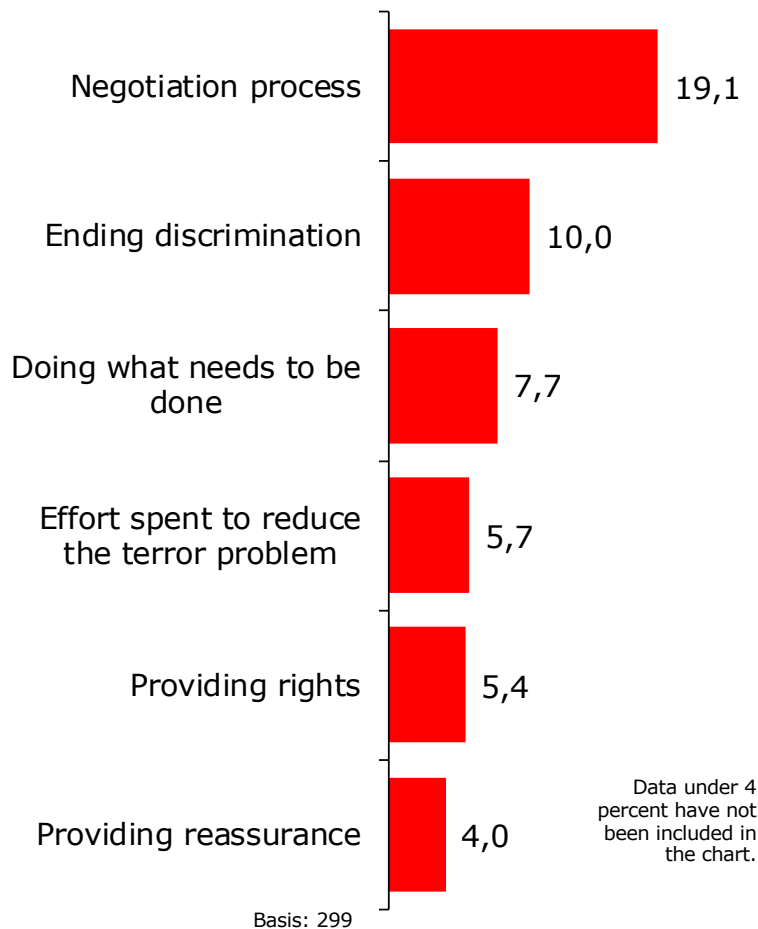
In 2015, there is a rise in the percentage of those who find the government's policies on the Kurdish issue to be successful.



The reasons for finding AKP's Kurdish policies

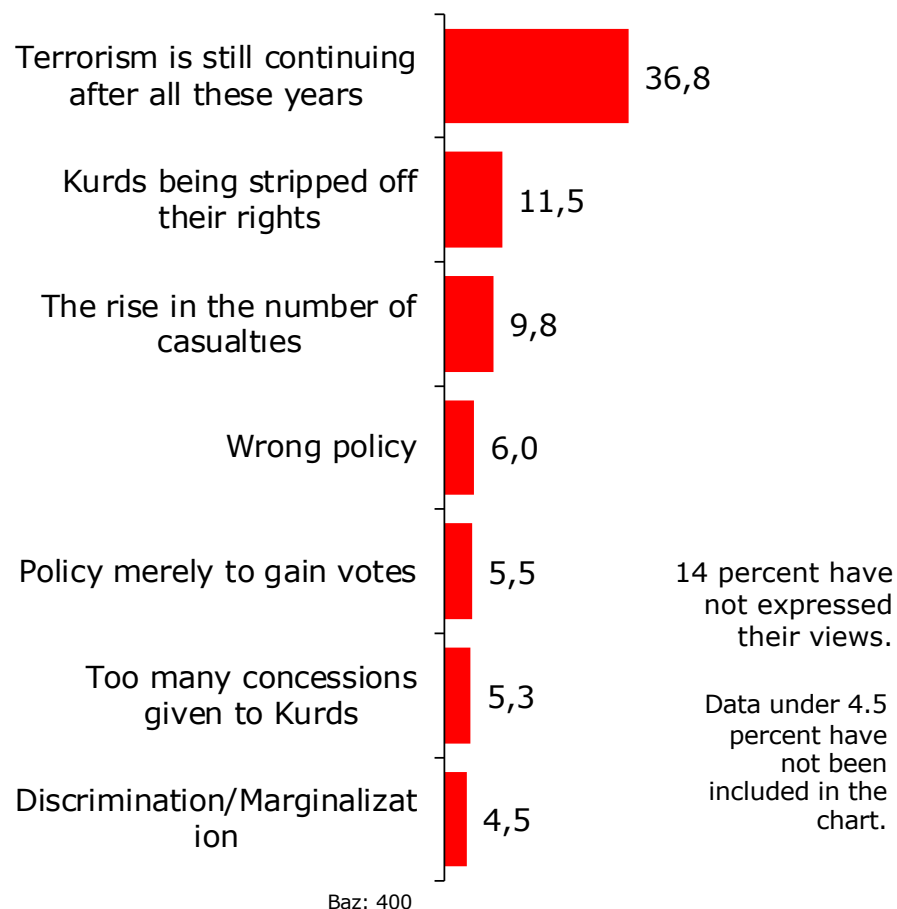
Successful

You have stated that you find the AKP's Kurdish policies very successful/successful. Please indicate your reasoning



Unsuccessful

You have stated that you find the AKP's Kurdish policies very unsuccessful/unsuccessful. Please indicate your reasoning

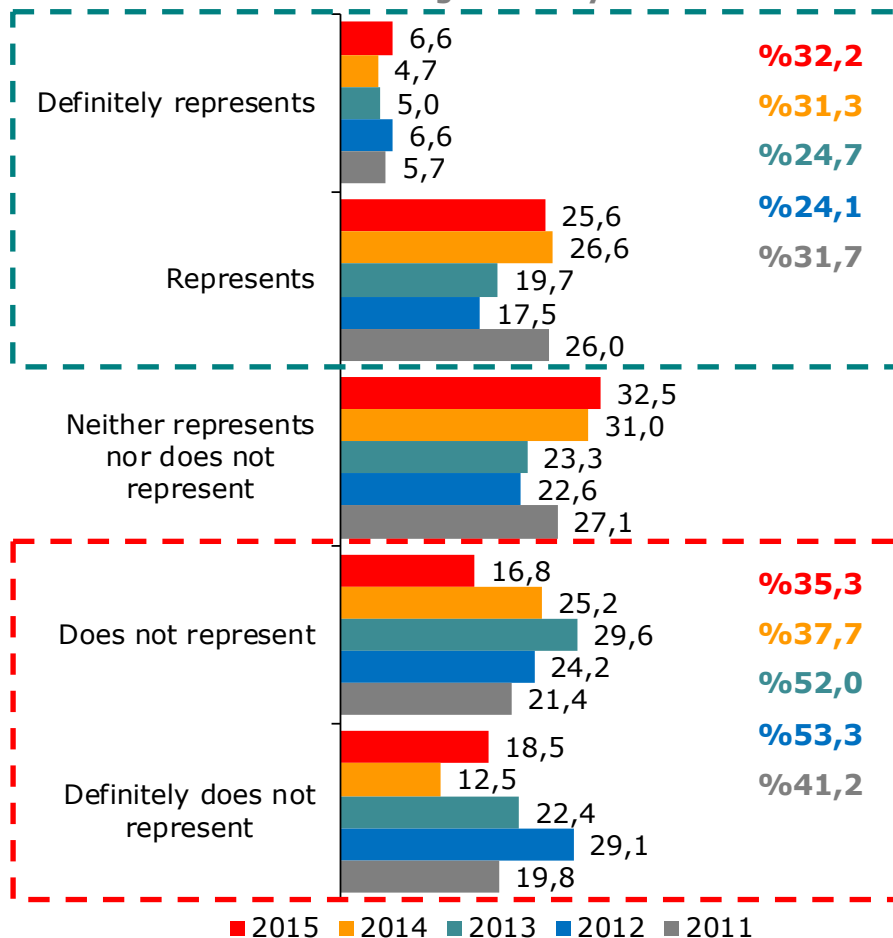




Kurdish Issue

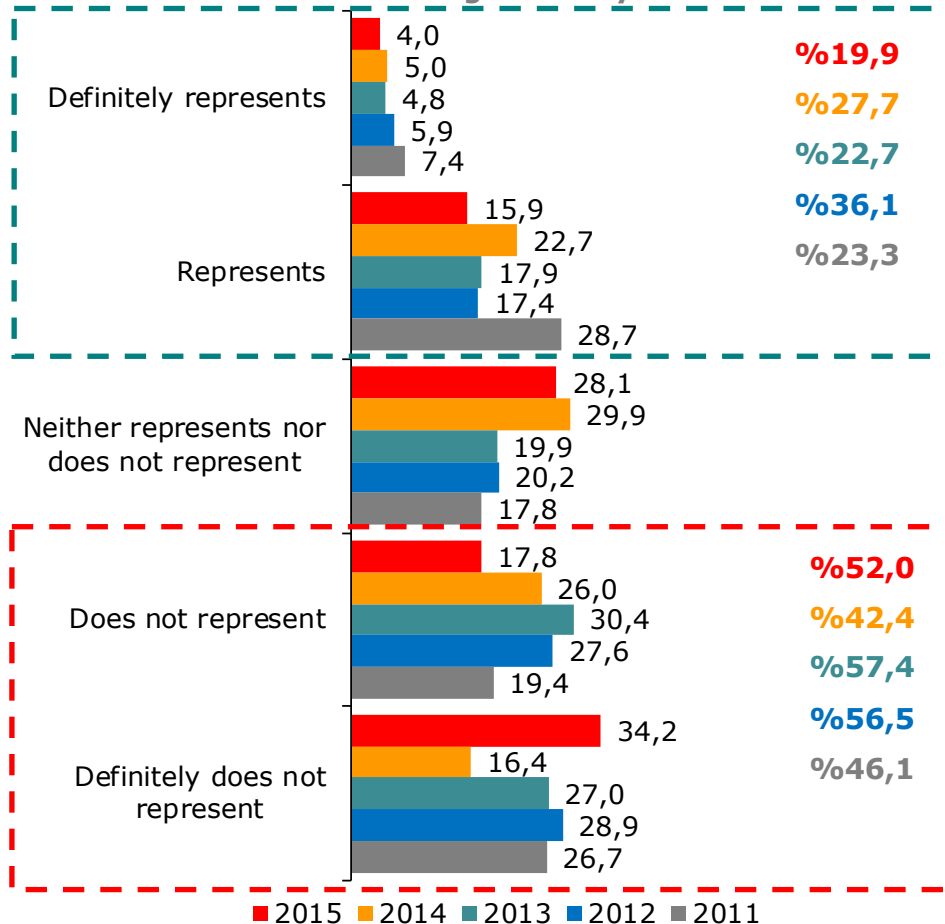
HDP's Representation of Kurds Living in Turkey

To what extent do you think the HDP represents the Kurds living in Turkey?



PKK's Representation of Kurds Living in Turkey

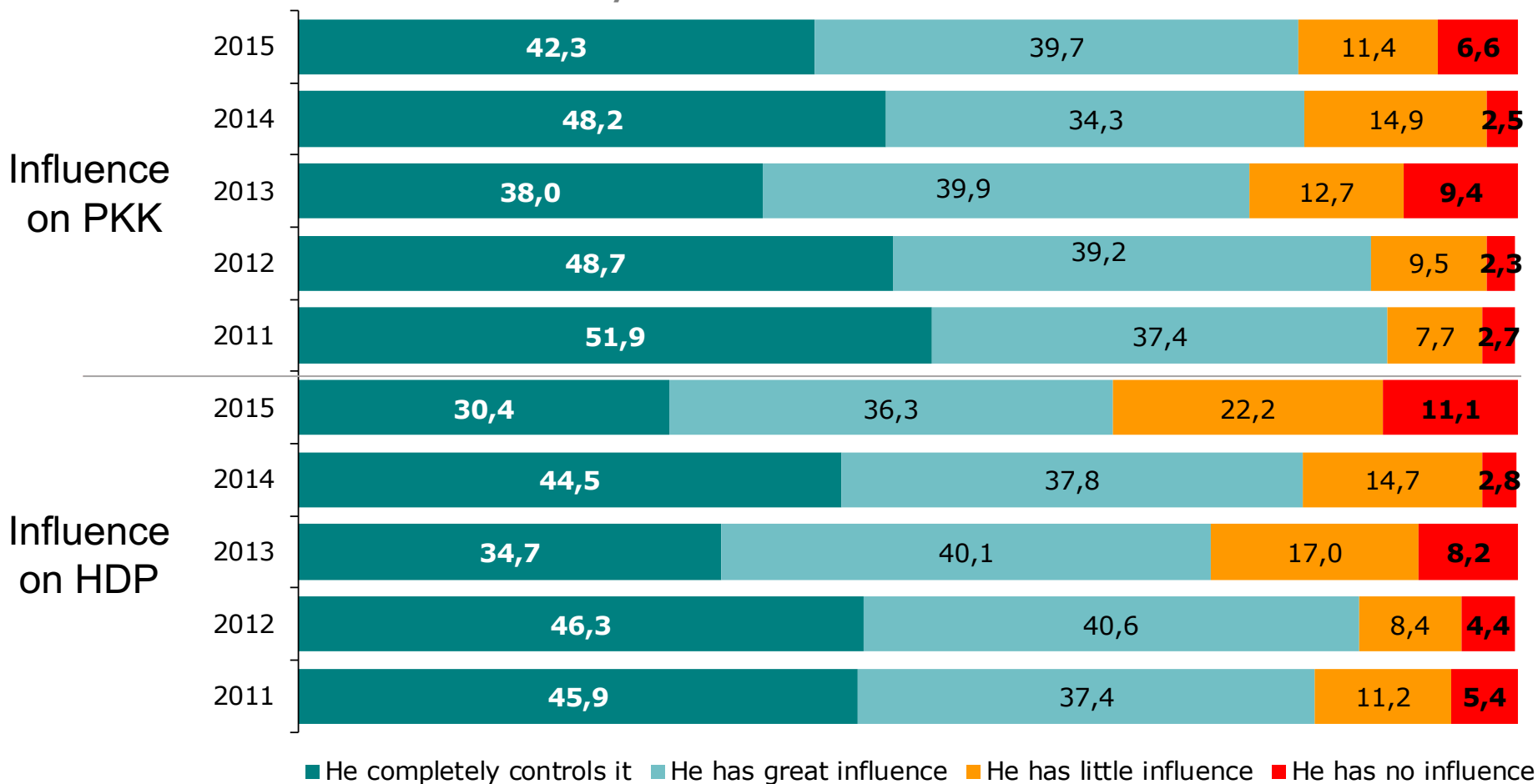
To what extent do you think the PKK represents the Kurds living in Turkey?





Evaluation of Abdullah Öcalan's Influence over the PKK and HDP

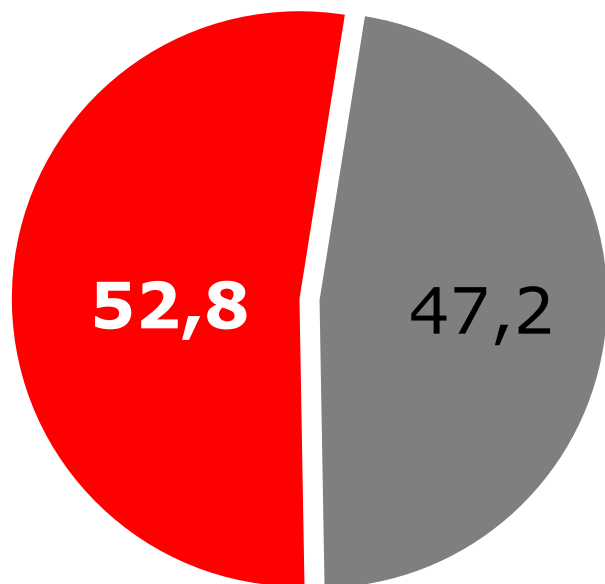
How much influence do you think Adullah Öcalan has over the PKK and HDP?





Supporting Education in the Mother Tongue

Do you support education being provided in the mother tongue?



■ Yes ■ No

Basis : 1000

Political Party	Yes (%)	No (%)	Basis
AK Party	51,1	48,9	489
CHP	58,8	41,2	250
MHP	39,8	60,2	128
HDP	60,4	39,6	111

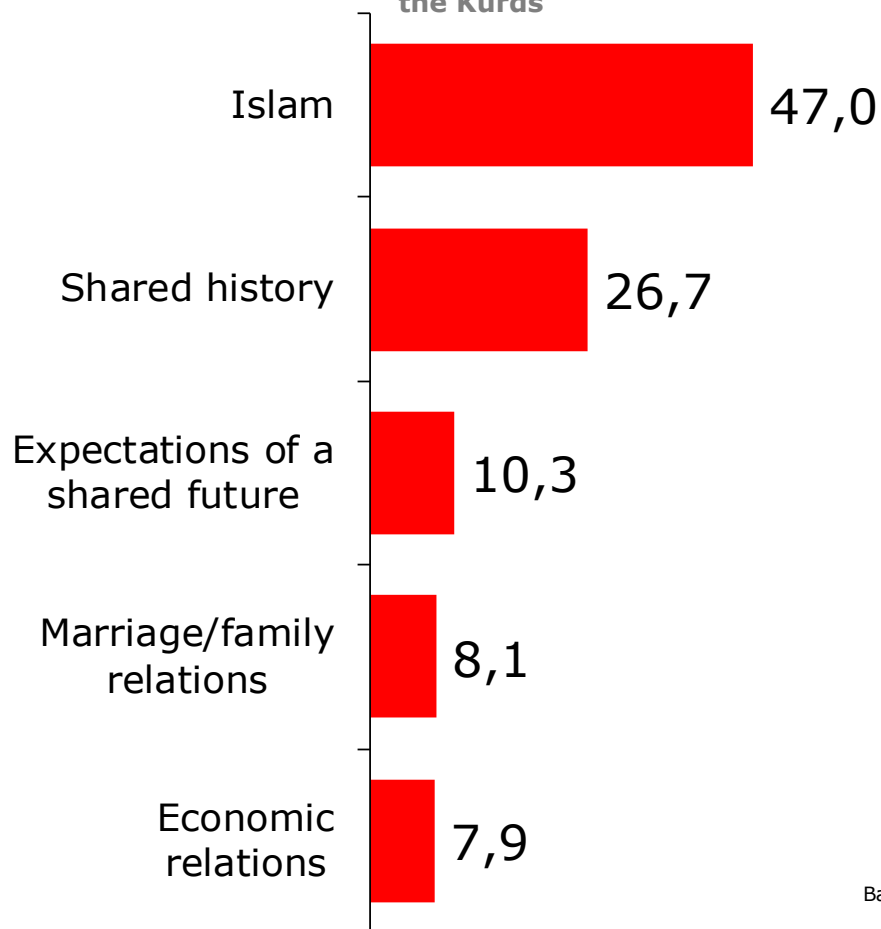
Ethnic Background	Yes (%)	No (%)	Basis
Turkish background	45,5	54,5	657
Kurdish background	87,4	12,6	111

High error margin should be considered in additional ????



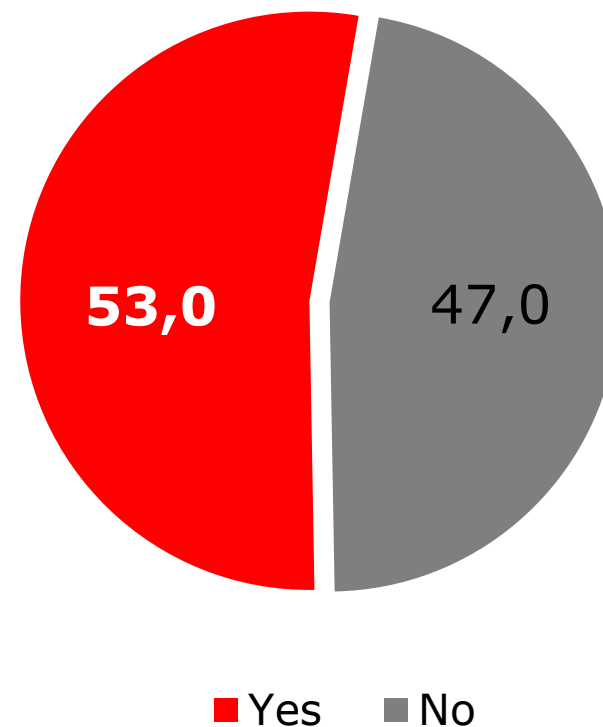
The main bond connecting Turks and Kurds

Please indicate from the selection provided on the card what you believe to be the main bond connecting the Turks and the Kurds



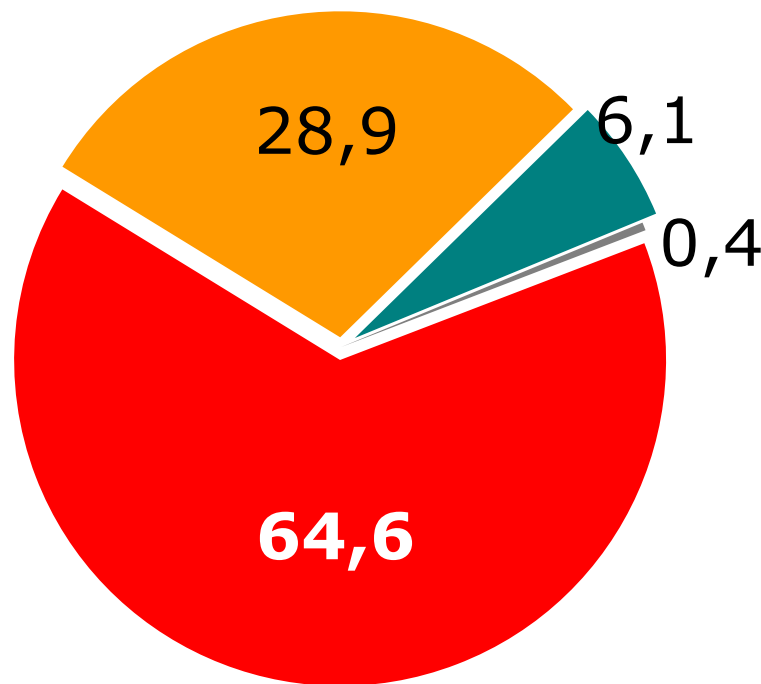
Views on restarting the resolution process

Do you think the resolution process should restart?





How do you think the Turkish State should be Structured?



■ Unitary state
■ Federal state
■ No comment
■ Sultanate

Basis : 1000

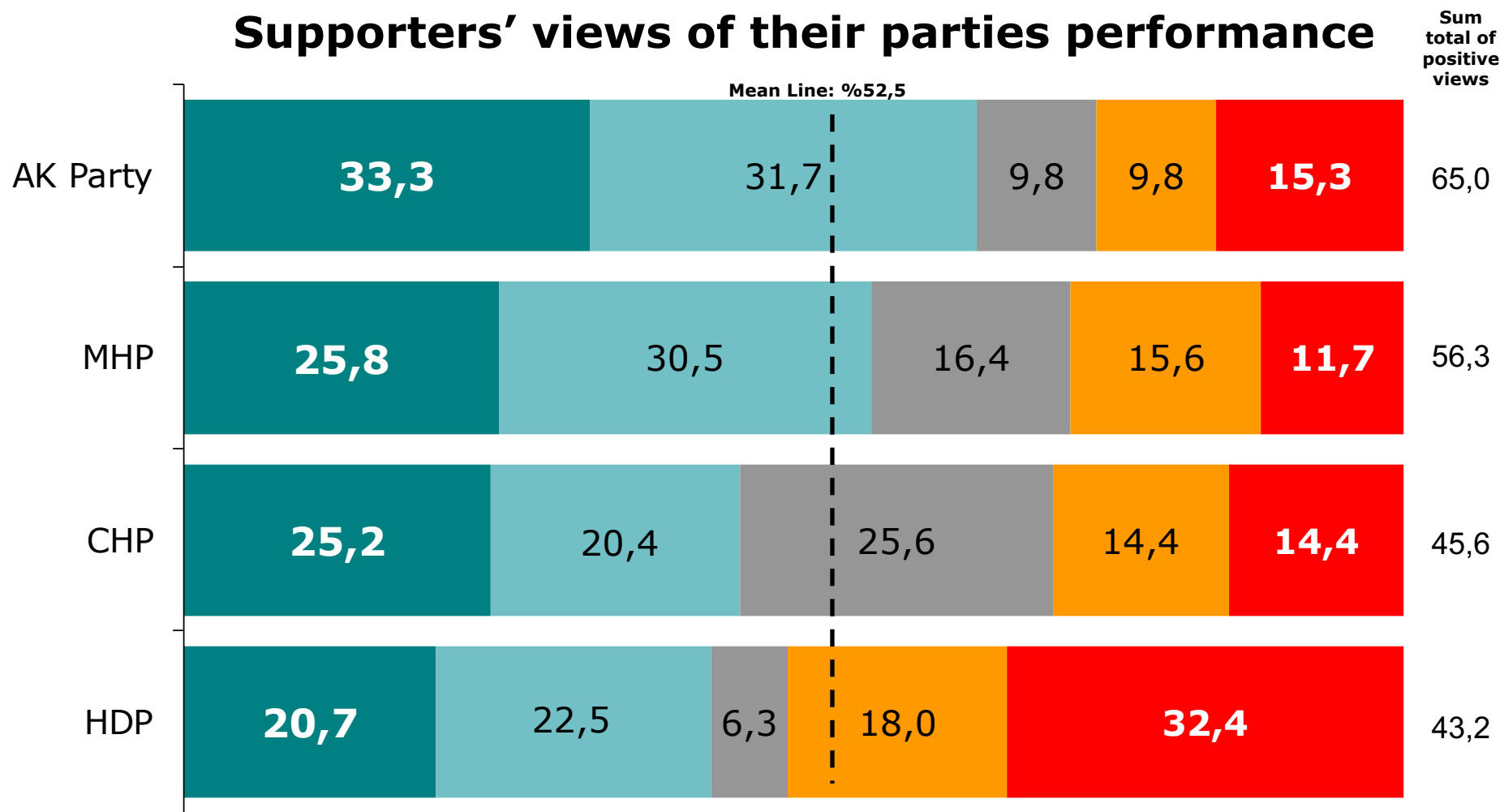
Ethnic Background		%
Those who identify themselves as Turkish	Unitary state	70,3
	Federal state	20,4
	Sultanate	1,2
	No comment	8,1
Those who identify themselves as Kurdish	Unitary state	58,2
	Federal state	24,2
	No comment	17,6
Ethnic Background		%
AK Parti	Unitary state	60,5
	Federal state	33,1
	Sultanate	0,2
	No comment	6,1
CHP	Unitary state	66,4
	Federal state	24,4
	Sultanate	0,2
	No comment	8,8
MHP	Unitary state	64,8
	Federal state	29,7
	Sultanate	1,6
	No comment	3,9
HDP	Unitary state	77,5
	Federal state	18,9
	No comment	3,6

Basis : 1000

It should be borne in mind that a high error margin is likely in these further divisions



Supporters' views of their parties performance



■ Definitely successful ■ Successful ■ Neither successful nor unsuccessful ■ Unsuccessful ■ Definitely unsuccessful

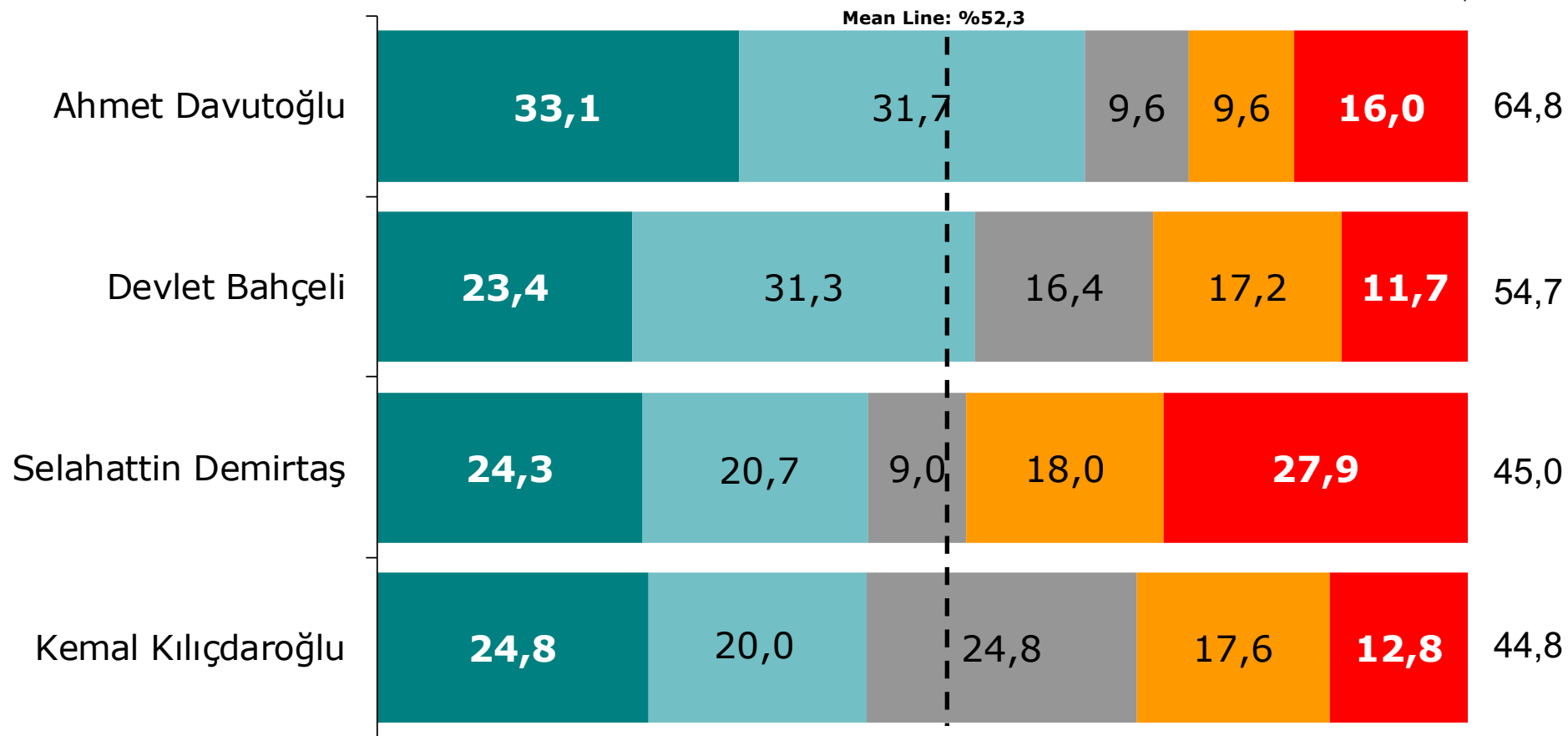
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	AK Party	CHP	MHP	HDP
Basis	489	250	128	111



Evaluation of leaders' performance based on party loyalty

Sum total of positive results



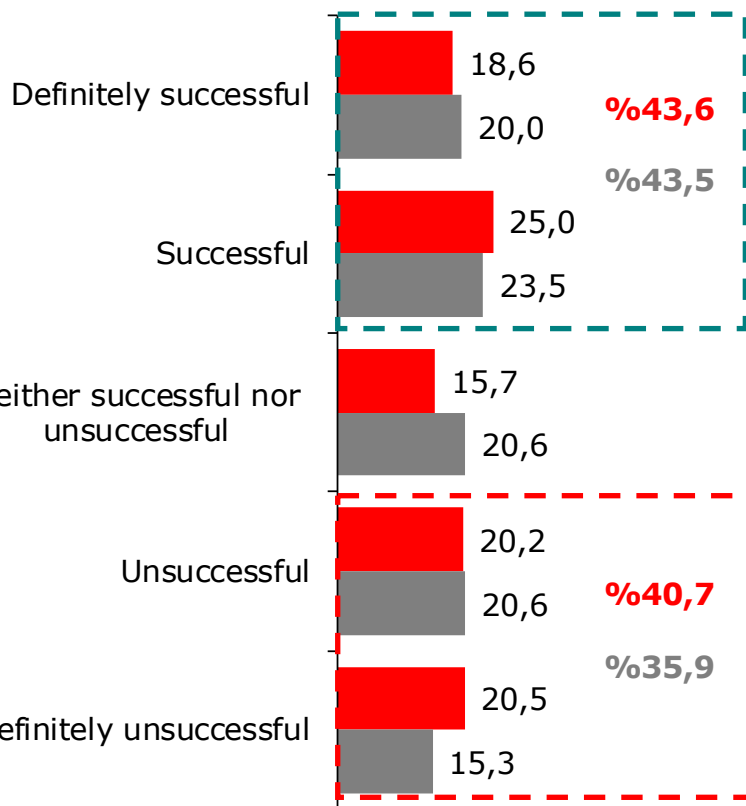
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Evaluation of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's performance

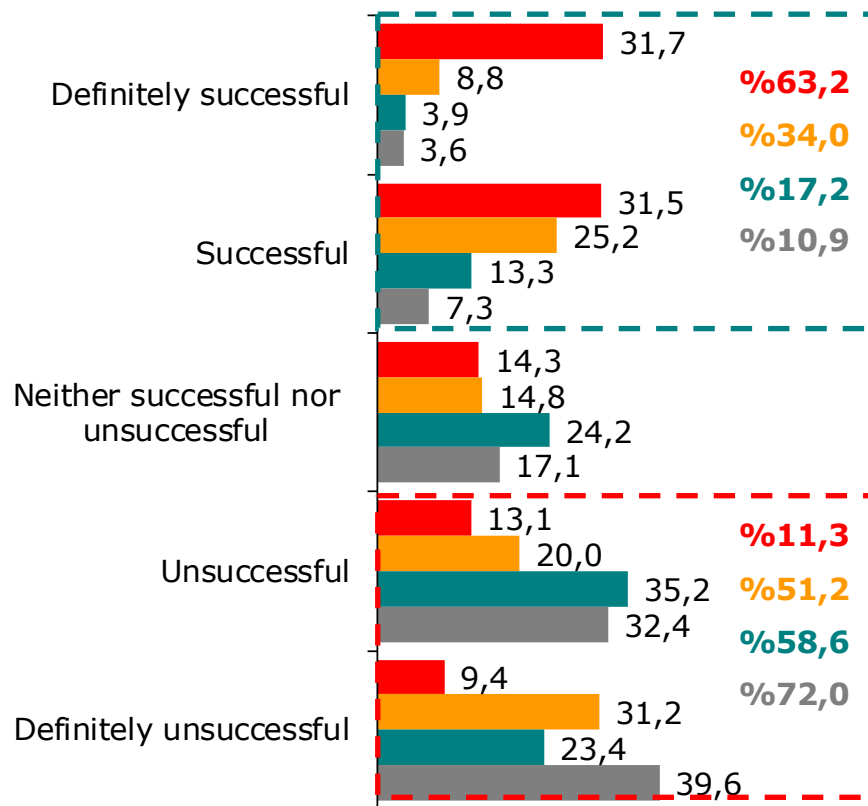
When assessing Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's performance in general, how succesful or unsuccessful do you find his performance?



■ 2015 ■ 2014

Basis	2014	2015
	1000	1000

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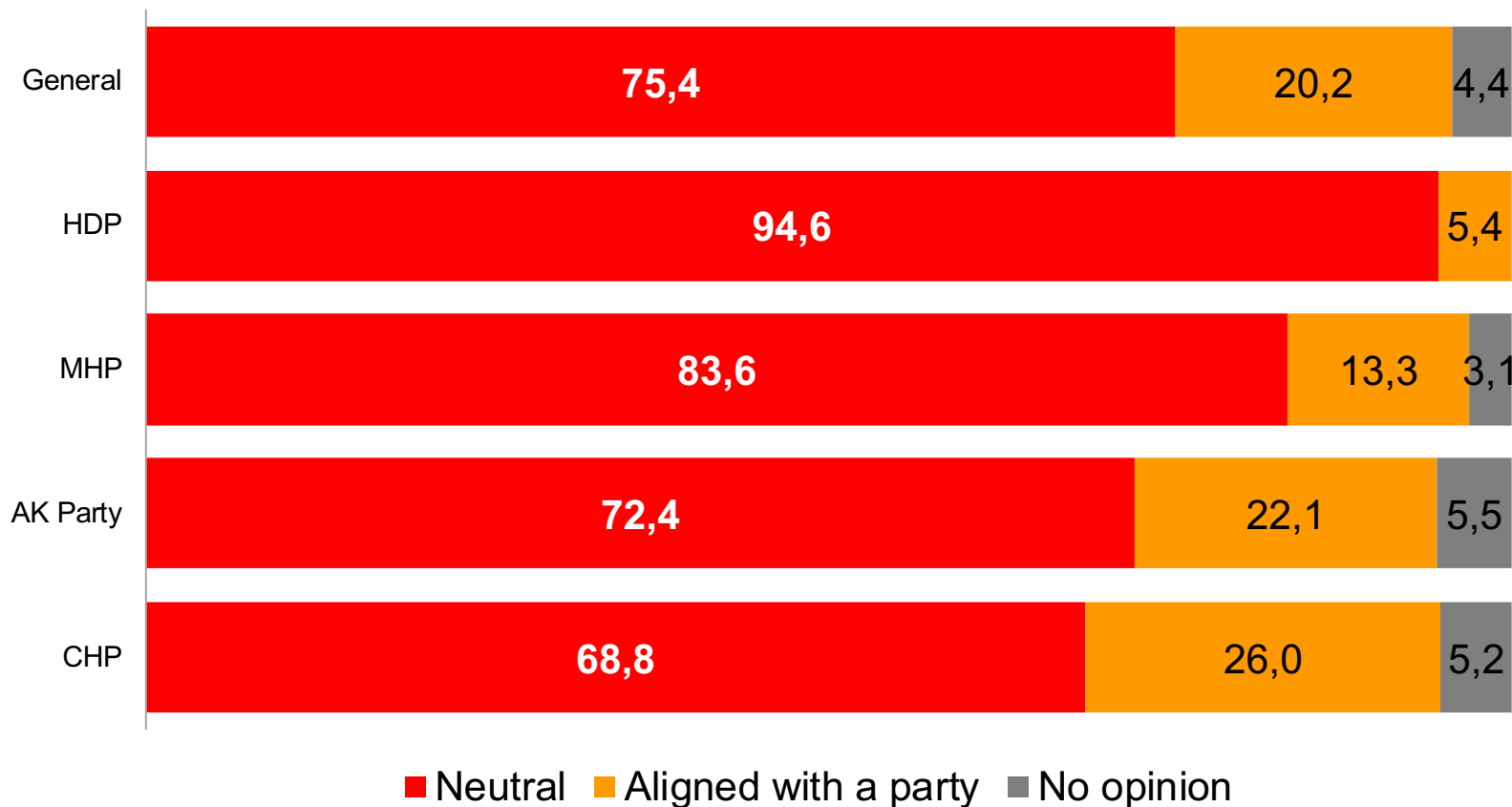


■ AK Parti ■ CHP ■ MHP ■ HDP

Basis	AK Party	CHP	MHP	HDP
	489	250	128	111



What kind of president do you think Turkey needs?

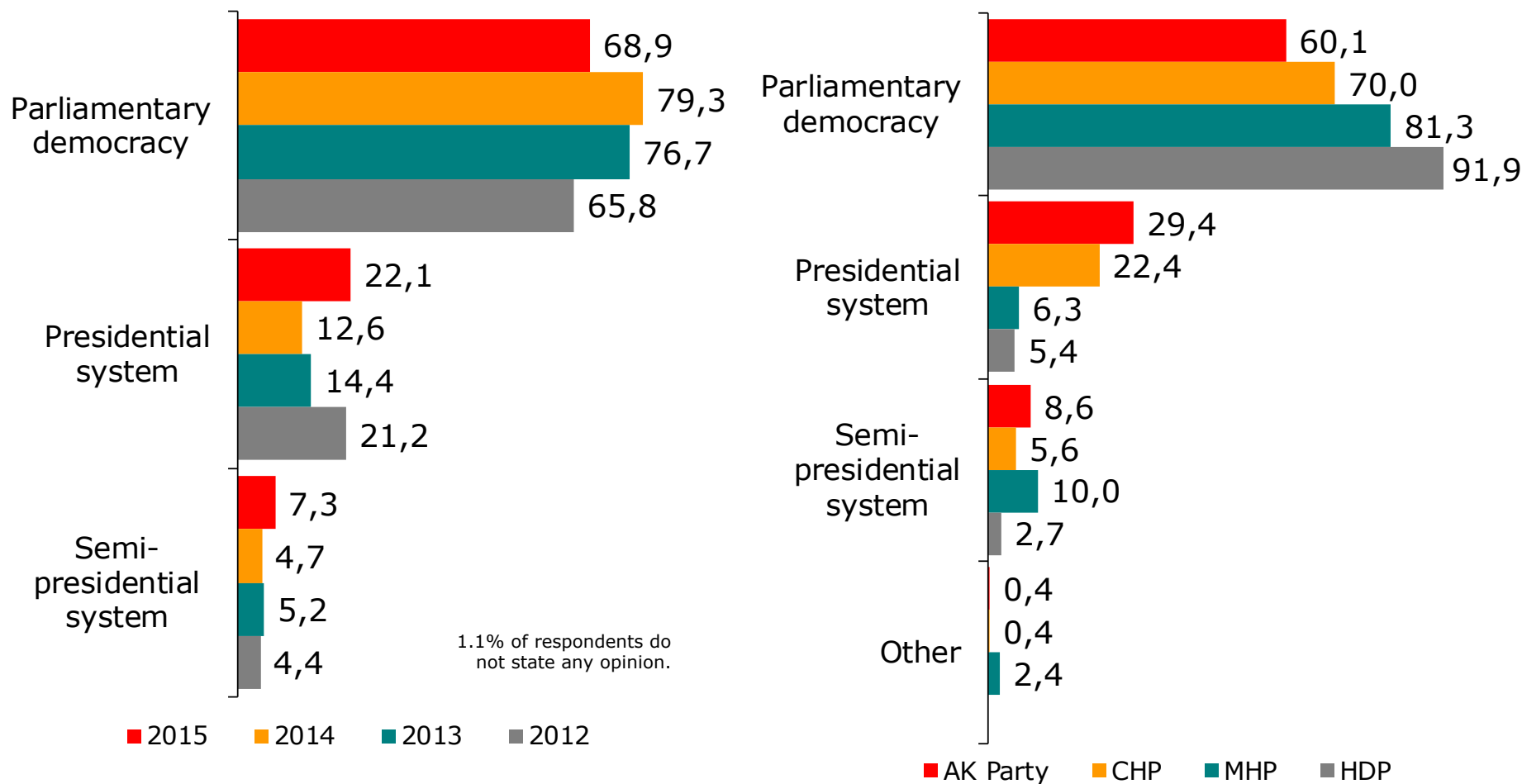


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Basis	General	AK Party	CHP	MHP	HDP
	1000	489	250	128	111



What do you think Turkey's system of government should be?

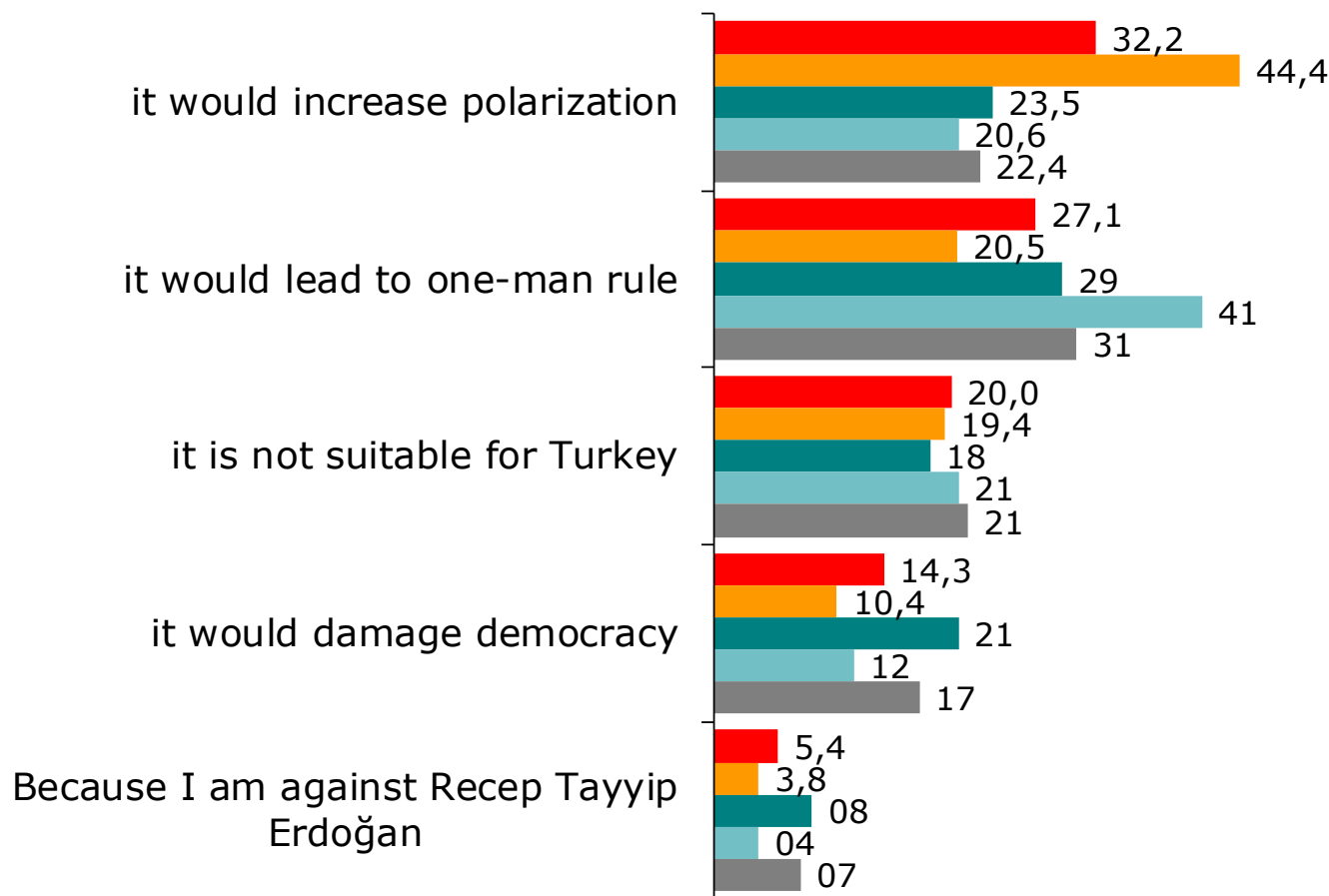


Basis	2014	2015
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Why don't you want a presidential system?



■ General ■ Ak Party ■ CHP ■ MHP ■ HDP

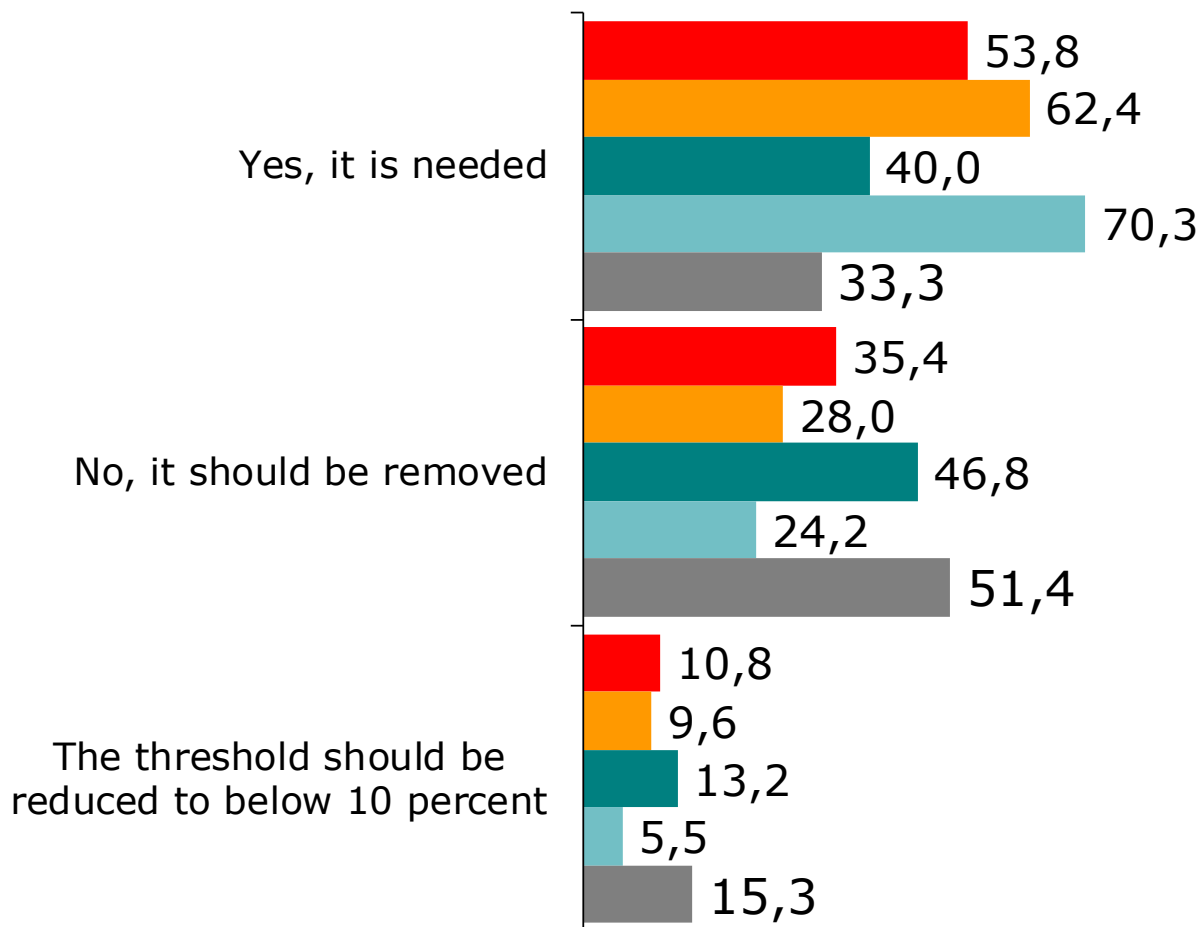
It should be borne in mind that a high error margin is likely in these further divisions

Basis	General	AK Party	CHP	MHP	HDP
	671	289	170	102	98



The need for an electoral threshold

Do you think the electoral threshold is necessary?



Data under 3.1 are not included in the chart.

■ General ■ AK Party ■ CHP ■ MHP ■ HDP

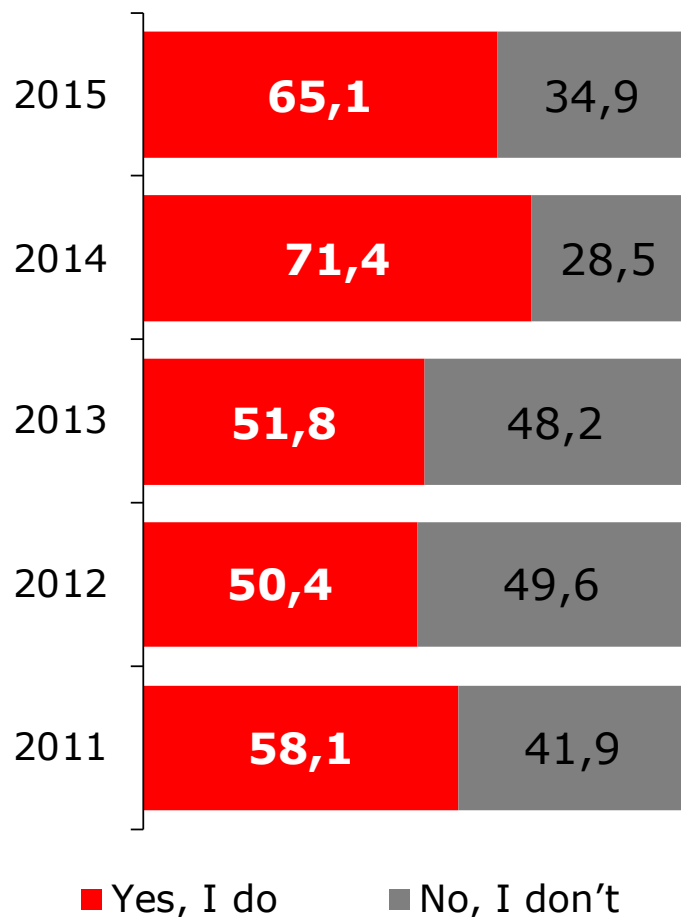
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High error margin should be considered in all divisions. It should be borne in mind that a high error margin is likely in these further divisions.

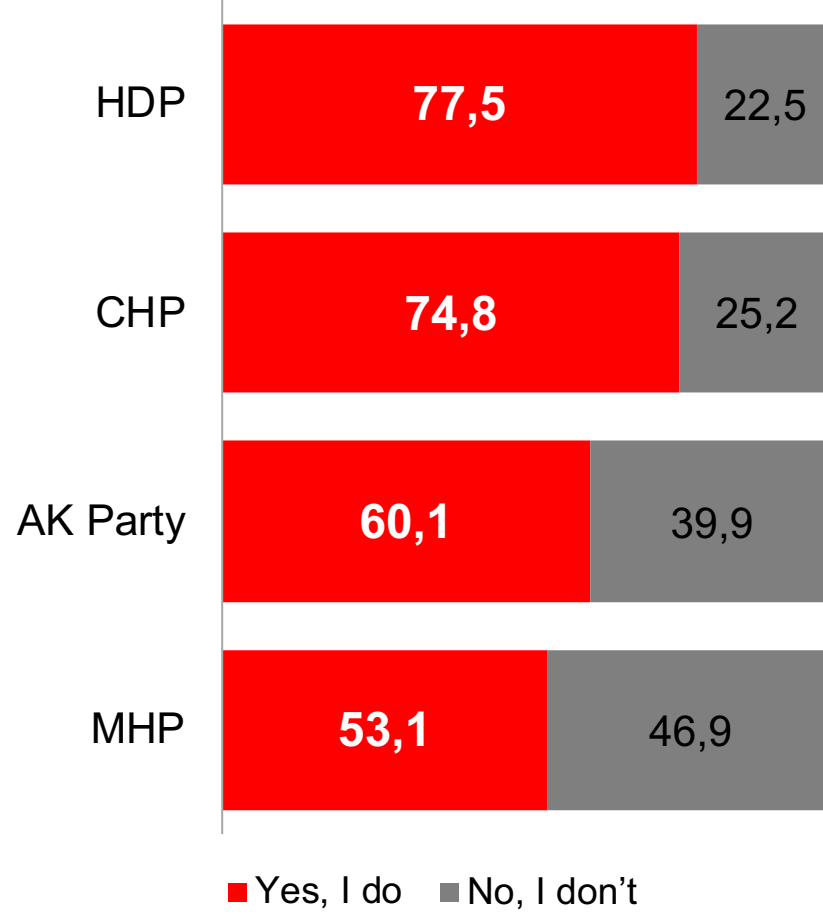


Support for Turkey's EU Membership

Are you in favor of Turkey's EU membership?



Basis	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
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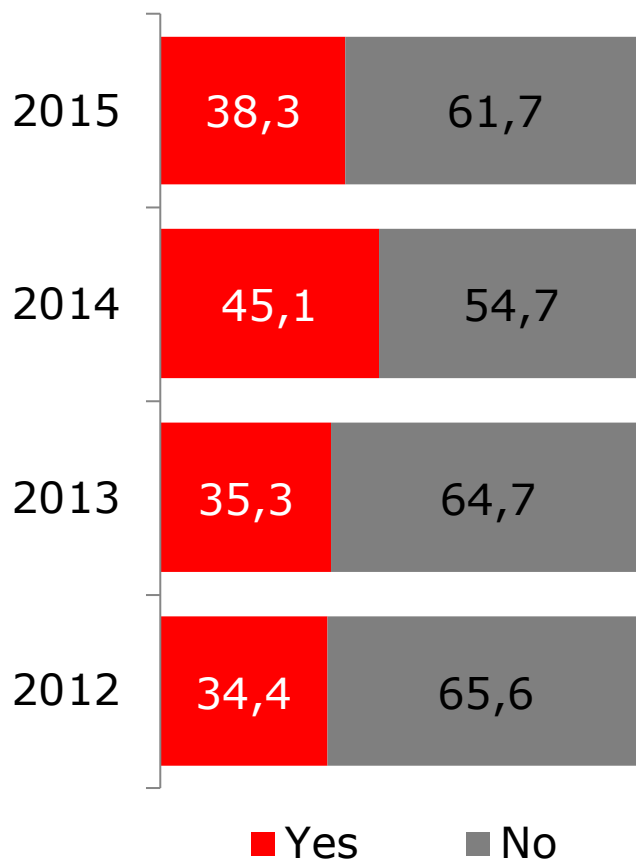


Basis	AK Party	CHP	MHP	HDP
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Envisioning the possibility of Turkey's EU Membership

Do you think Turkey will manage to become a member of the EU?



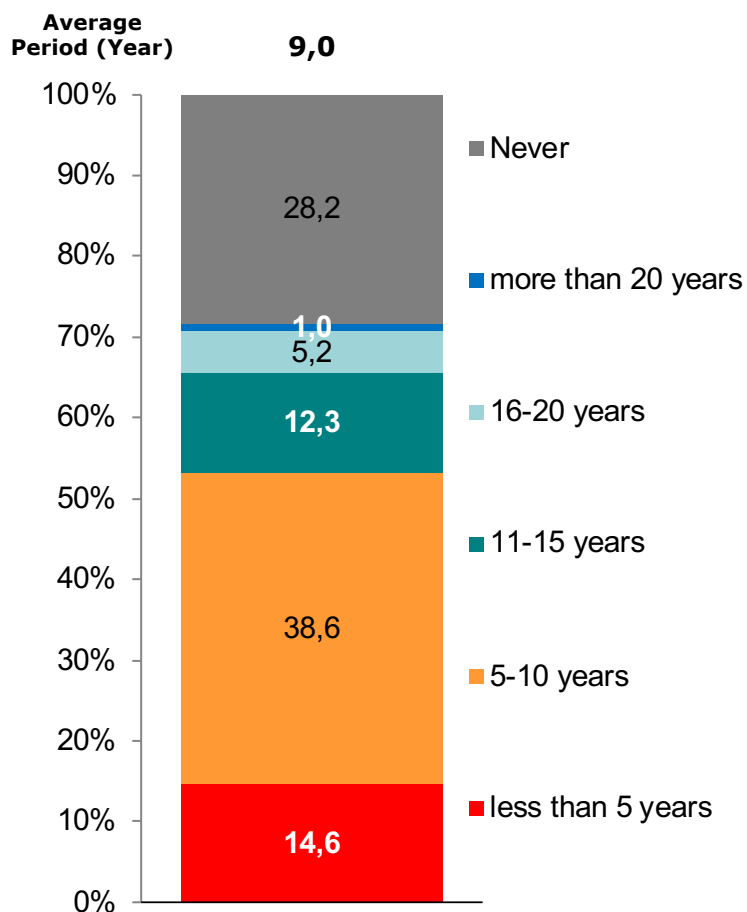
In 2015, a sharp fall is observed in the percentage of those who believe that Turkey will become a member of the EU.

Basis	2012	2013	2014	2015
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Turkey's expected date for being a full member of the EU

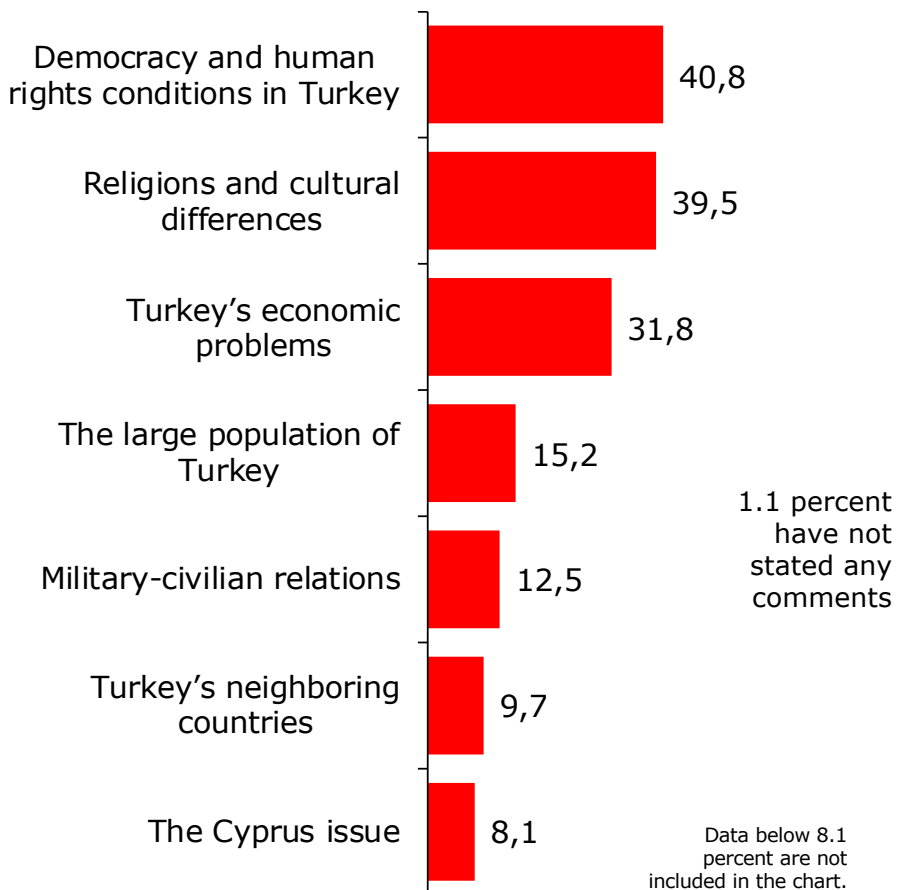
When, do you think, Turkey might become a full member of the EU?



Basis: 383

Reasons against Turkey's EU Membership

What issues prevent or delay Turkey's EU membership?

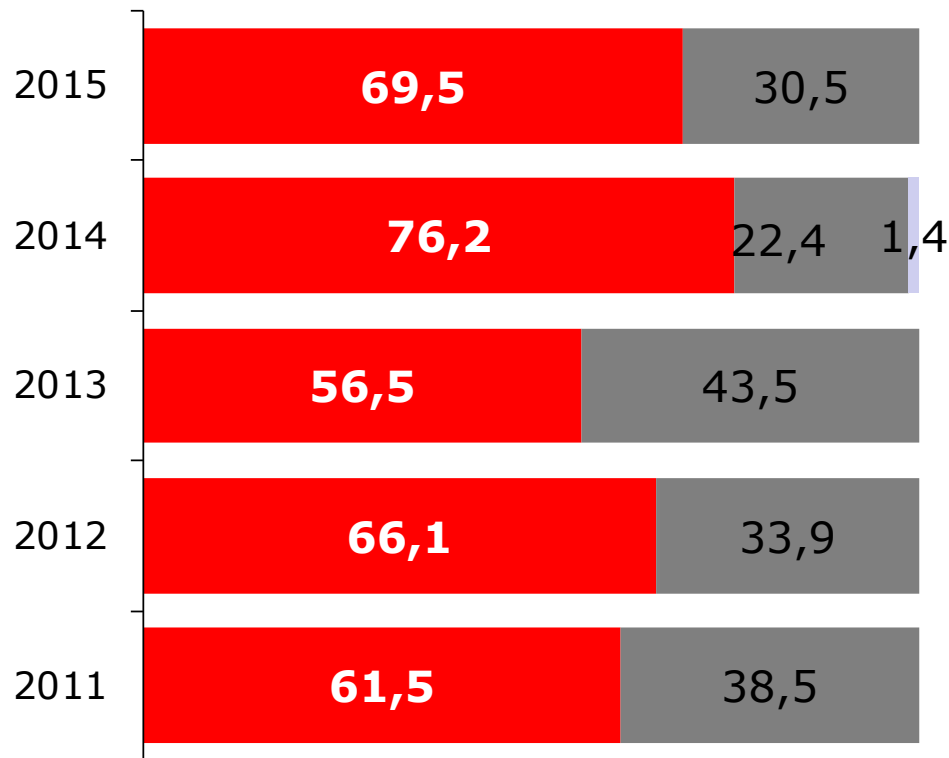


Basis: 617



Turkey's NATO membership

Do you think Turkey should continue to be a NATO member?



■ Yes, it should ■ No, it shouldn't ■ No comment

Basis	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000



■ Yes, it should ■ No, it shouldn't

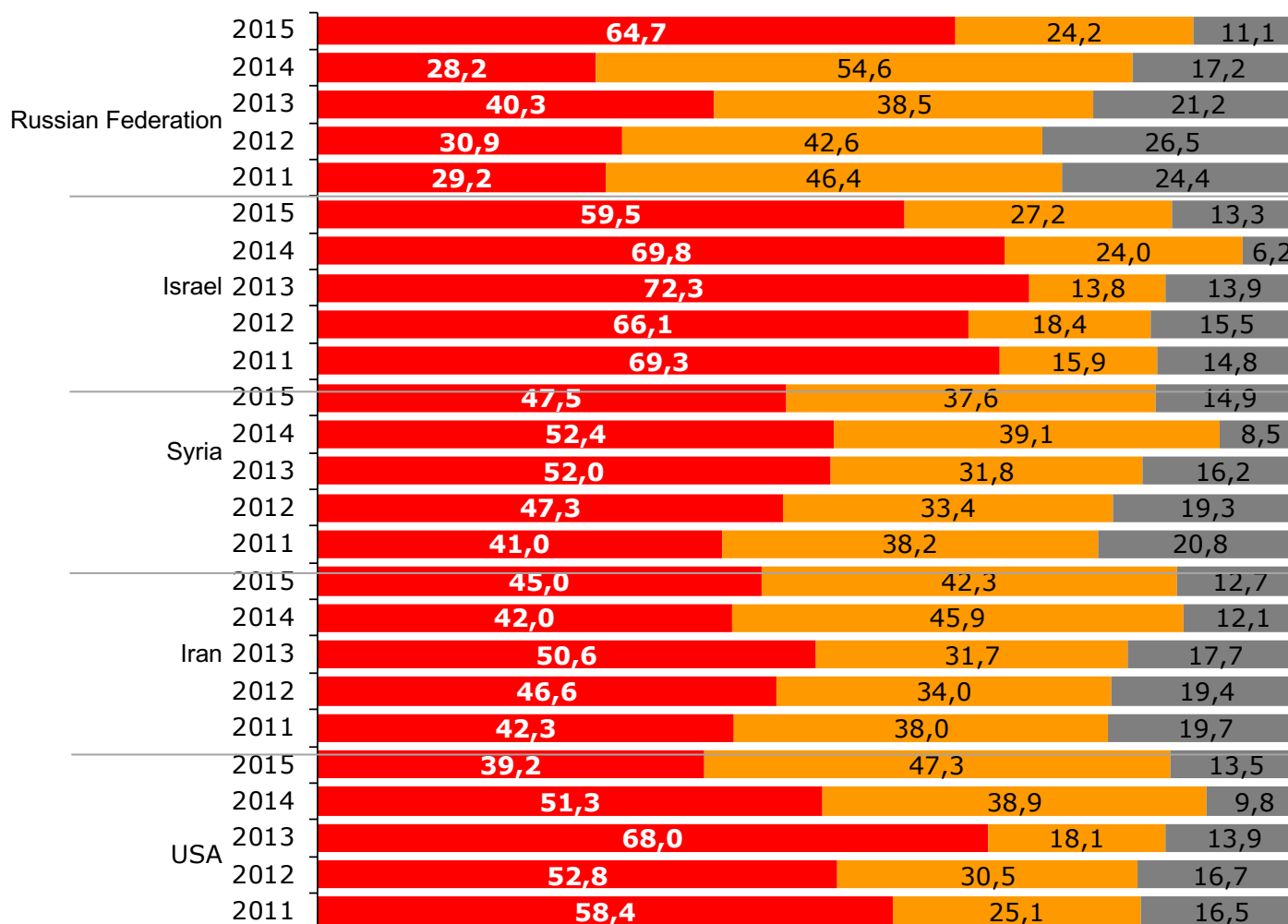
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The Threat posed to Turkey by Various Countries

Do you think the following countries pose a threat to Turkey?



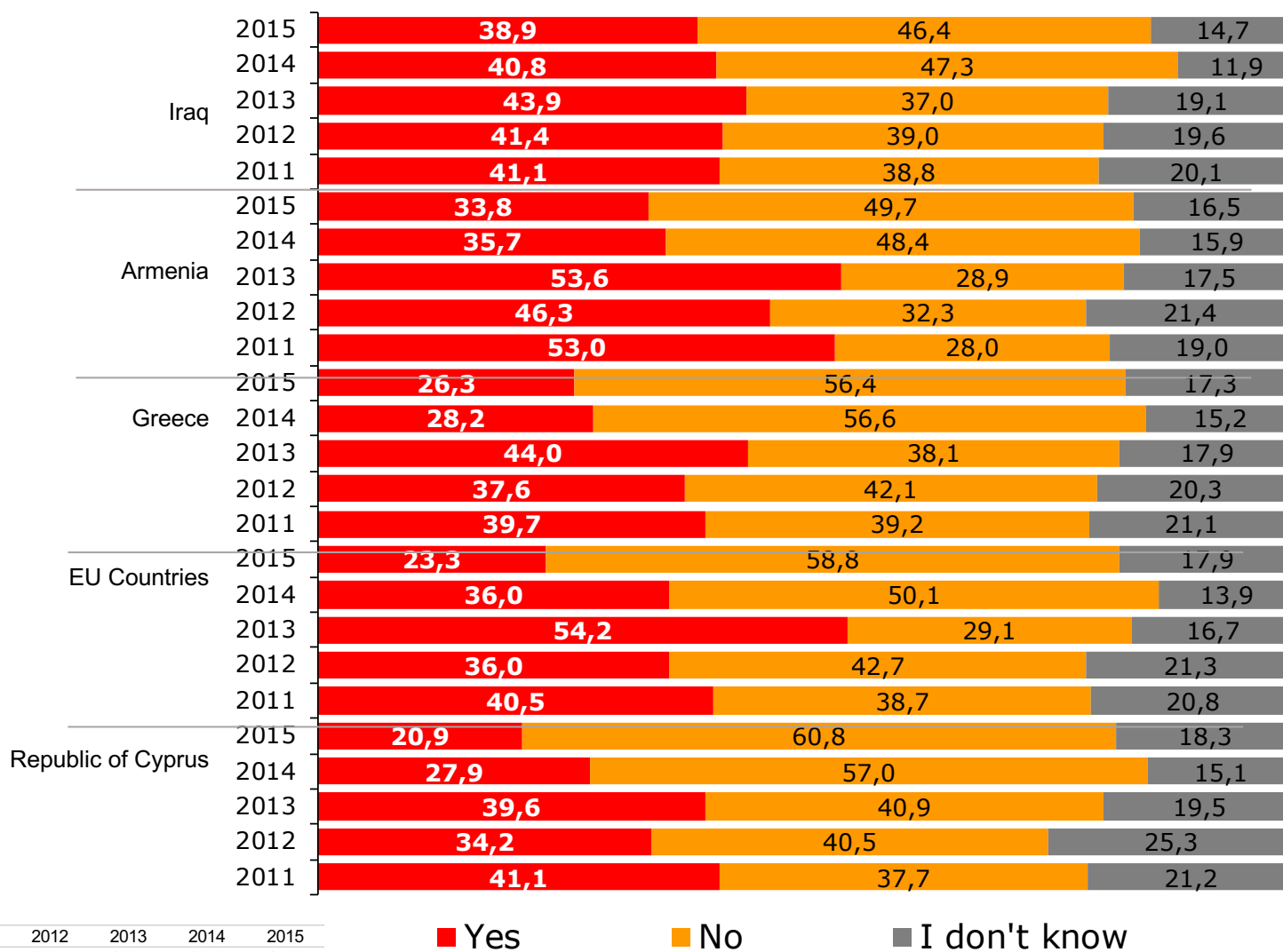
In 2015, the Russian Federation tops the list, while USA, Syria and Israel's threat levels went down.

Listed based on 2015.



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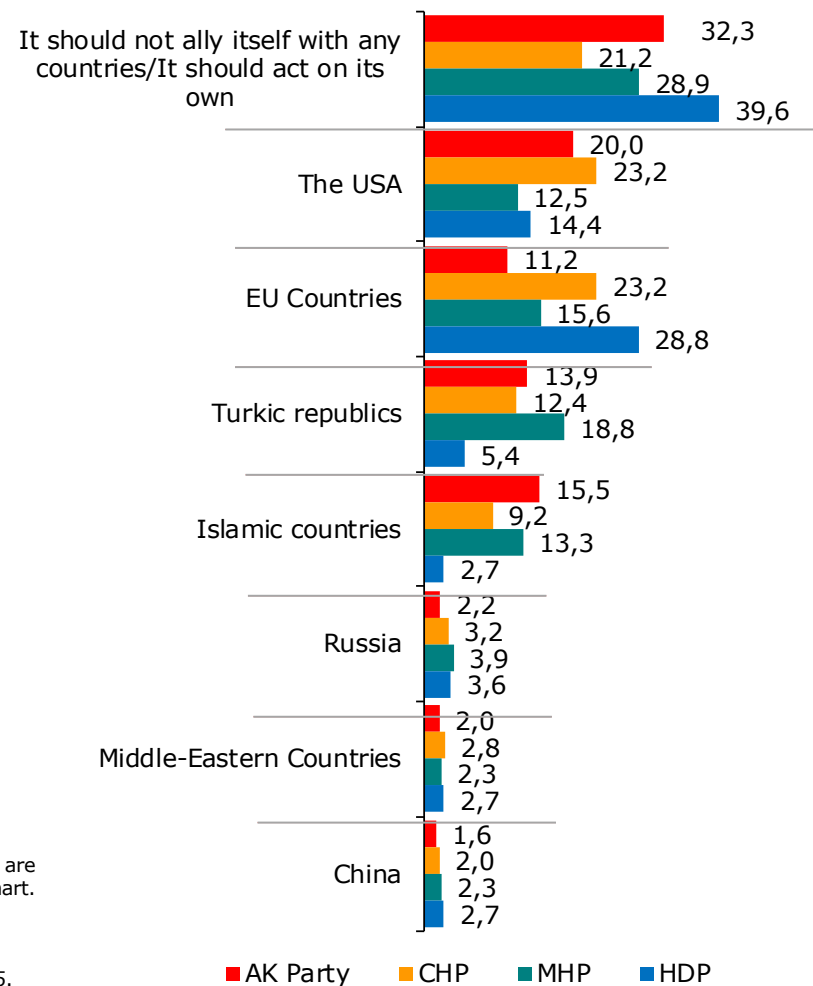
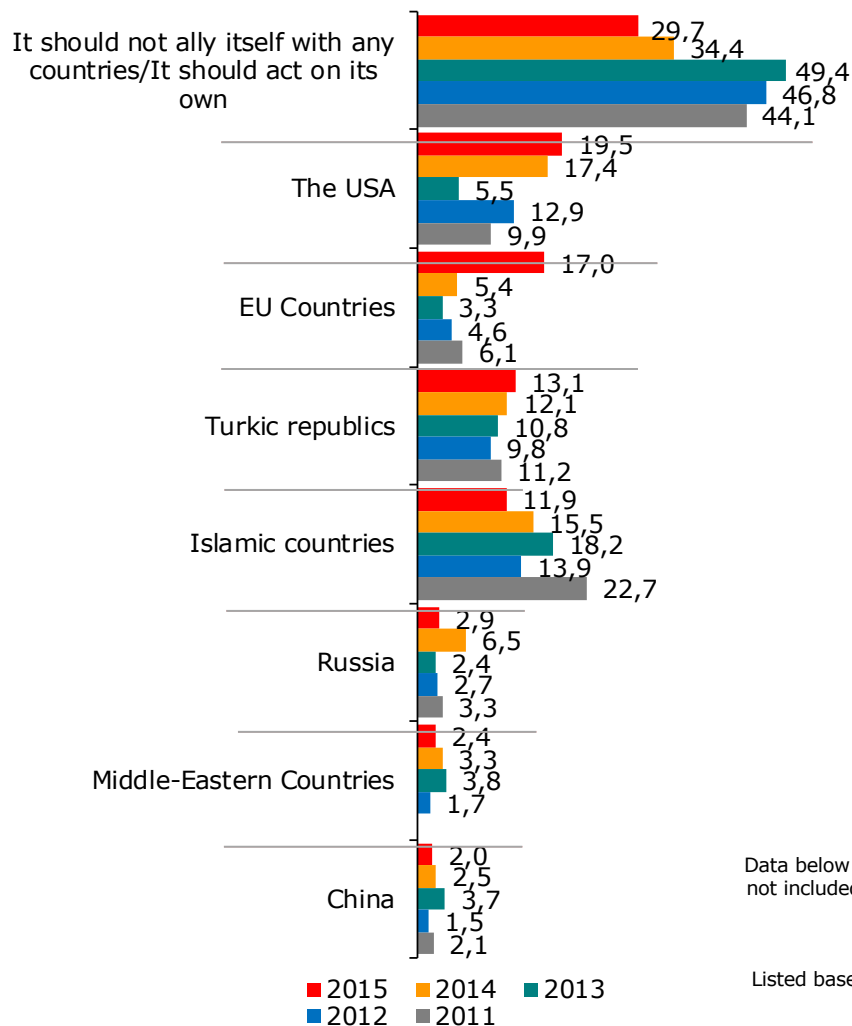
The threat posed by Iraq, Armenia, Greece, EU Countries and Republic of Cyprus have all went down in 2015.

Listed based on 2015.



Countries Turkey Should Collaborate with in it's FP

Which countries do you think Turkey should most closely ally itself with in its foreign policy?



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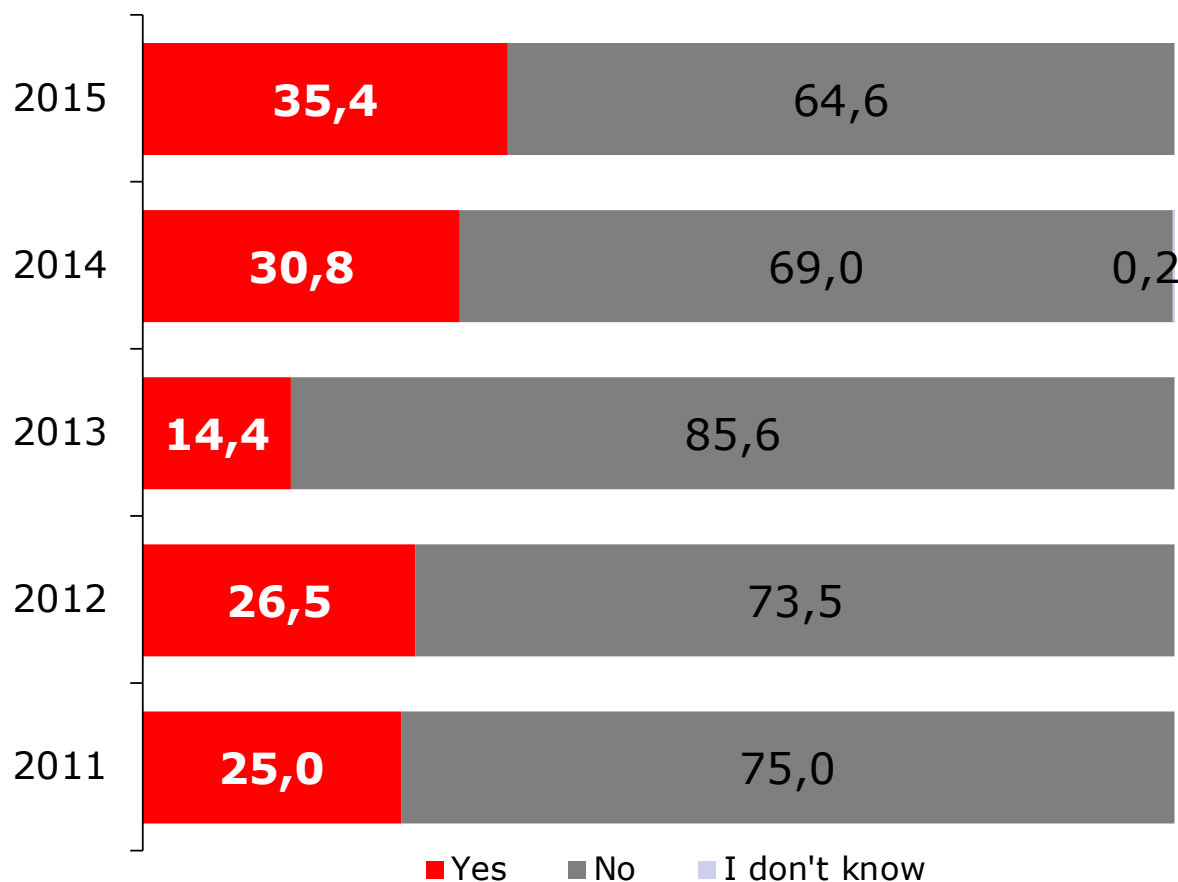
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Evaluation of the USA as an Ally/Friend of Turkey

Do you believe the USA is an ally/friend of Turkey?



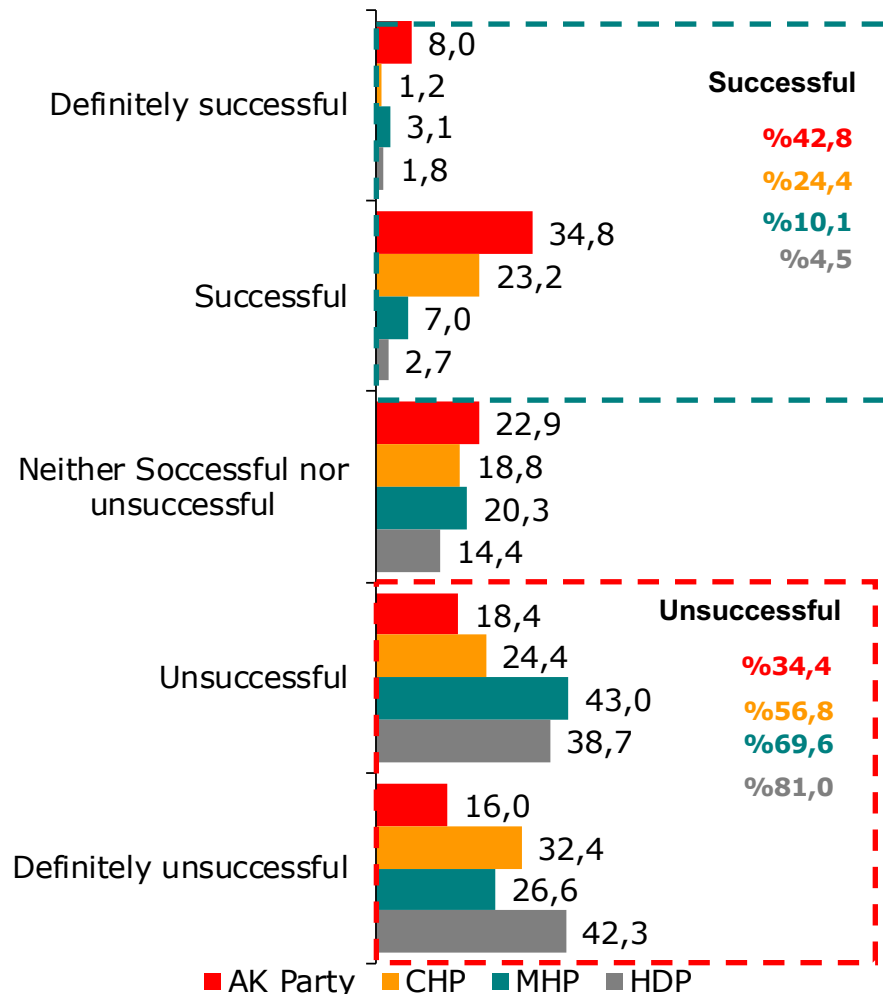
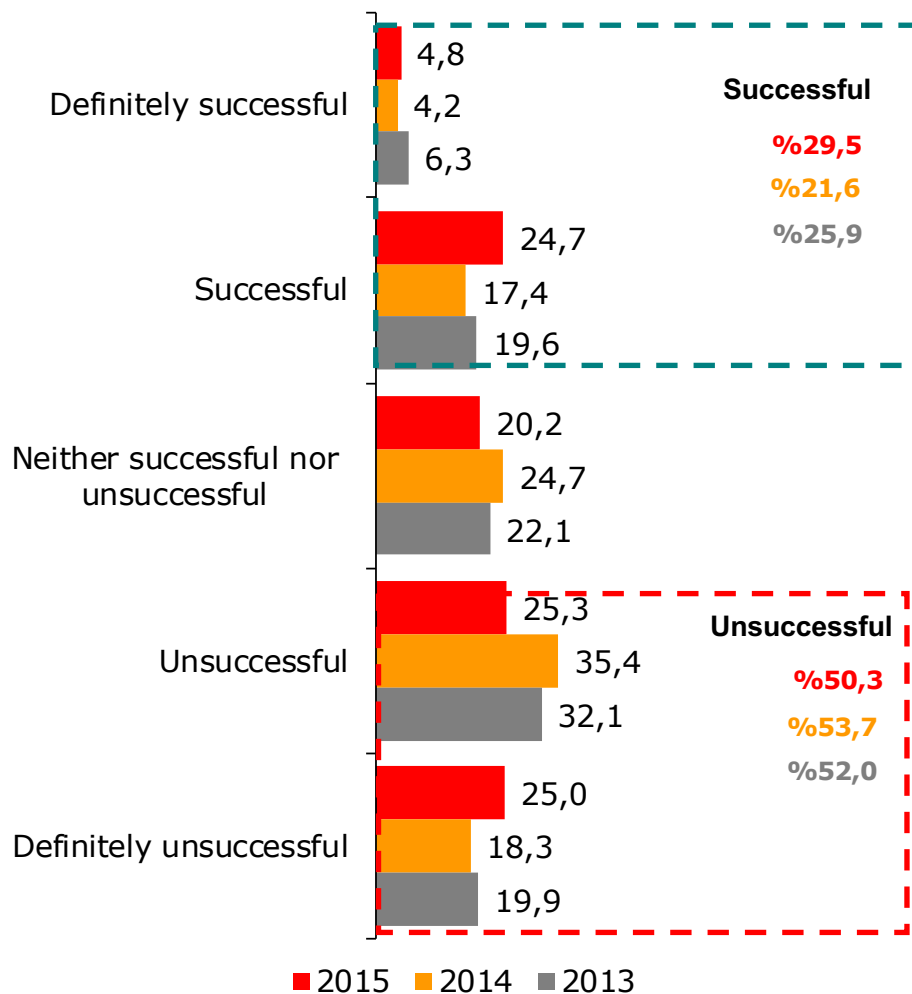
In 2014 0.2 percent of respondents have not stated their views.

Basis	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
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Evaluation of Turkey's Syria Policy

Do you think Turkey's Syria policy is successful?



It should be borne in mind that a high error margin is likely in these further divisions

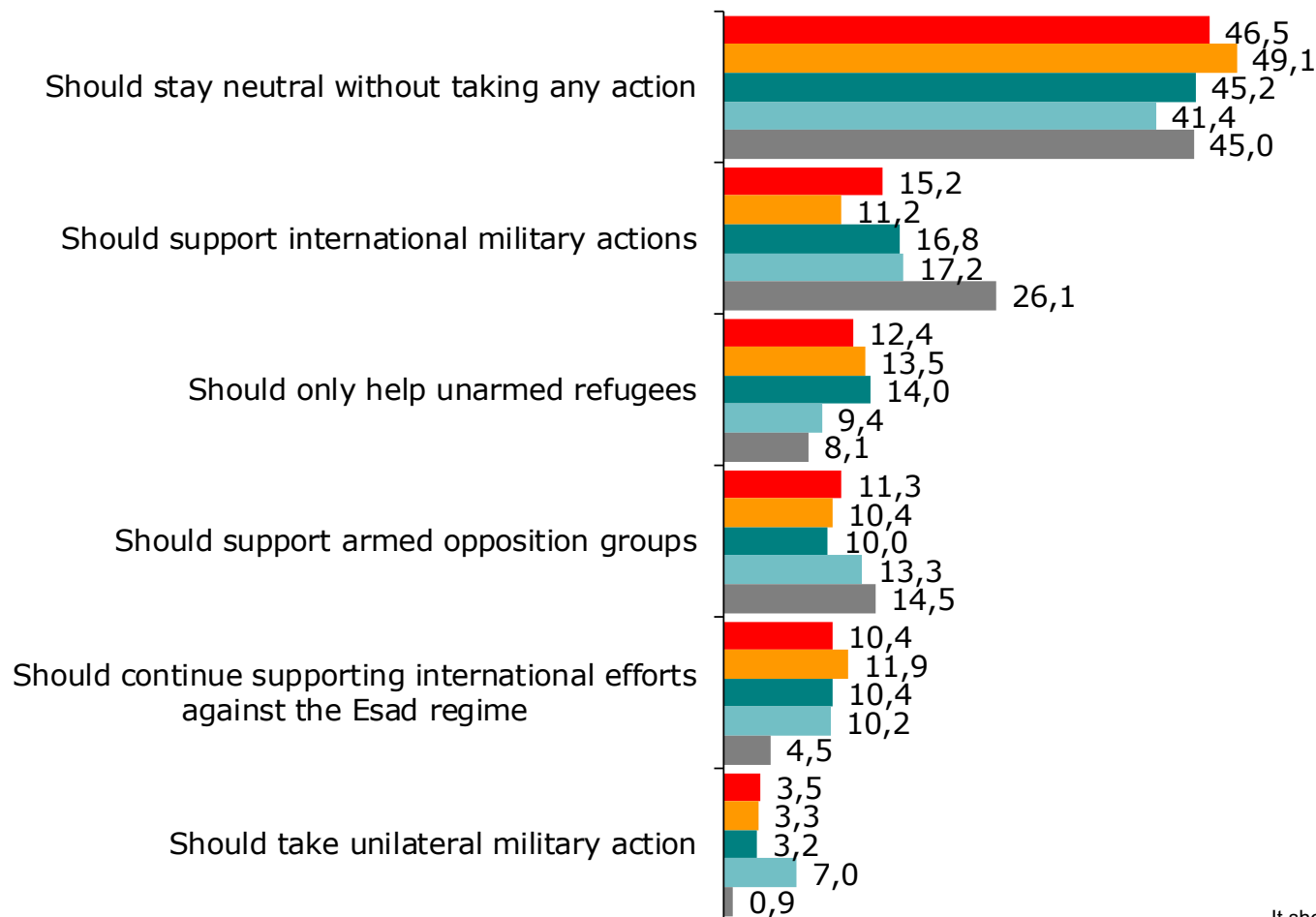
Basis	2013	2014	2015
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Basis	AK Parti	CHP	MHP	HDP
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The Syria Policy Turkey should follow

What sort of policy should Turkey follow in Syria?



0.3 percent has not stated any views.

Data below 3.5 percent are not included in the chart.

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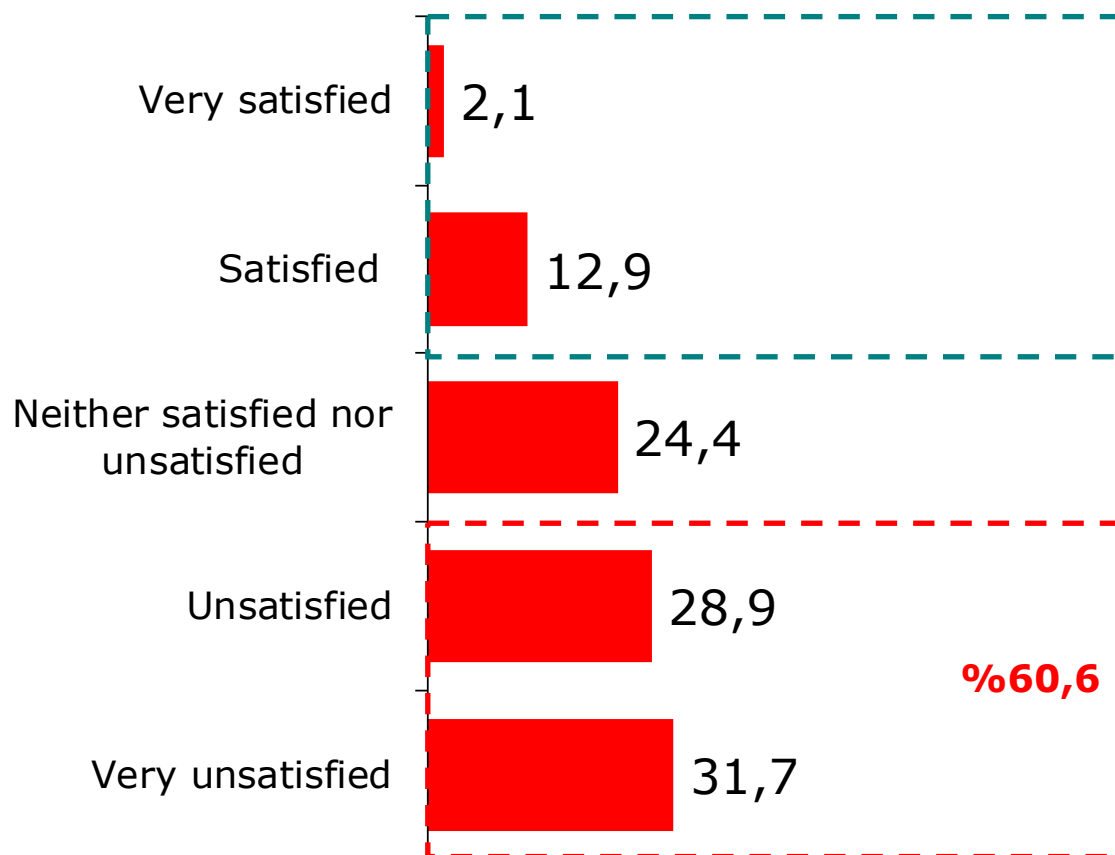
■ General ■ AK Party ■ CHP ■ MHP ■ HDP

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Basis	1000	489	250	128	111



Views on the Syrian refugees in Turkey

Would you state how content you are about the Syrian refugees in our country?

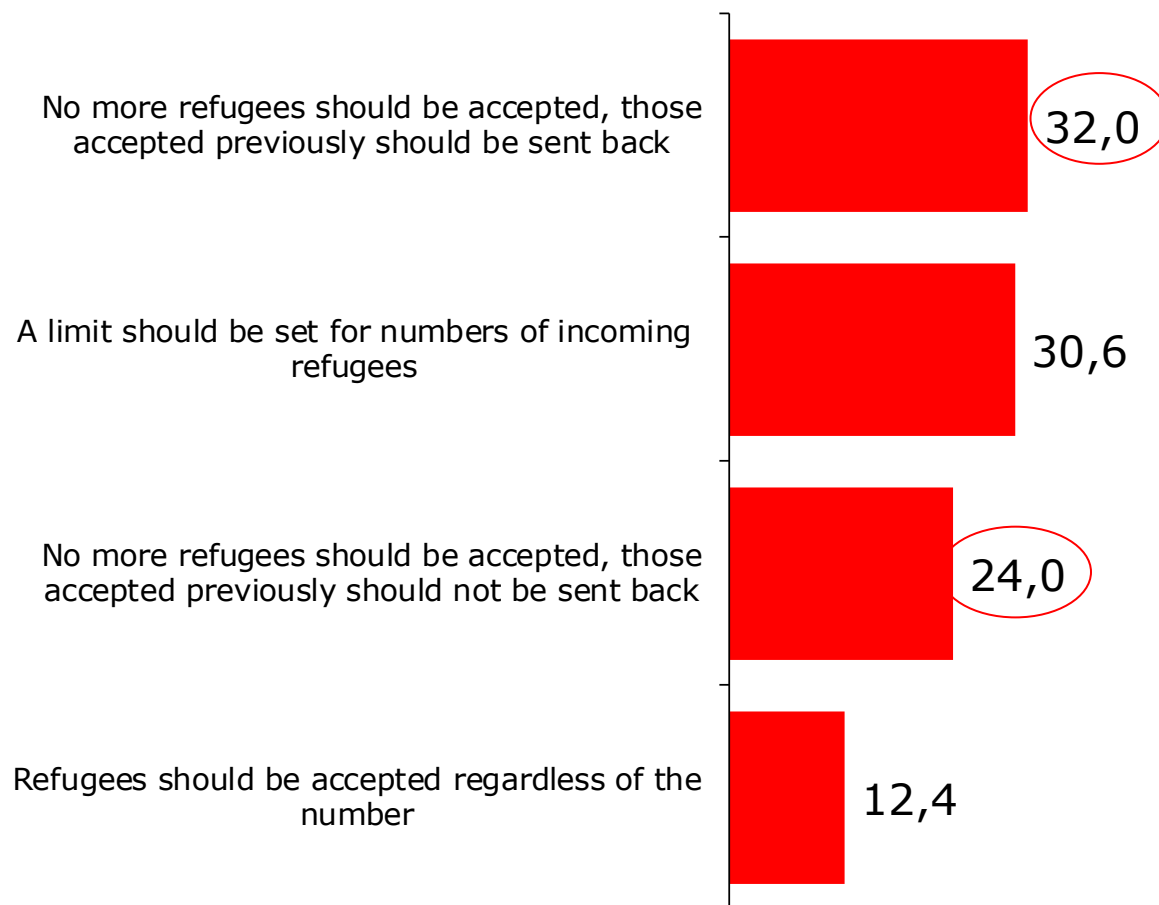


Basis: 1000



Policies Turkey should apply towards refugees

What sort of policies should Turkey follow regarding refugees?



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views.

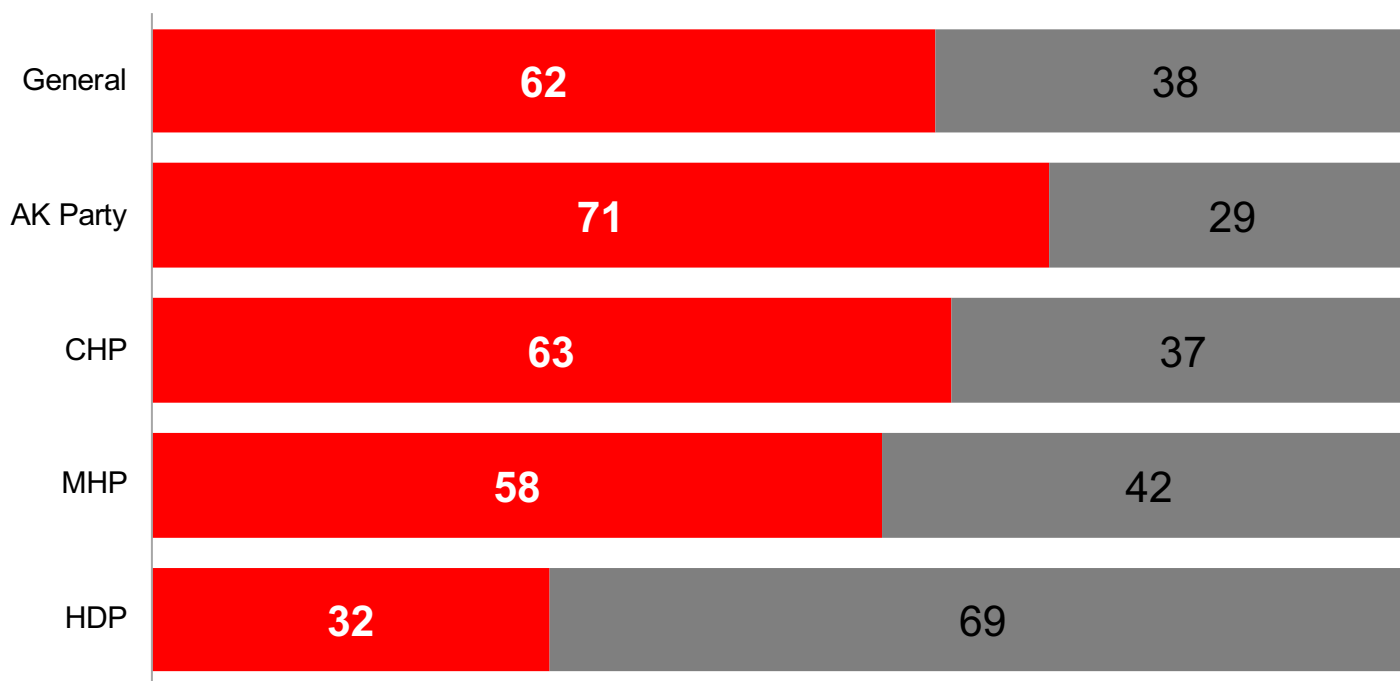
Data below 12.4
percent are not
included in the chart.

Basis: 1000



Downing of a Russian warplane over Syria

How do you evaluate Turkey's downing of a Russian warplane in Syria?



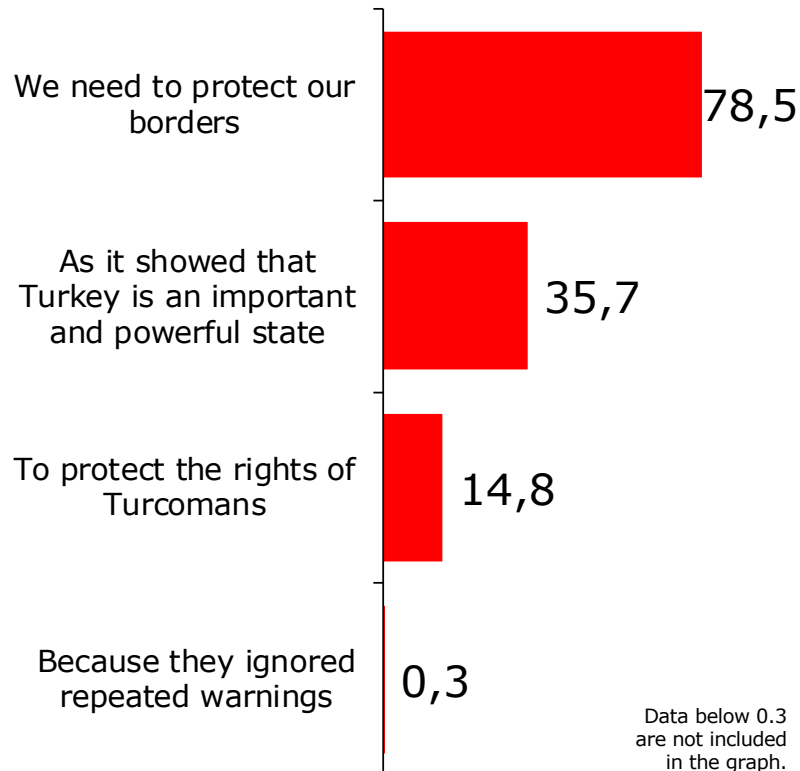
■ I support it, this was the right action to take ■ I don't support it, this was the wrong action to take

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Reasons for supporting Turkey's downing of the Russian warplane

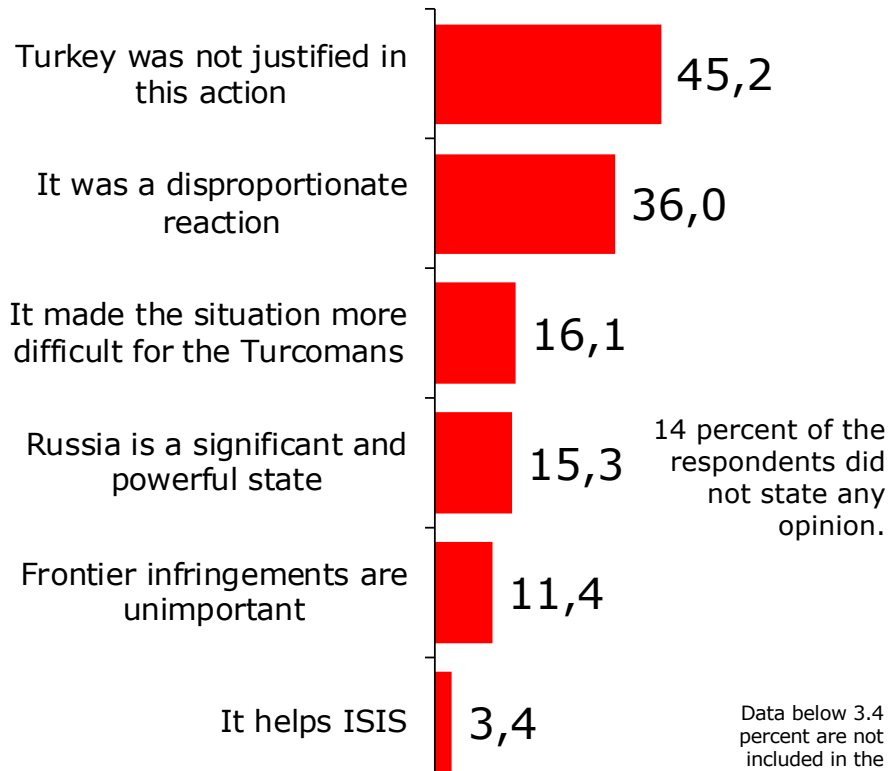
You stated that you supported Turkey's downing of the Russian warplane
Would you please indicate why?



Basis: 622

Reasons for not supporting Turkey's downing of the Russian warplane

You stated that you did not support Turkey's downing of the Russian warplane
Would you please indicate why?

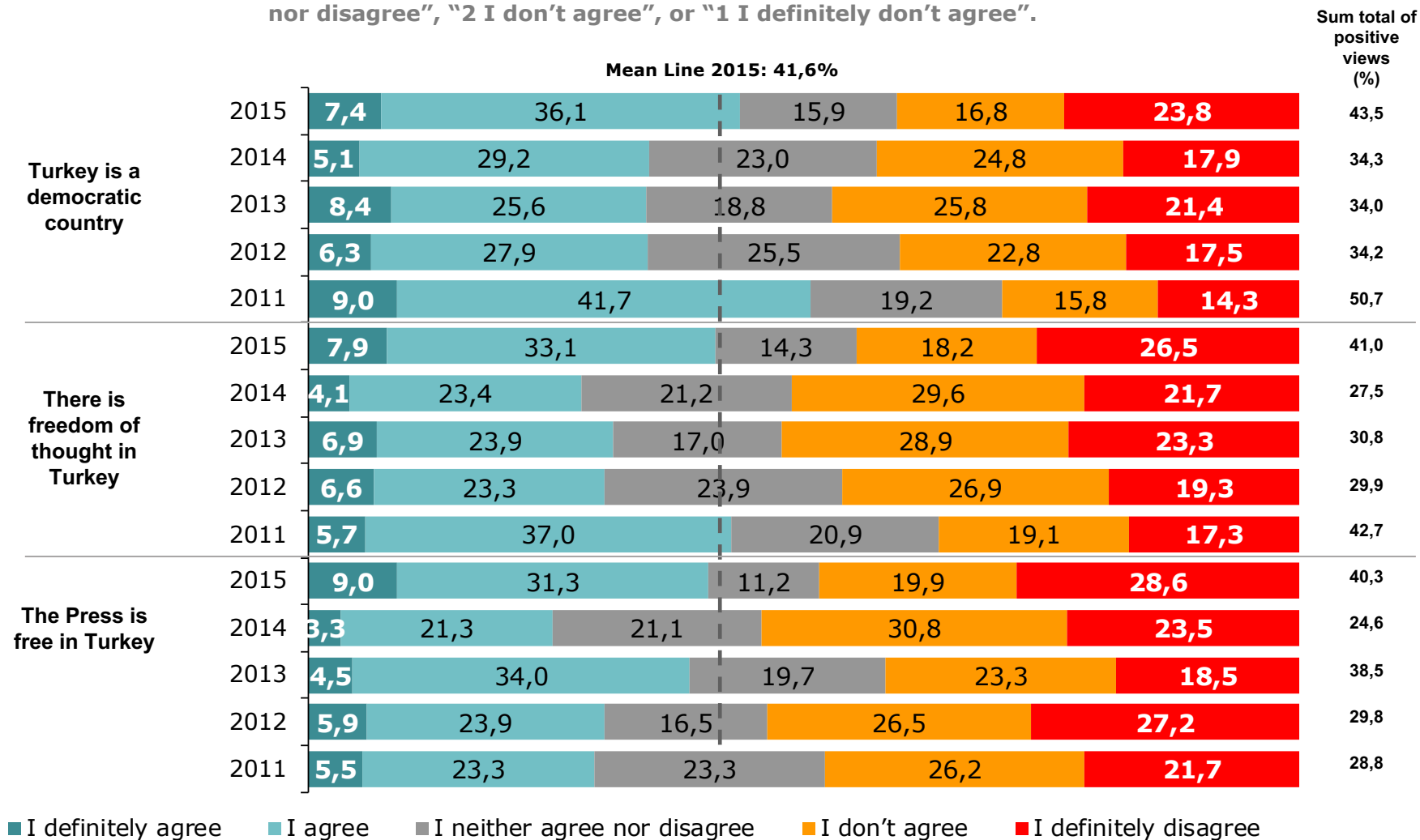


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Social Relations

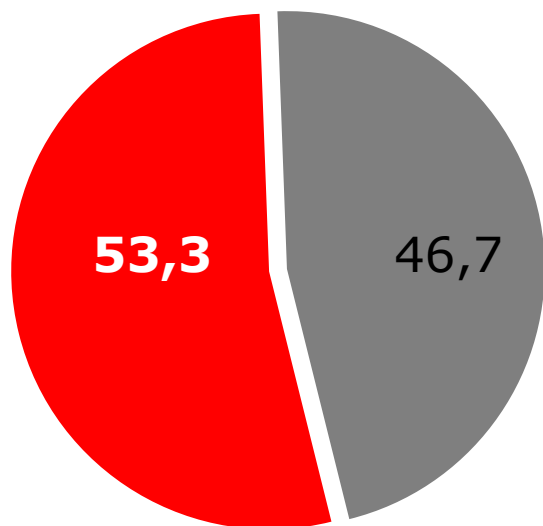
Now I will read you some statements. Please indicate how true or untrue you find these to be together with your level of agreement: "5 I definitely agree", "4 I don't agree", "3 I neither agree nor disagree", "2 I don't agree", or "1 I definitely don't agree".



Basis	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000

Social Relations

Do you think Turkey is a democratic country?



■ Yes ■ No

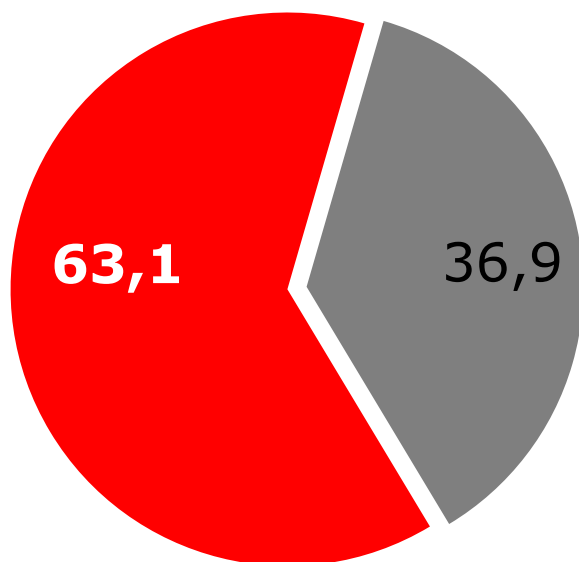
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Which of the following statements regarding the level of democracy in Turkey do you agree with?

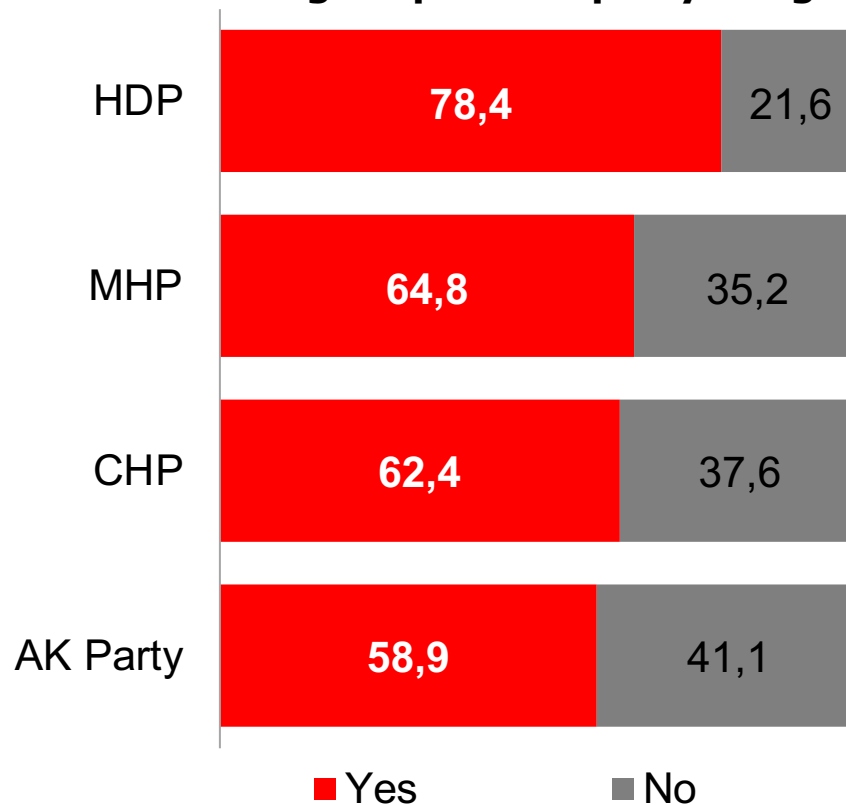


Do you believe that there is a political polarization in Turkey?

- According to political party allegiance-



■ Yes ■ No

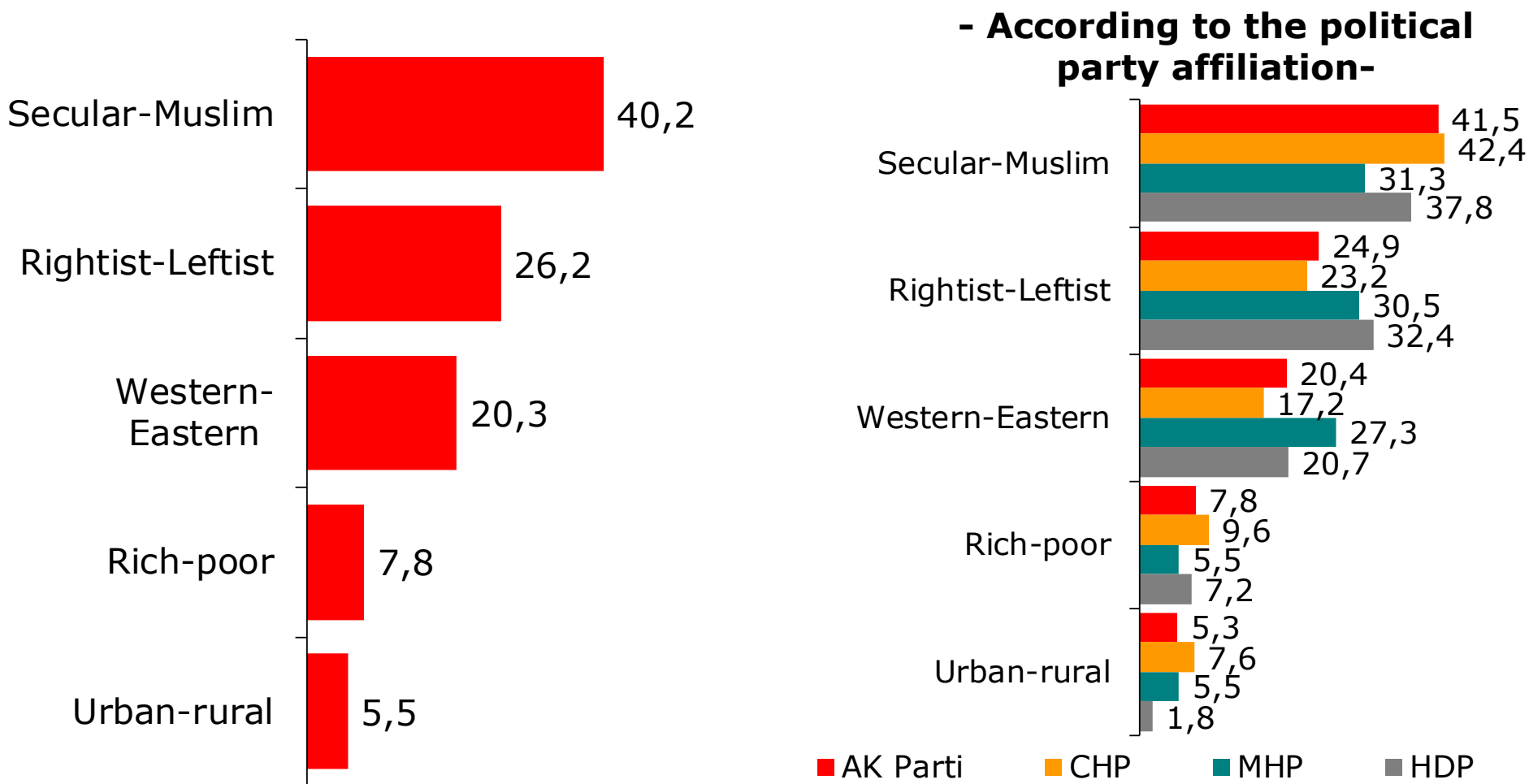


■ Yes ■ No

It should be borne in mind that a high error margin is likely in these further divisions



What is the basis of the polarization in Turkey?



Basis	AK Party	CHP	MHP	HDP
	489	250	128	111

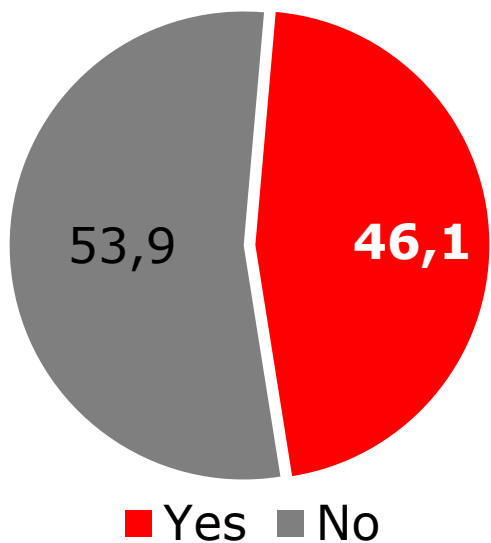
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Othering

Opinion on whether there is alienation in Turkey

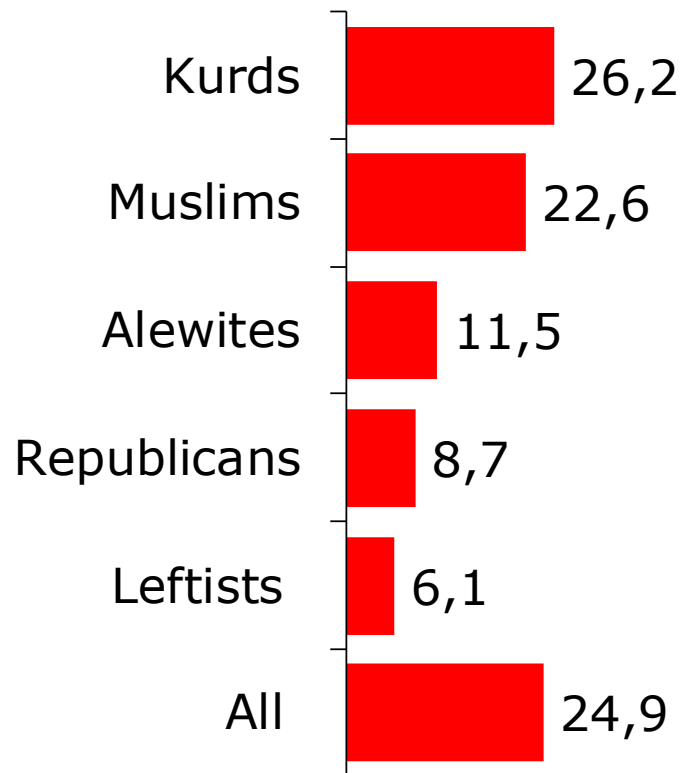
Do you believe that some groups are alienated in Turkey?



Basis : 1000

Segments which are alienated in Turkey

Who do you think is being alienated?

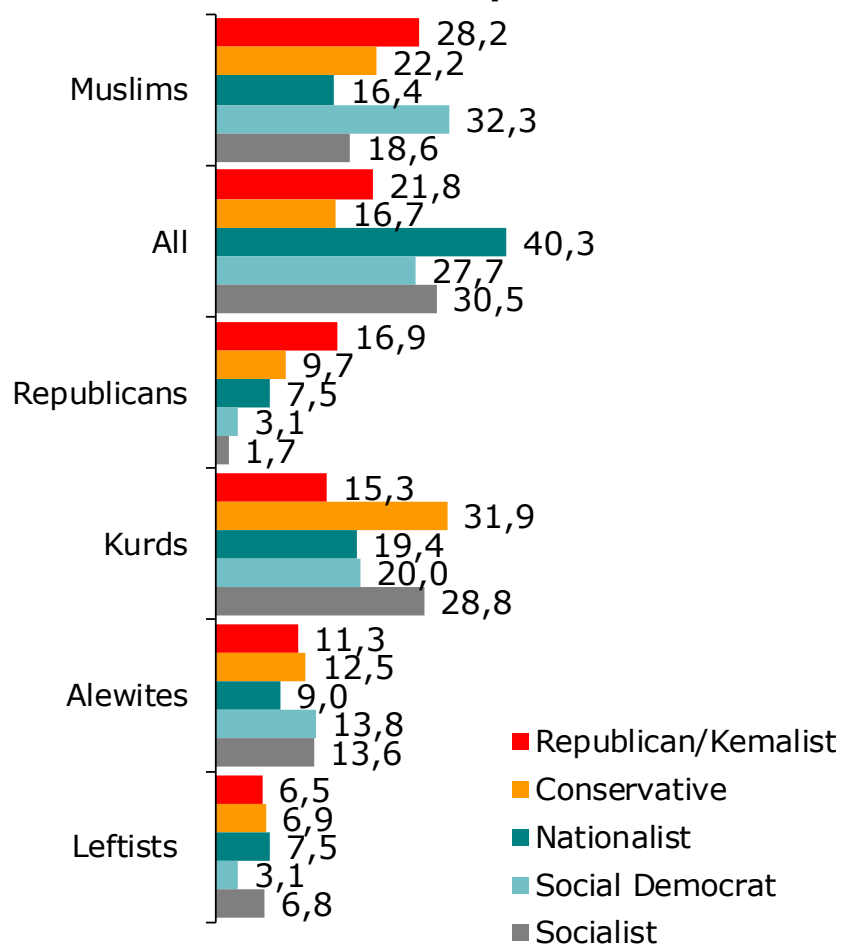


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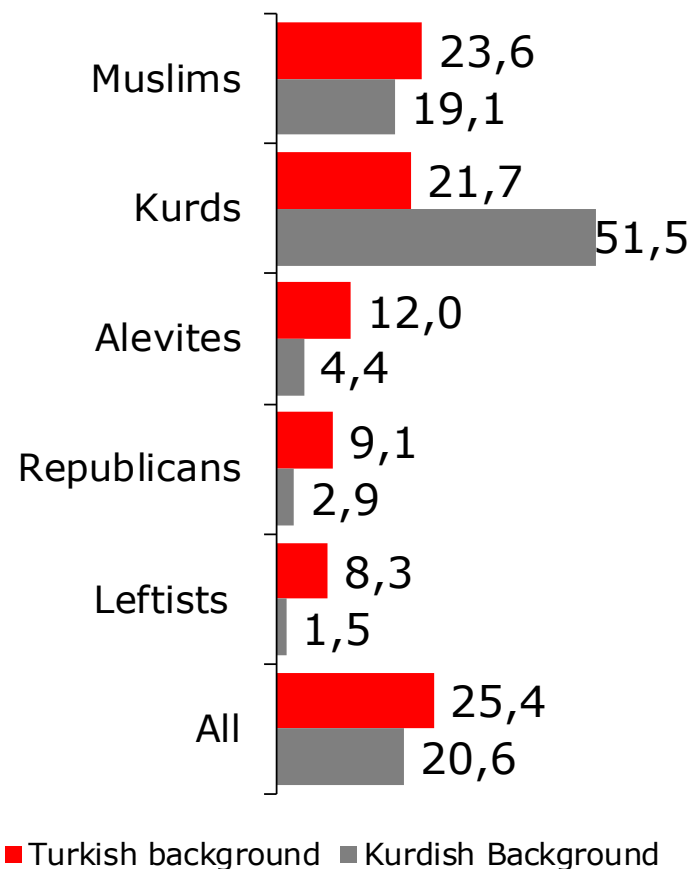


Segments which are alienated in Turkey

- Based on Political Opinion -



- Based on Turkish/Kurdish Background-



Basis	Republican /Kemalist	Conservative	Nationalist	Social Democrat	Socialist
	124	72	67	65	59

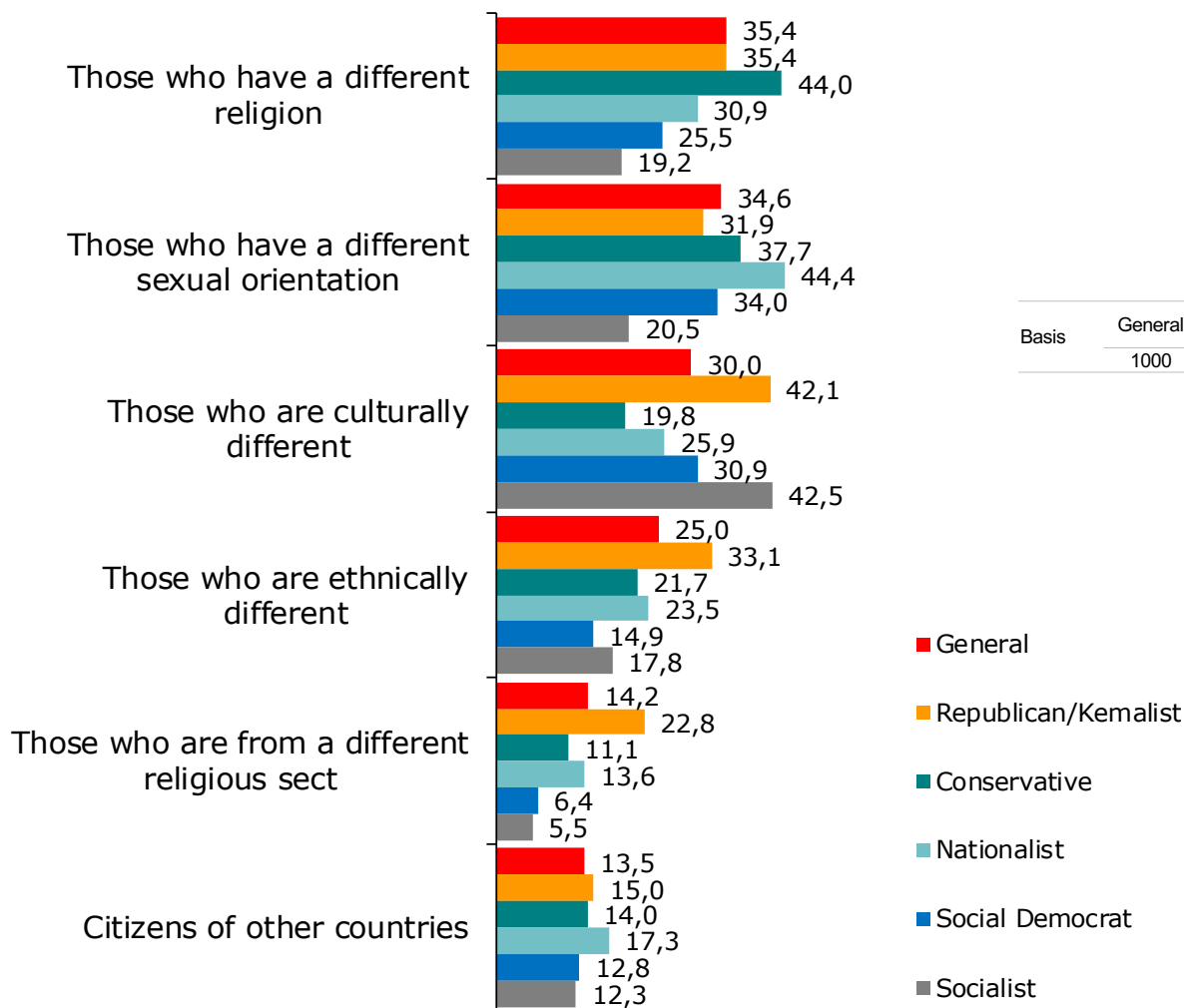
Basis	Turkish background	Kurdish Background
	276	68

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Social Relations

Who would not like to see as your neighbour?



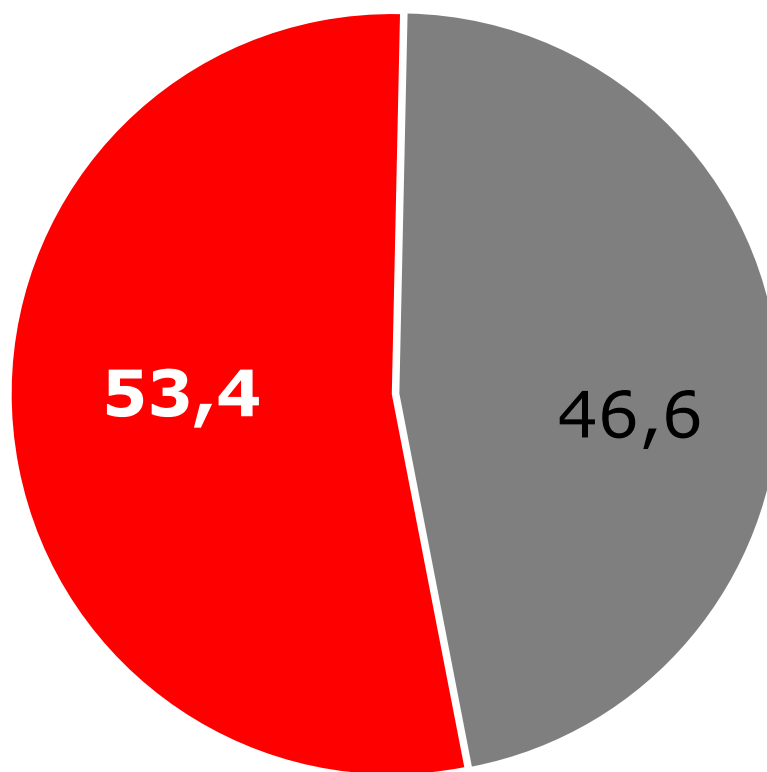
Basis	General	Republican/ Kemalist	Conservative	Nationalist	Social Democrat	Socialist
	1000	254	207	163	94	73

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Evaluating Turkey as Religious or Secular

Which of the following describes Turkey best today?

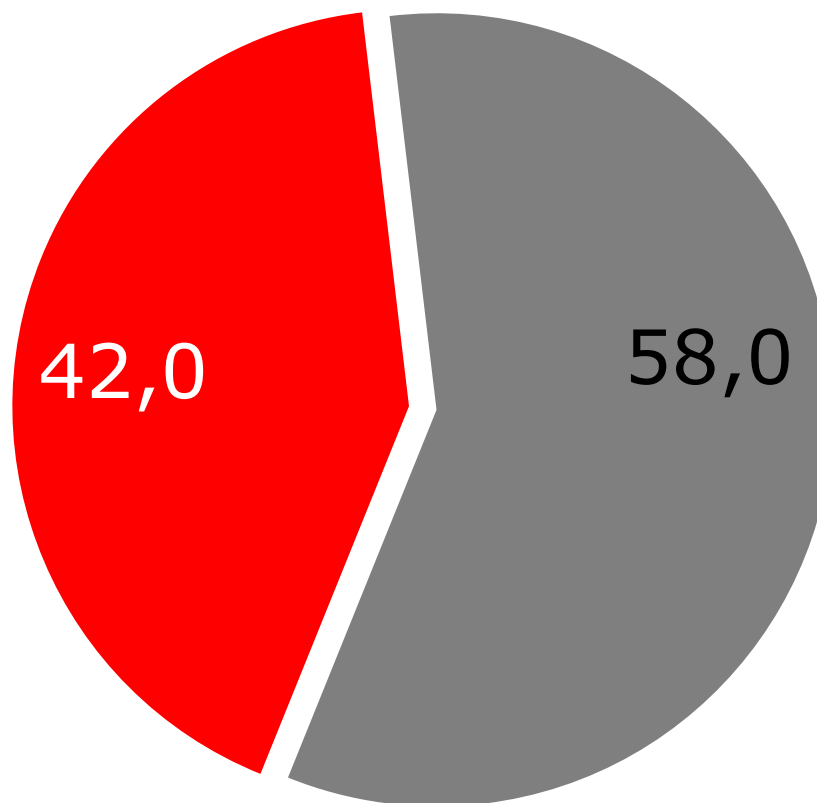


■ Religious ■ Secular



Evaluating Turkey as Western or Eastern

Which of the following describes Turkey best today?



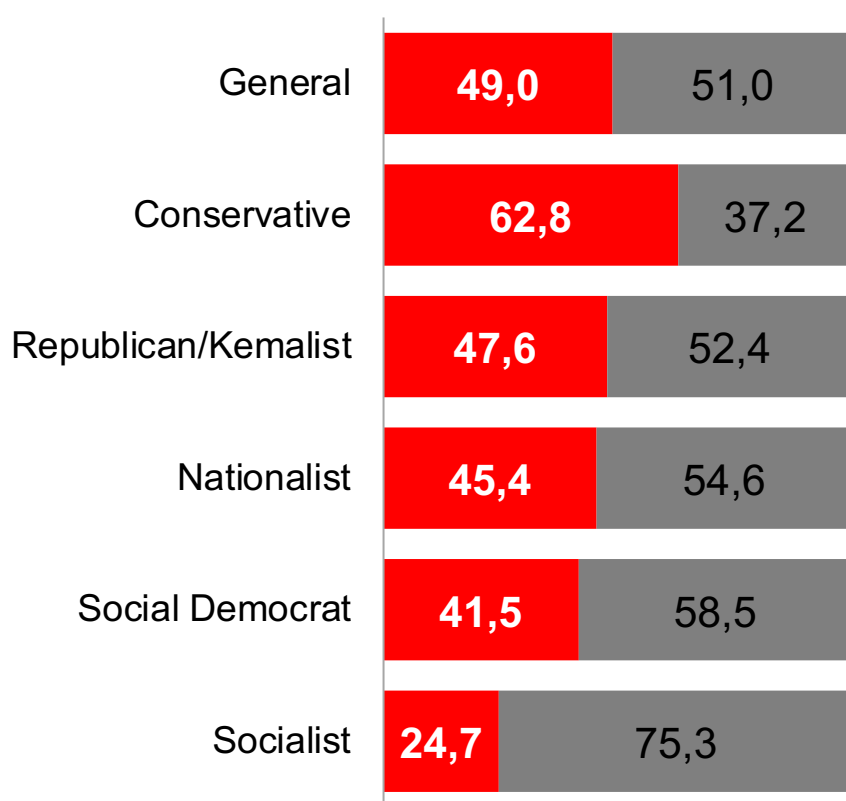
■ European ■ Middle Eastern

Basis : 1000



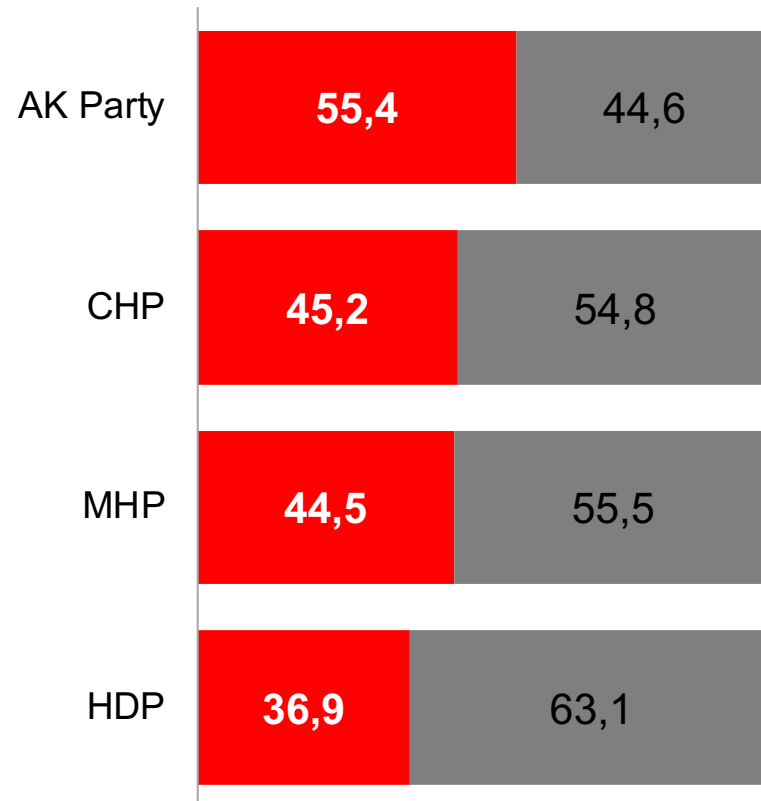
Evaluating Turkey as Western or Eastern

Which of the following describes Turkey best today?



■ European ■ Middle Eastern

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	1000	254	207	163	94	73



■ European ■ Middle Eastern

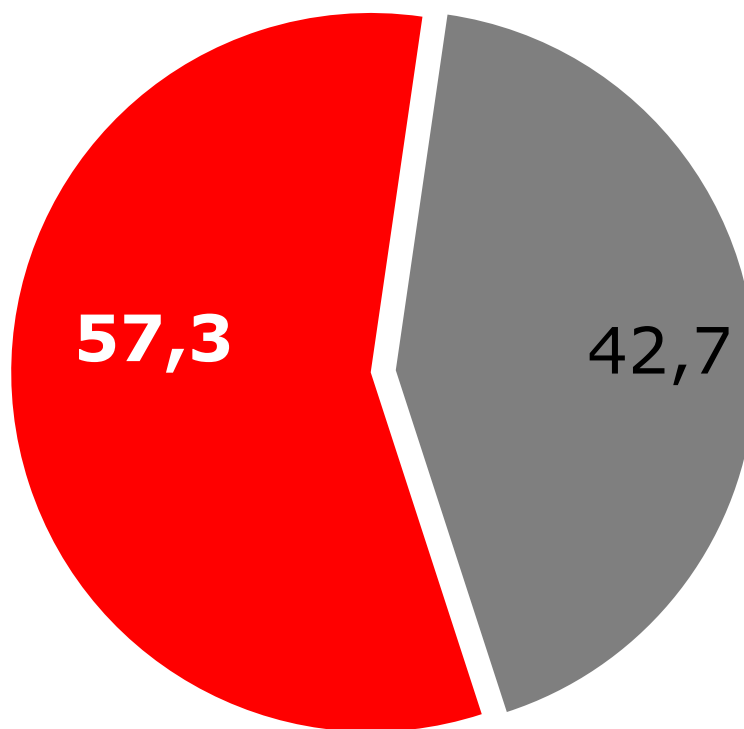
Basis	AK Party	CHP	MHP	HDP
	489	250	128	111

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Evaluating Turkey as Modern or Underdeveloped

Which of the following describes Turkey best today?



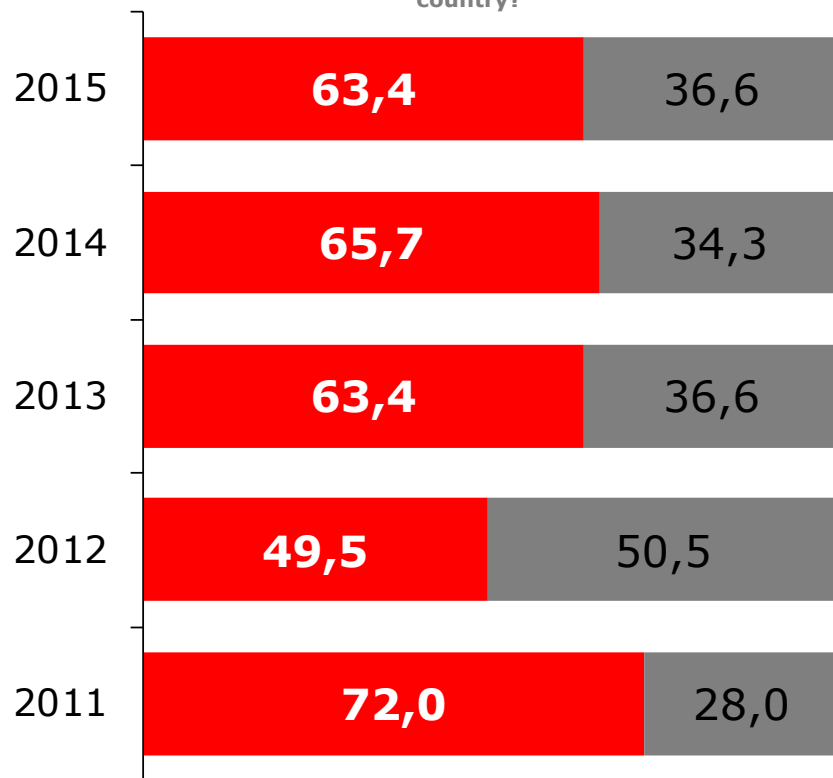
■ Modern ■ Underdeveloped

Basis : 1000



Turkey to be a changing country

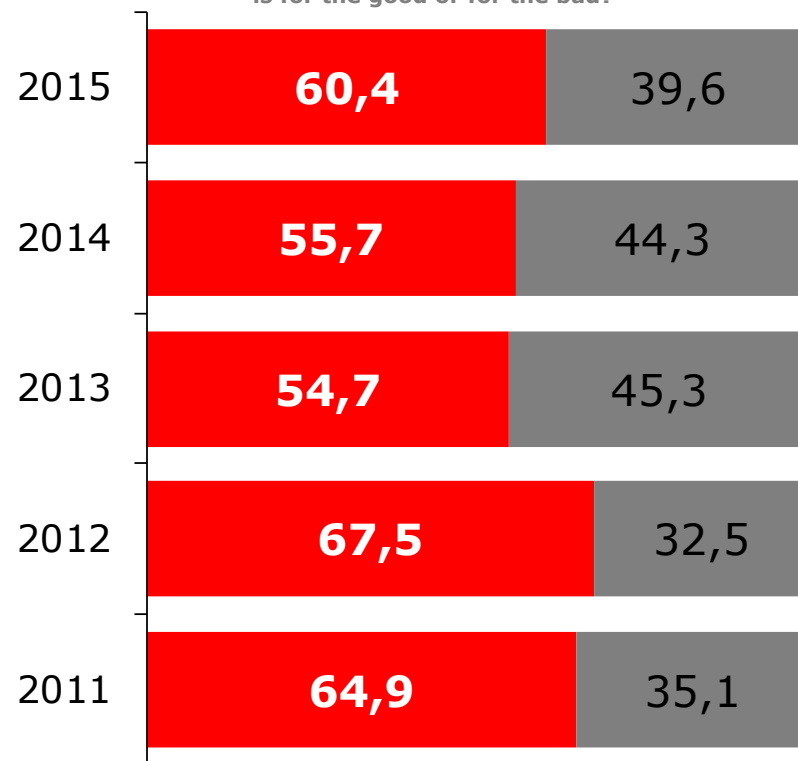
When you think in general terms do you think Turkey is a changing country?



- Yes, it is a changing country
- No, it is not a changing country

The direction of the change in Turkey

You stated that Turkey is a changing country. Do you think this change is for the good or for the bad?



- It is changing for the better
- It is changing for the worse

Since the "Not changing" option present in the 2011 and 2012 surveys has not been included in this survey, the data of the 2011 and 2012 surveys are indexed to 100 percent and taken to full basis.

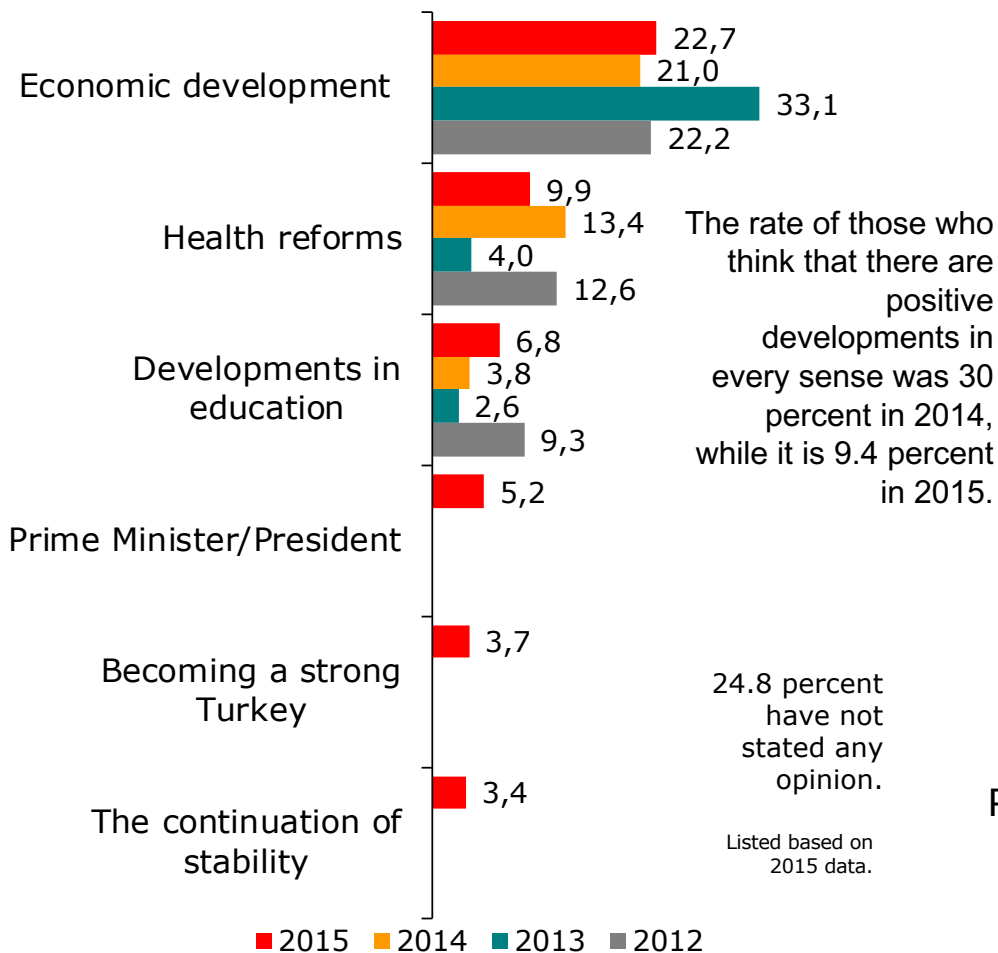
Basis	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000

Basis	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	1000	1000	634	657	634



Change for the Better in Turkey

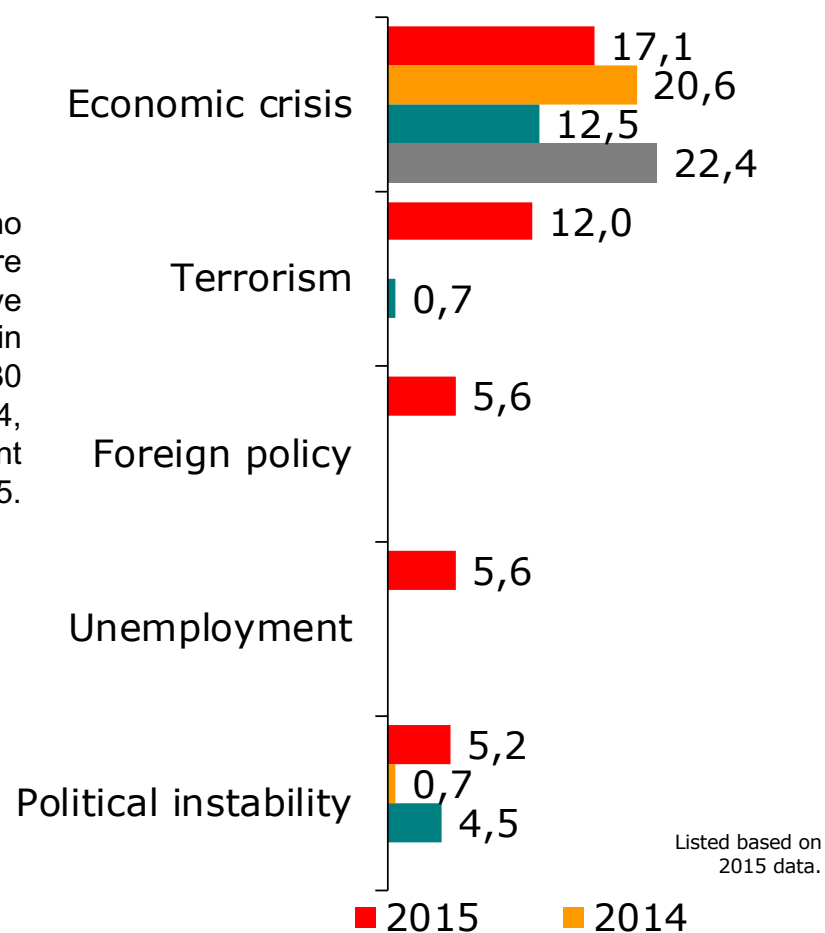
You stated that Turkey was changing for the better. Which improvements do you think are enabling this change for the better?



Basis	2012	2013	2014	2015
	334	347	366	383

Change for the Worse in Turkey

You stated that Turkey was changing for the worse and deteriorating. Which deteriorations do you think are behind this change for the worse?

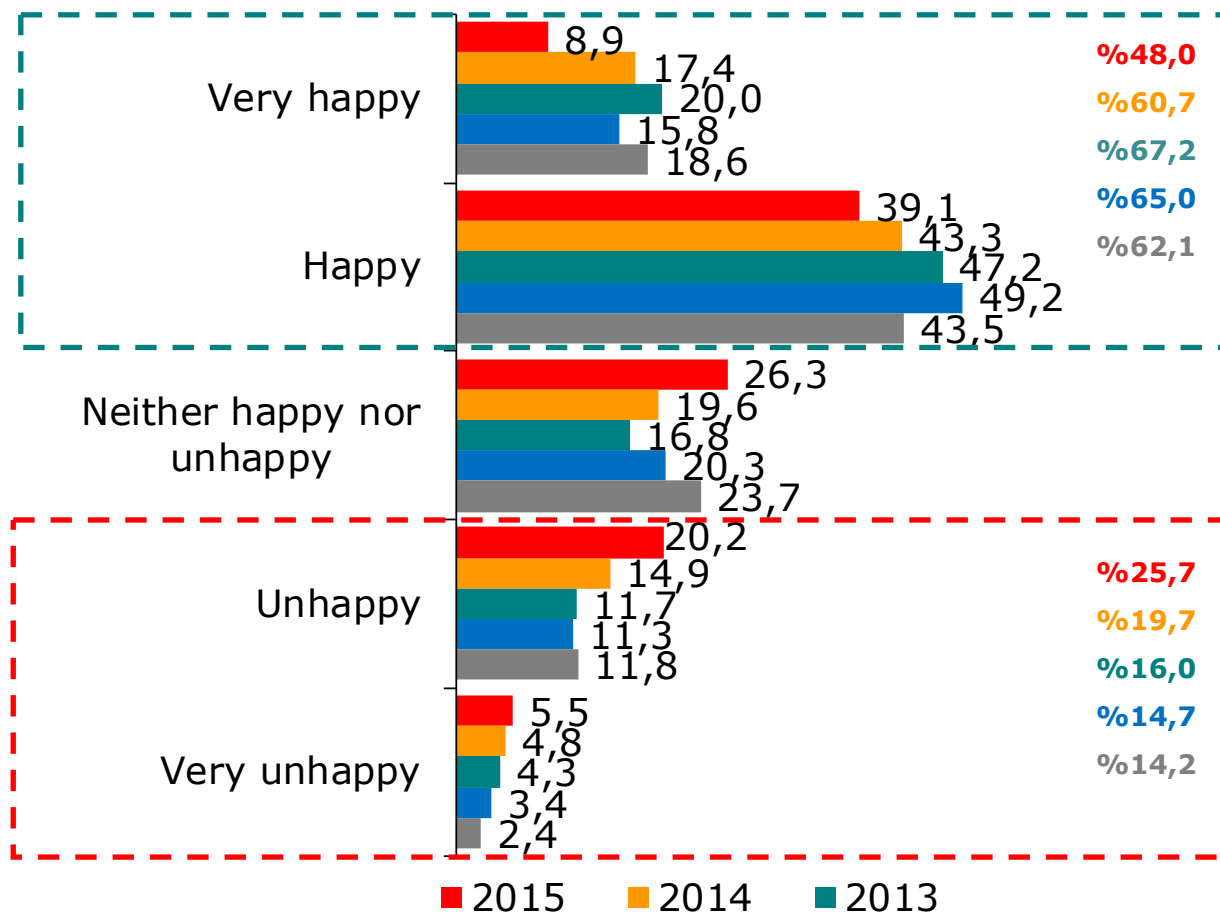


Basis	2012	2013	2014	2015
	161	287	291	251



The level of happiness about living in Turkey

May I learn the level of your happiness about living in Turkey?



Basis	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000



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