

Survey of Turkish Public Opinion November 18, 2006 – December 5, 2006

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Survey Specifications

- In-person, in-home interviews
- National representative sample of 1,215 plus additional 300 youth; 1,515 total sample
- Conducted by Infakto Research Workshop between November 18 and December 5, 2006
- Margin of error ± 2.57 percent overall
- Respondent percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

Survey Demographics

• Urban/Rural Area

– Urban: 67%

- Rural: 33%

• Gender

- Male: 52%

- Female: 48%

Age Groups

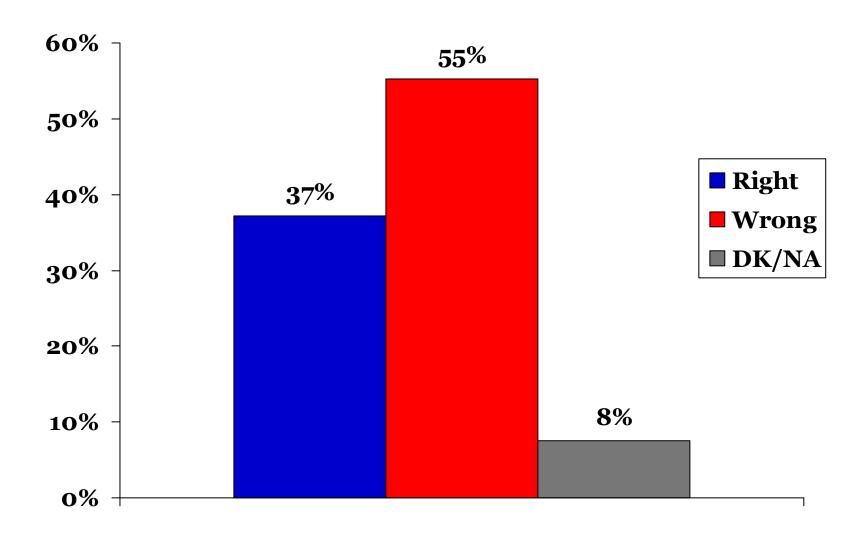
- 18-27: 27%

- 28-35: 22%

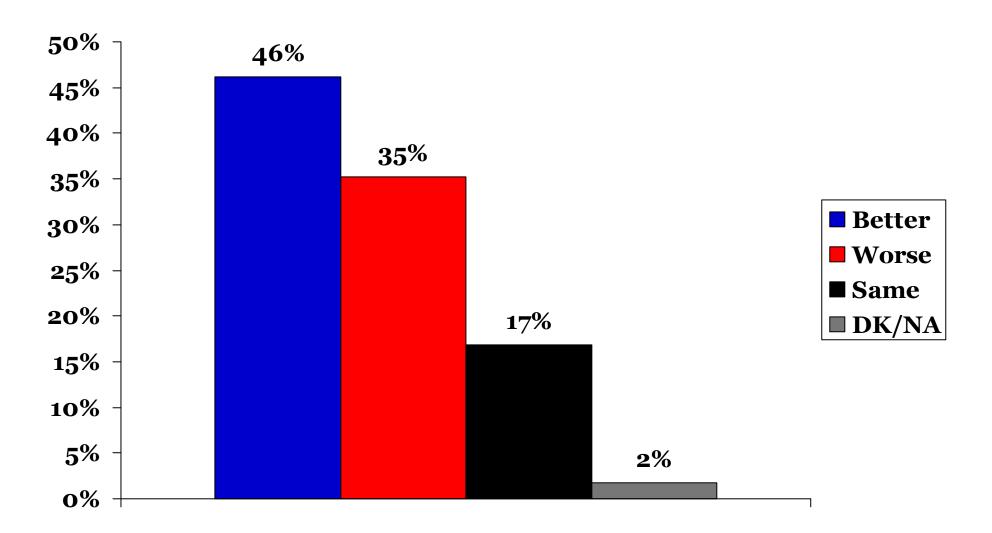
- 36-46: 26%

- Over 46: 25%

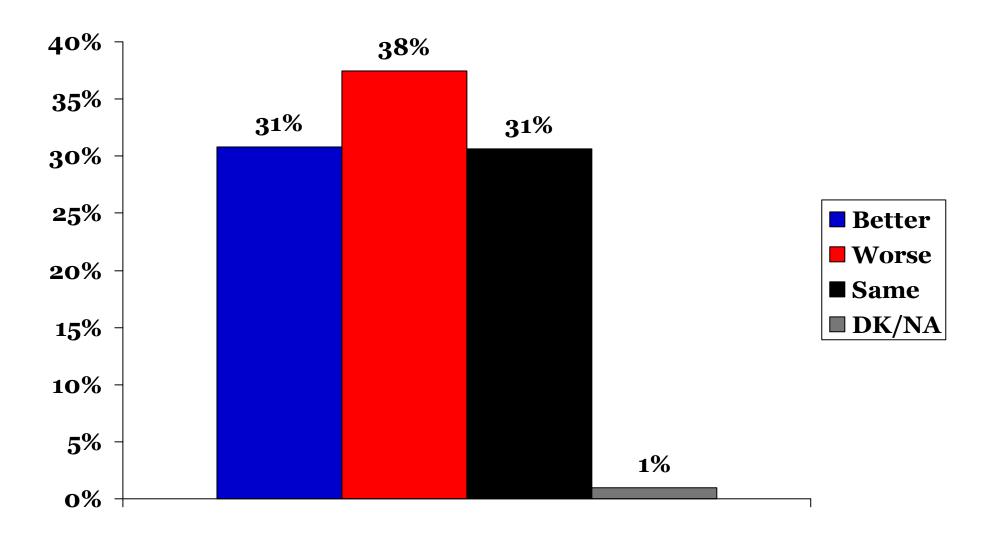
Overall is Turkey heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?



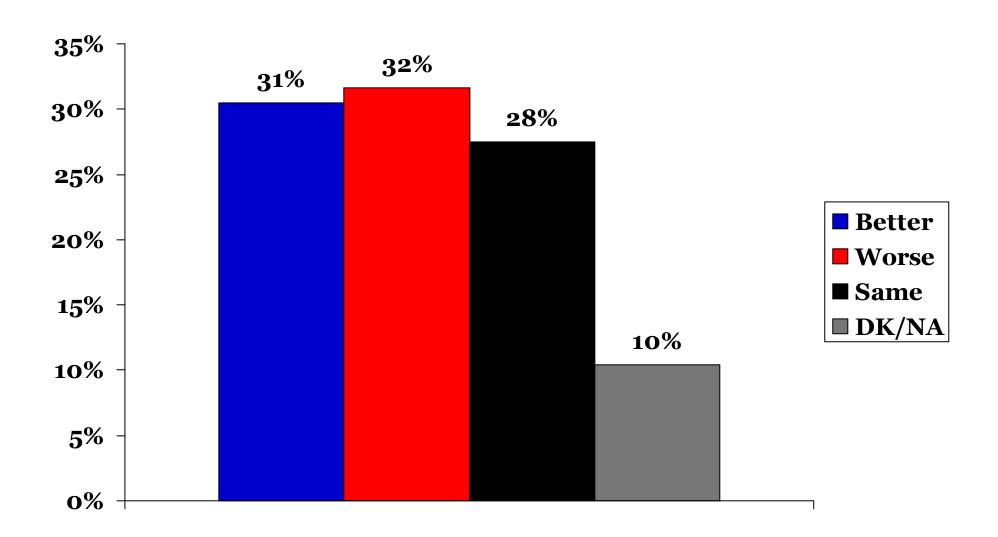
Compared to five years ago; do you think the economic situation in the country has gotten better or worse?



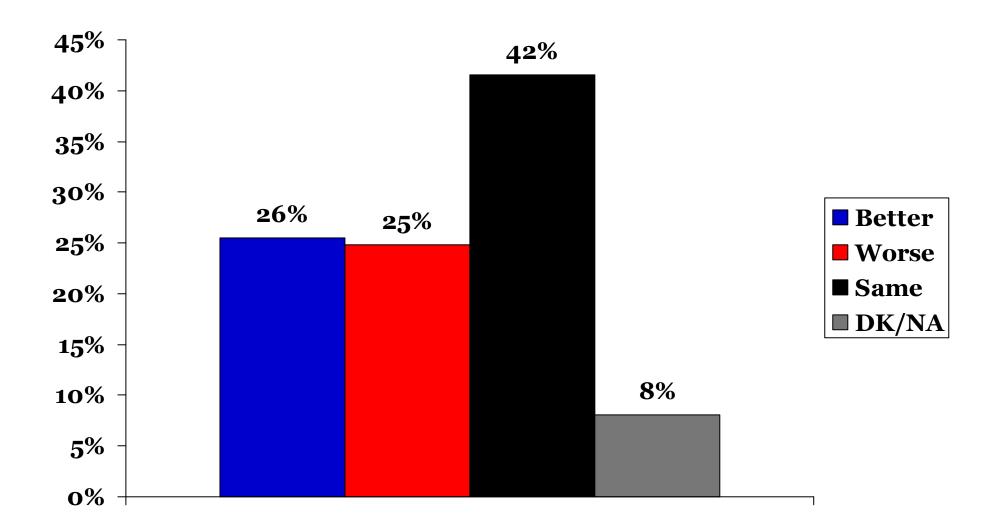
Compared to five years ago; do you think the financial situation of your family has gotten better or worse?



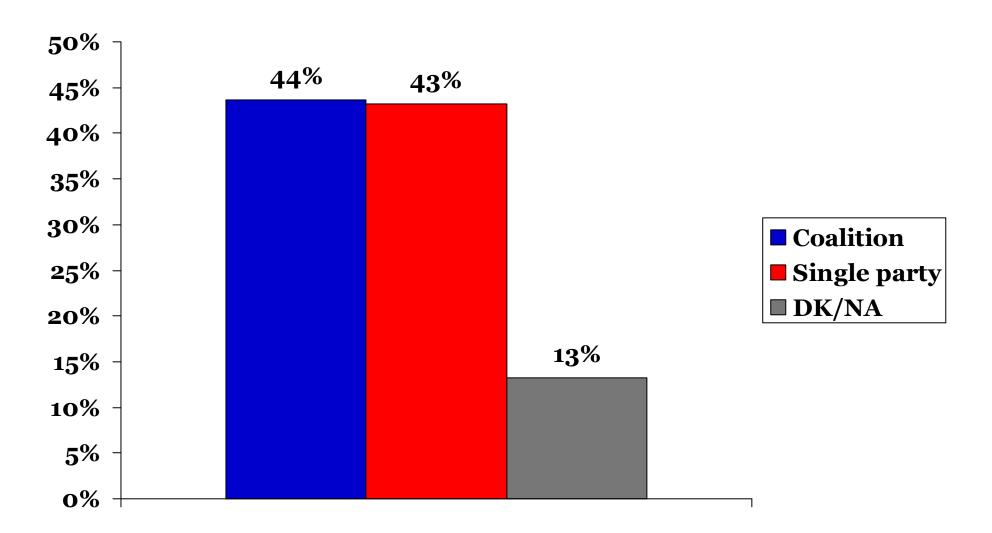
During the next 12 months, will the economic situation in Turkey get better or worse?



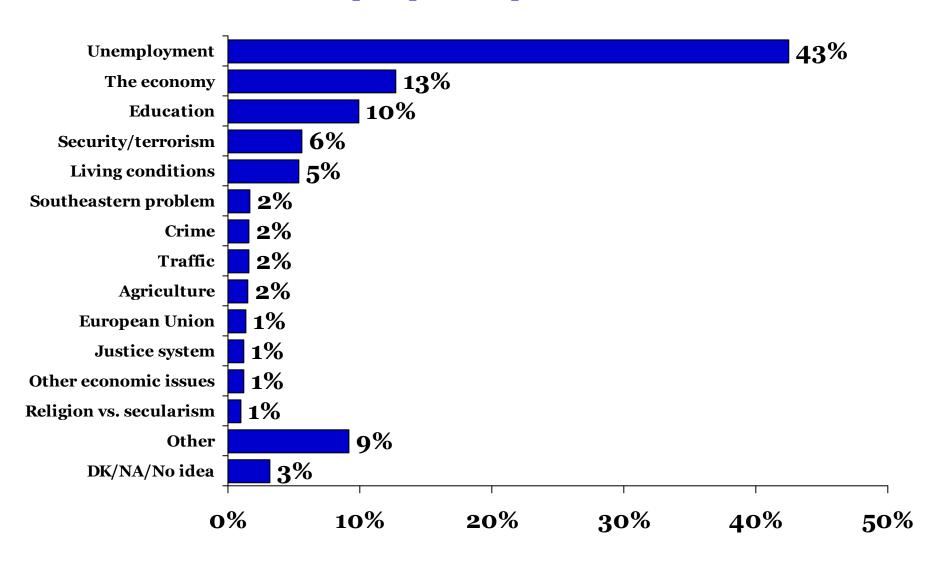
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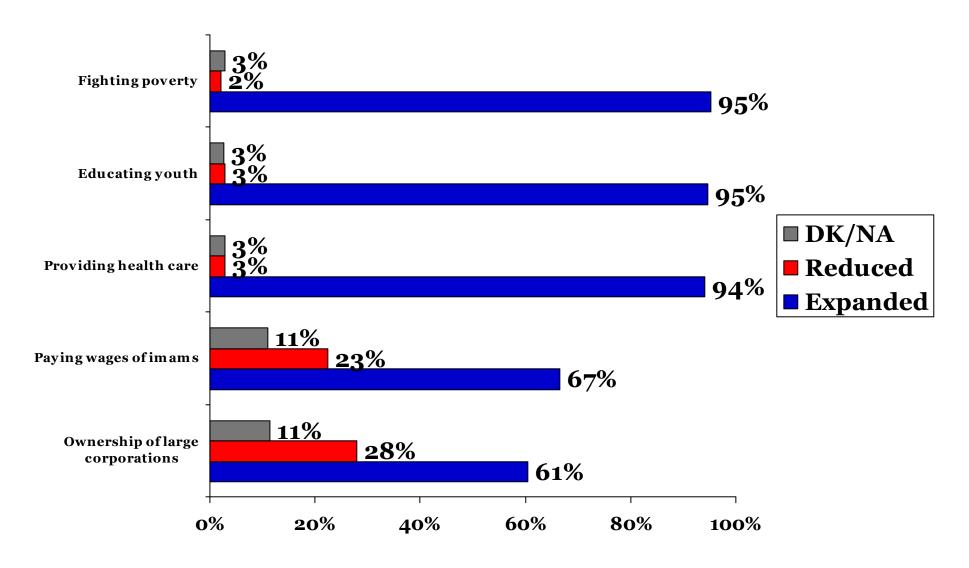
What about the outcome of the next general elections, will these lead to a single party or coalition government?



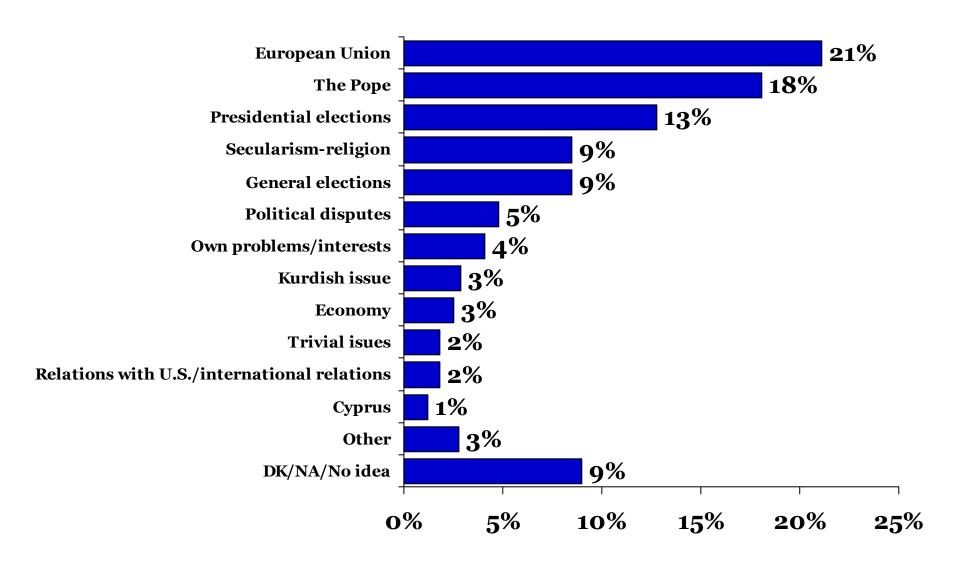
In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing Turkey? (top responses open end)



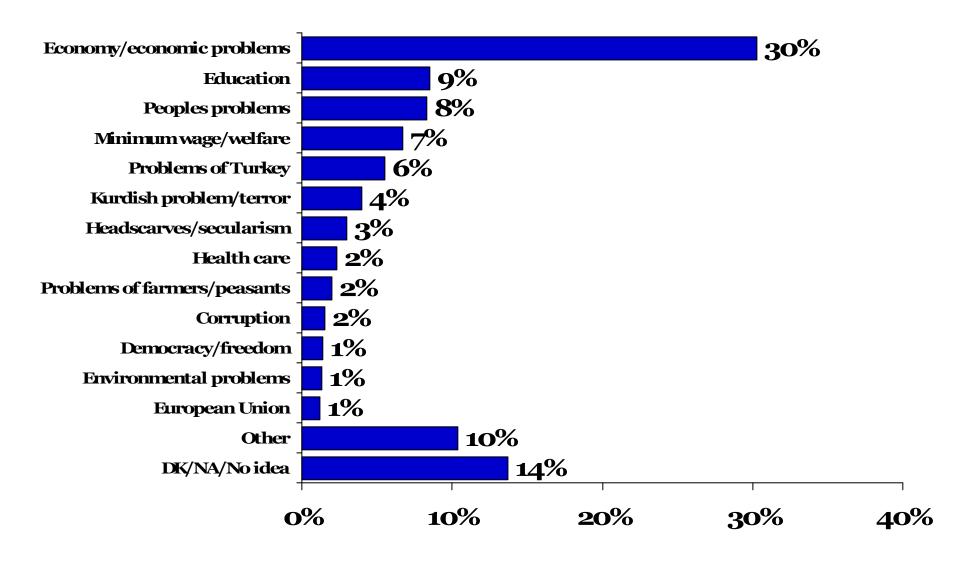
What about each of the following programs, should they be expanded or reduced?



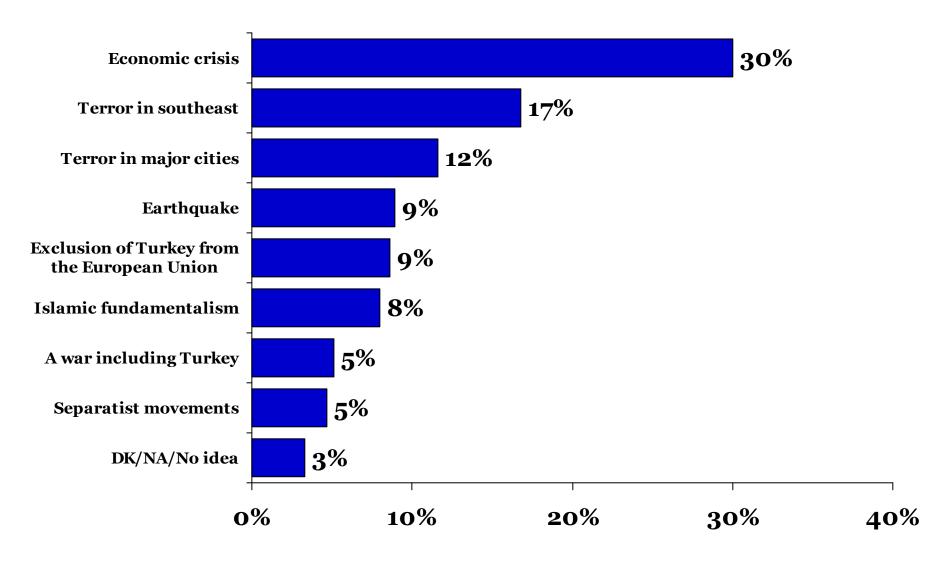
What do politicians talk too much about?



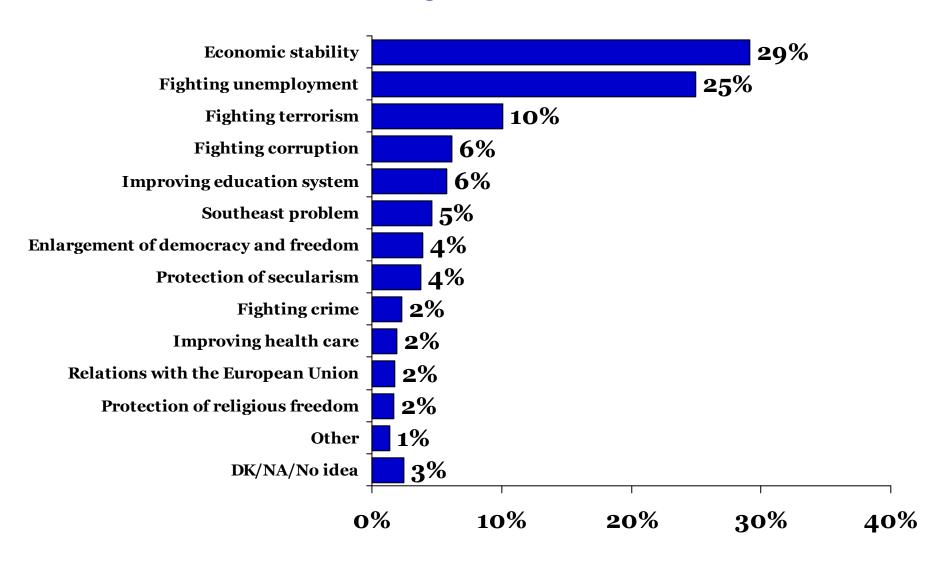
What do politicians talk too little about?



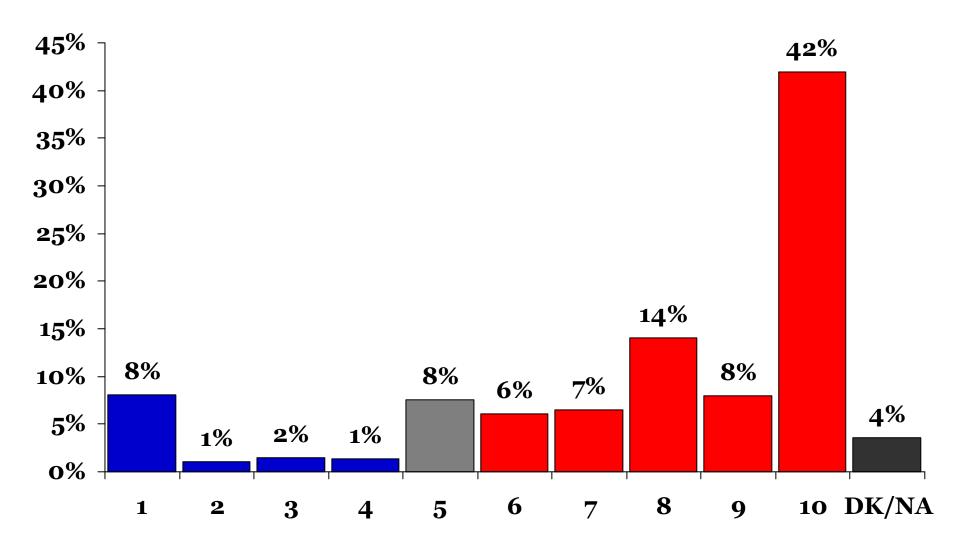
What do you think is the most serious danger in the next five years? (first response)



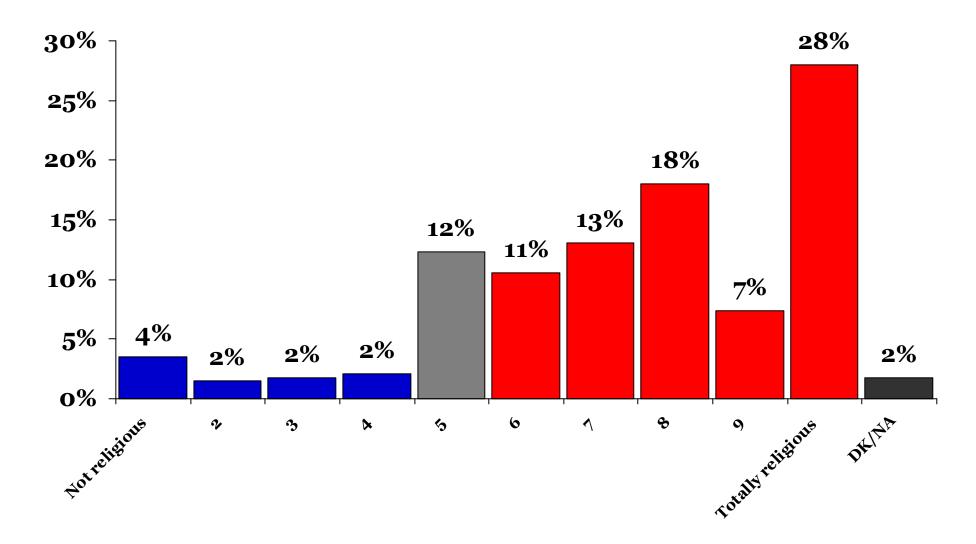
Which of these issues will be important to you when you decide your vote for the next general elections?



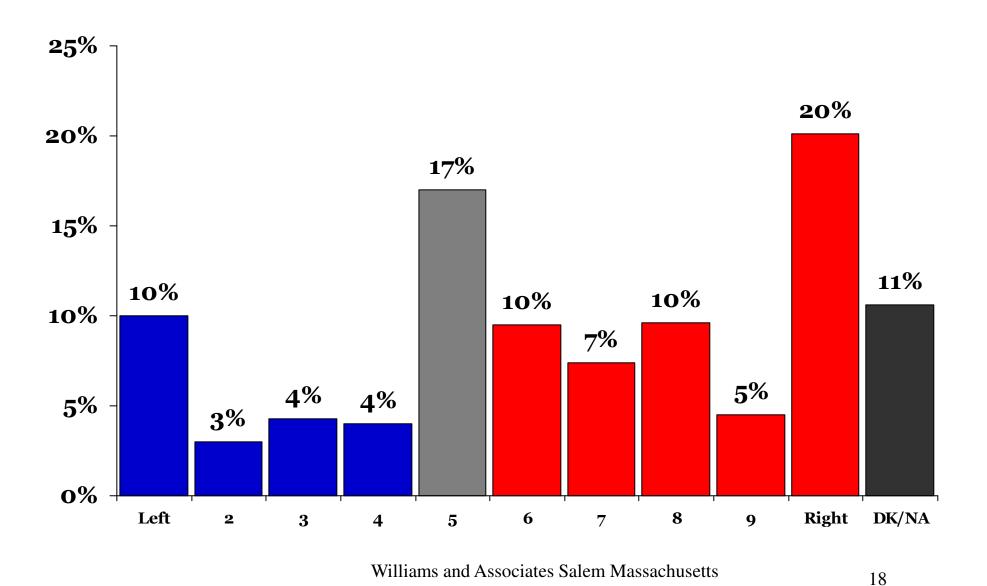
On a scale from 1 to 10, how much do you feel as a Turkish nationalist? The more nationalistic you feel the higher you would place yourself on the scale.



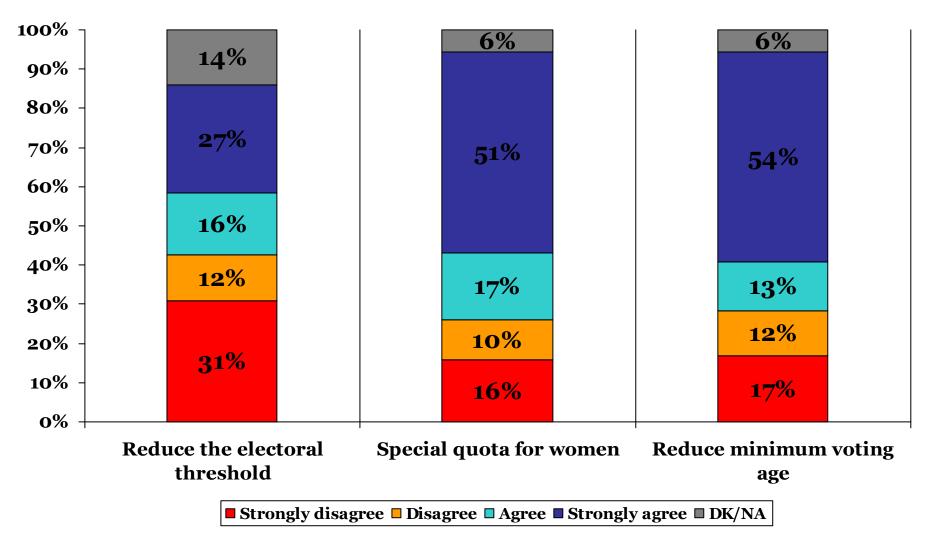
On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is not religious at all and 10 is totally religious, where would you place yourself on scale?



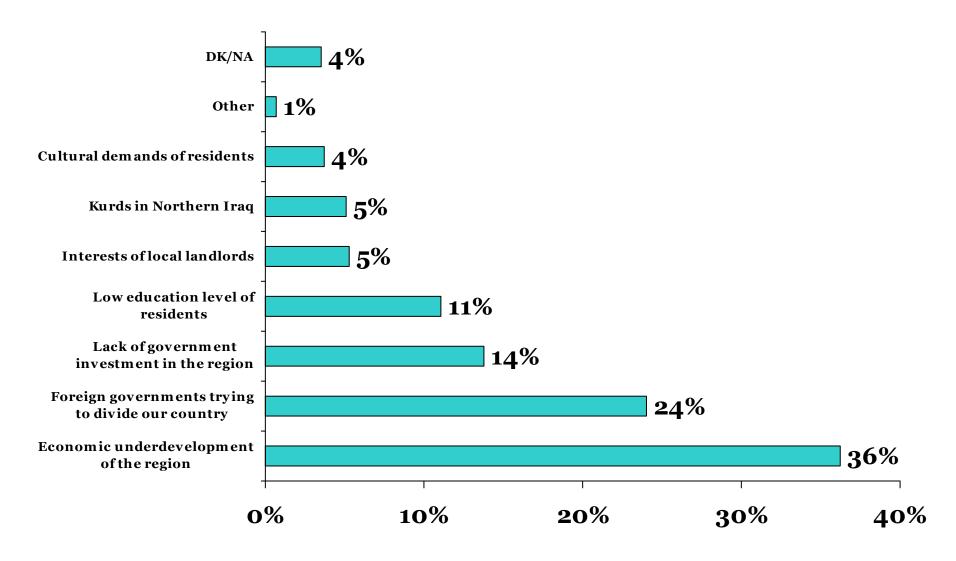
In political matters people talk of the left and the right. Generally speaking, how would you place yourself on the following scale?



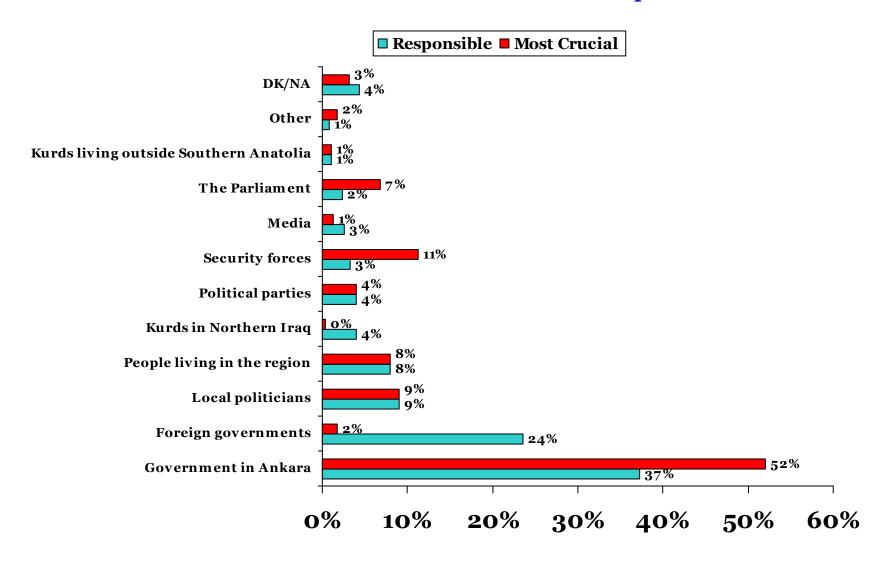
Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following proposals.



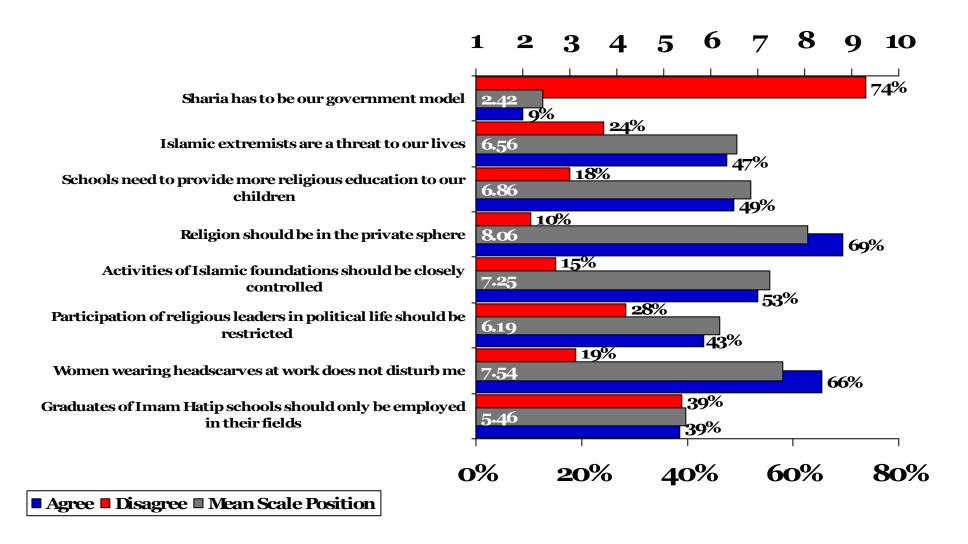
What are the reasons for the problems in the Southeast? (first response)



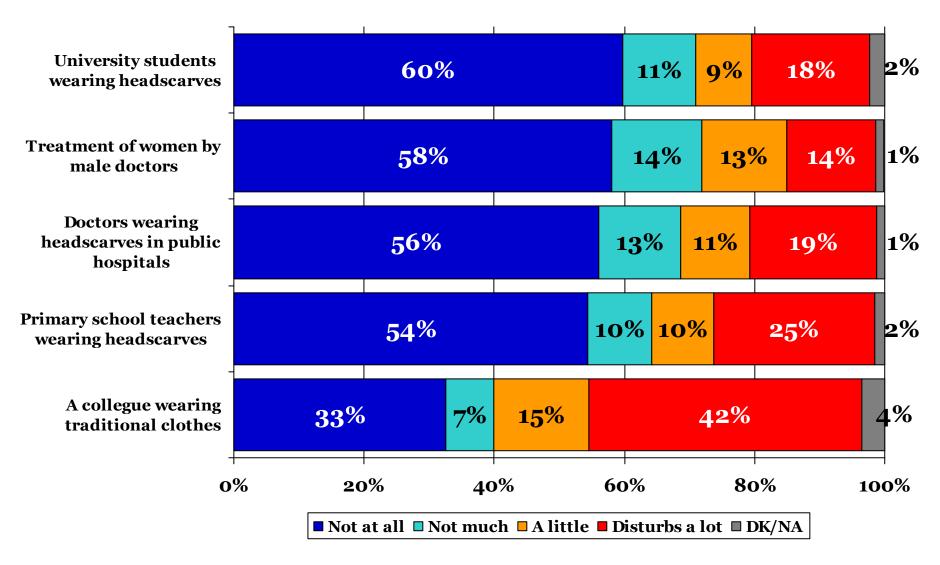
Who is most responsible for the problems in the Southeast? Who's role is most crucial? (first response)



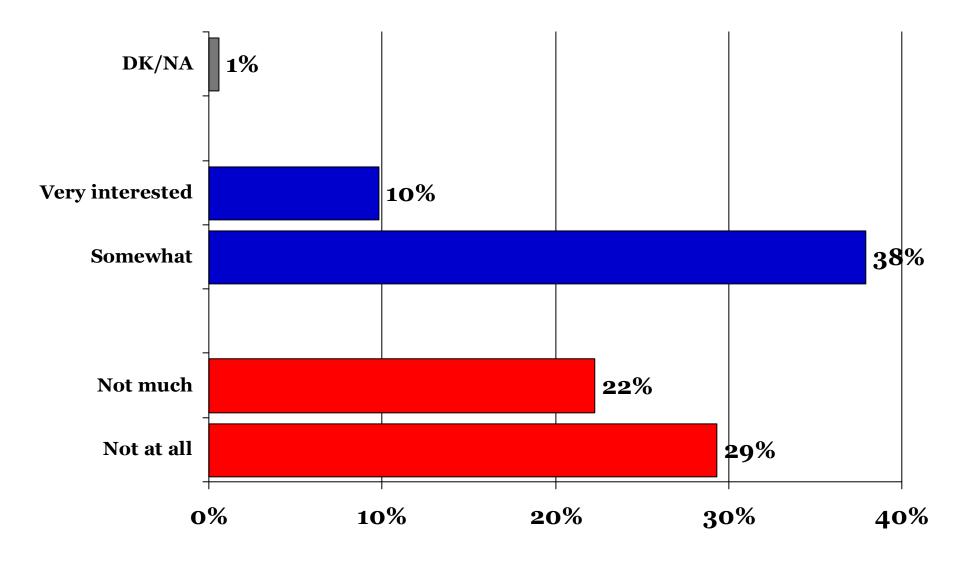
Using a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is don't agree at all and 10 is totally agree, tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?



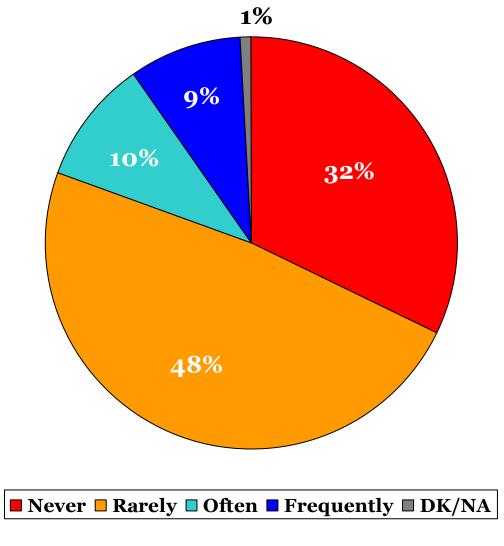
Please tell me how much each of the following disturbs you.



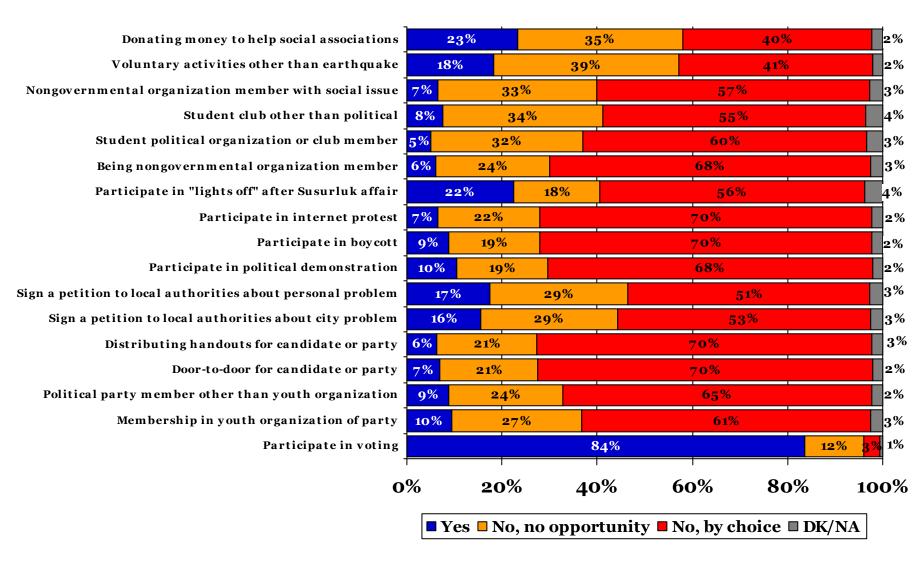
Generally speaking, to what degree are you interested in politics?



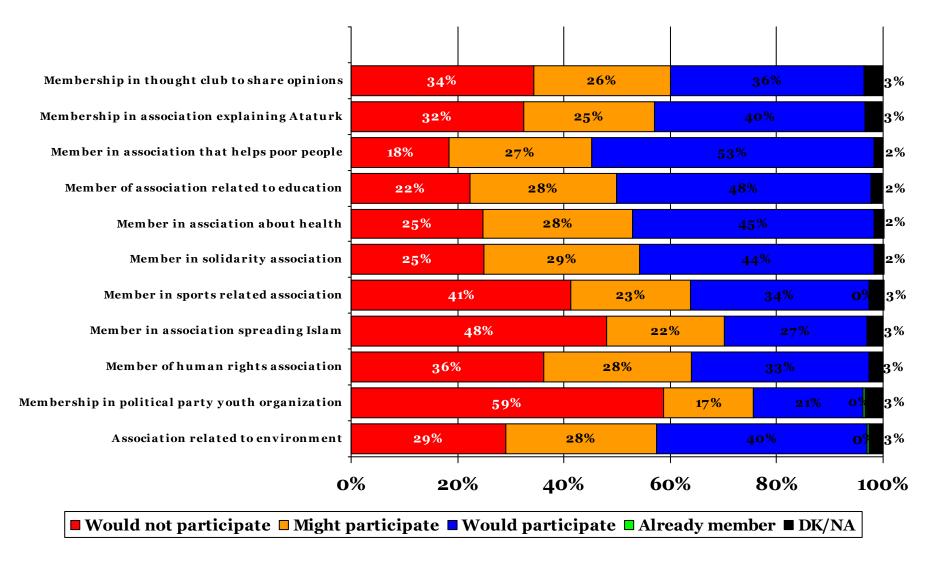
When you and your friends get together, how often do you discuss political matters?



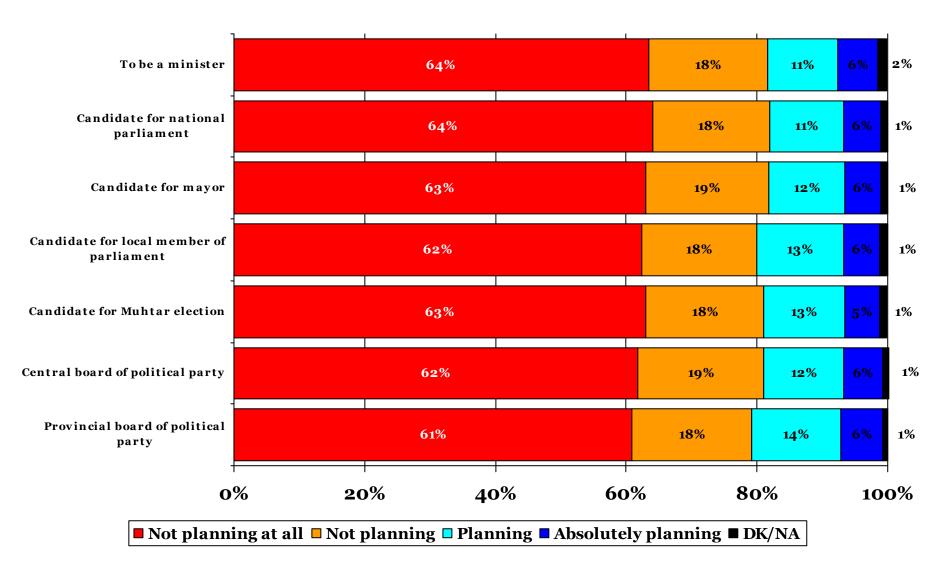
Now, I will read you some activities. Have you ever participated in any of these activities? [If not] what is the reason: no opportunity or by choice?



Now, I will read you some activities. Would you consider participating in these activities?



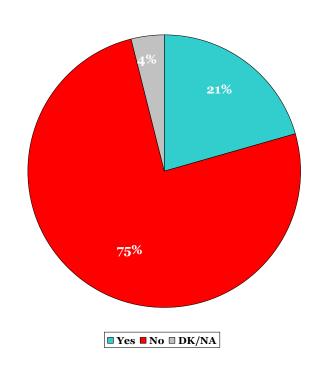
Now, I will read you some activities. Please tell me what intentions you might have to work in these activities?

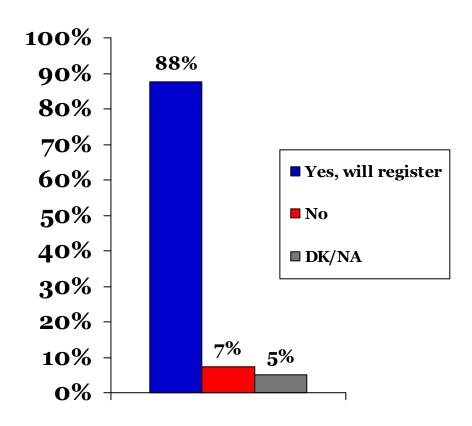


For those nonvoters in 2002 general elections (12% of national sample).

Do you plan to be registered?

Are you registered to vote in the forthcoming general elections?

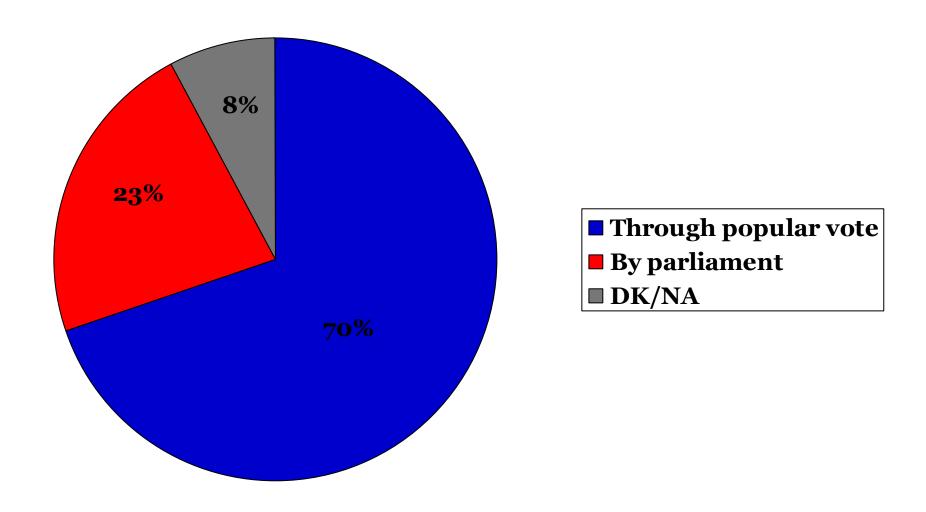




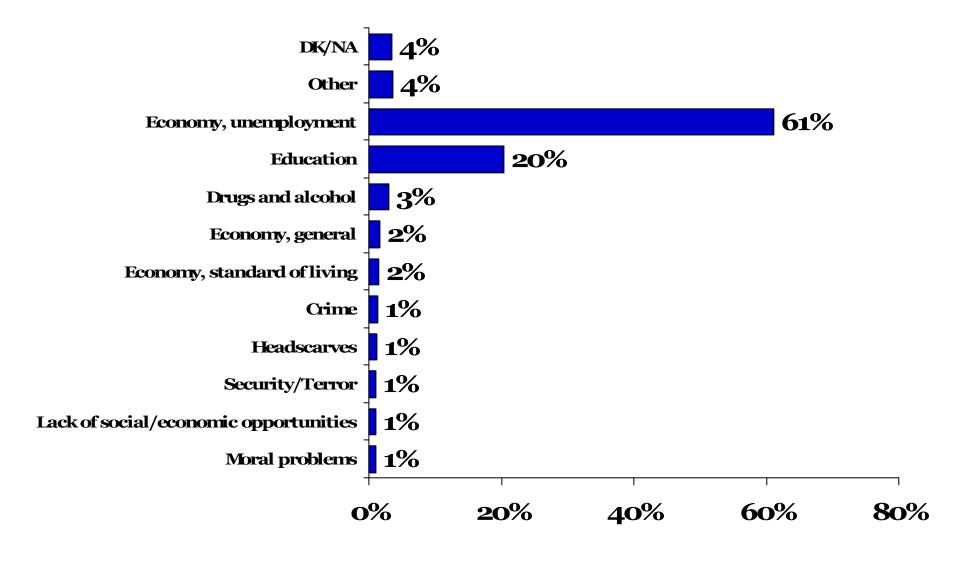
For registered nonvoters in 2002 (7% of national sample). What was the major factor pushing you not to vote? (open end)

No available party	26%
Problem with registration	14%
Was out of registered place	10%
Not interested	9%
In the military	6%
Don't have confidence/faith	6%
Health problems	5%
Change in voting location	5%
Was too busy	5%
Family problems	1%
Other	1%
Don't know, no answer	12%

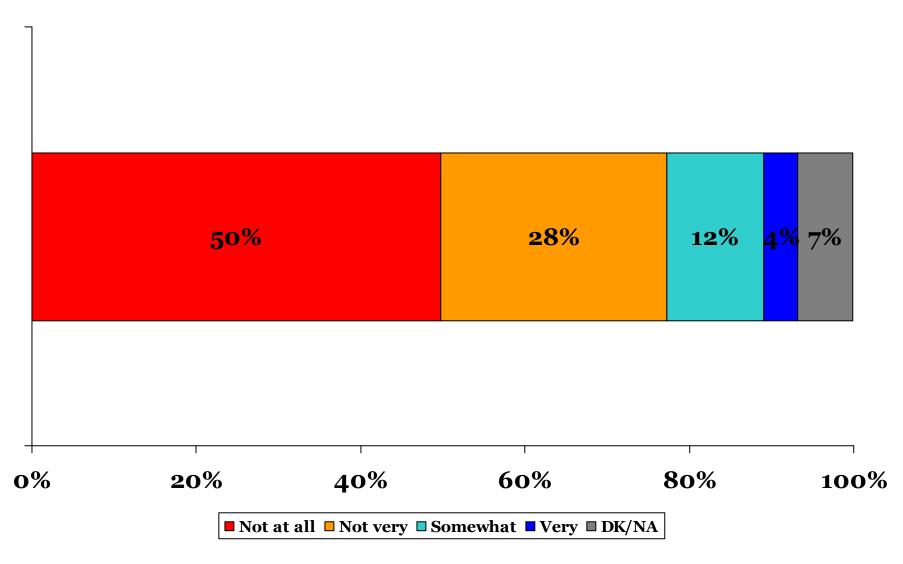
Which of the following alternatives do you favor: election of the president by the parliament or through the popular vote?



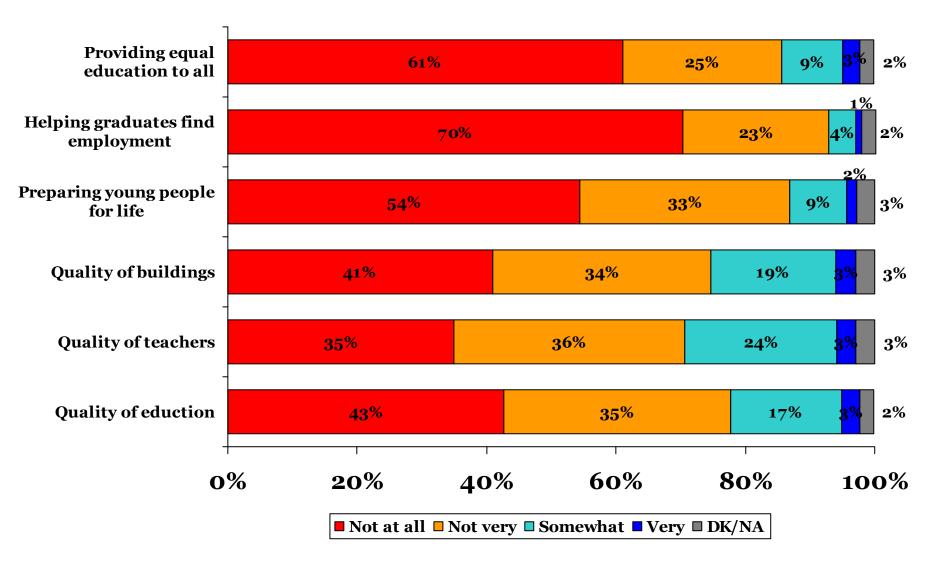
What is the most urgent problem facing young people in Turkey?



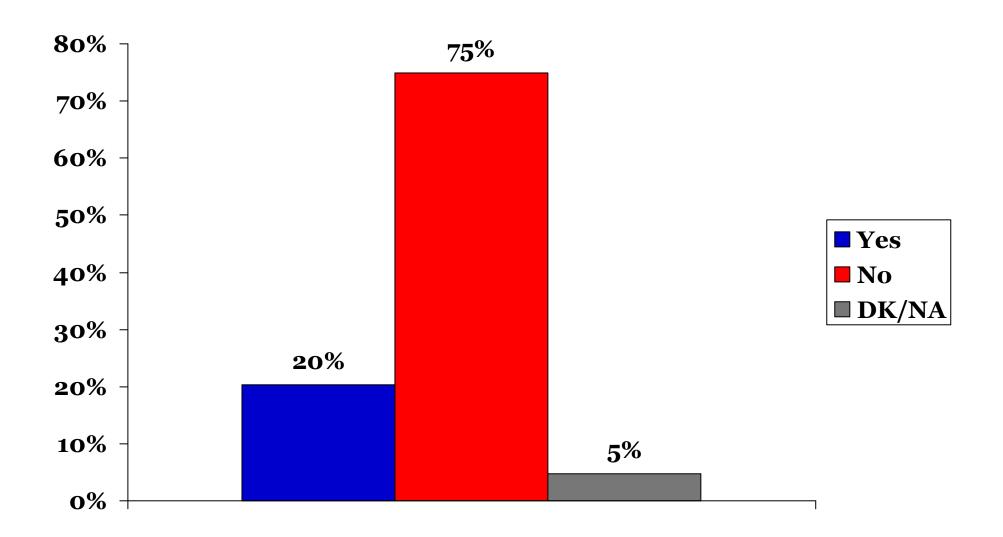
In general, do you think that your education prepared you sufficiently for real life?



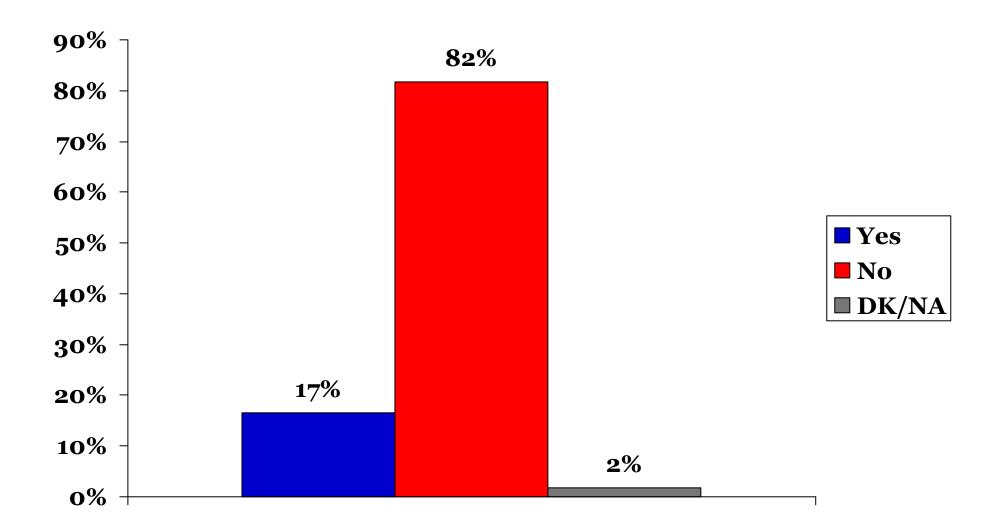
Tell me how satisfied you are with several attributes of the educational system here in Turkey?



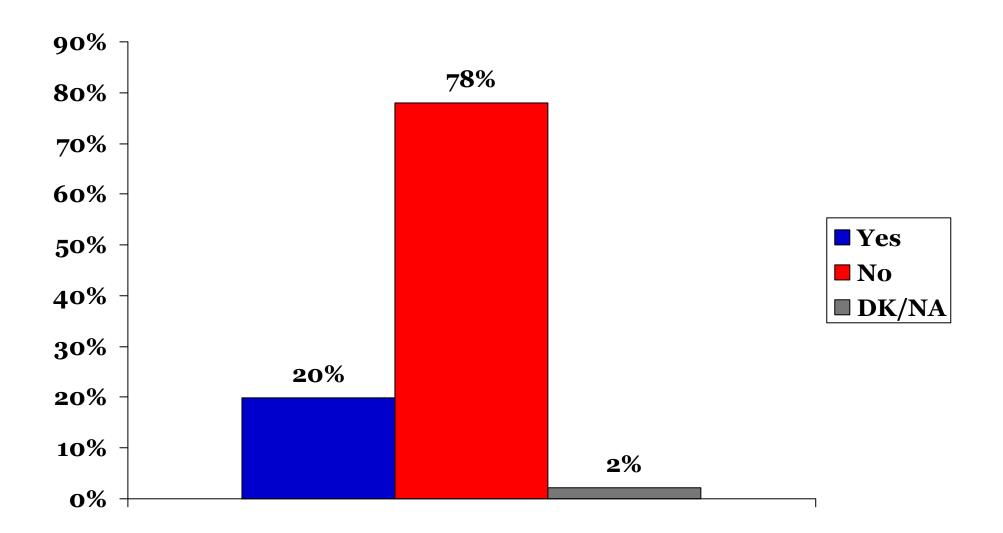
Do you feel prepared for a future career in business?



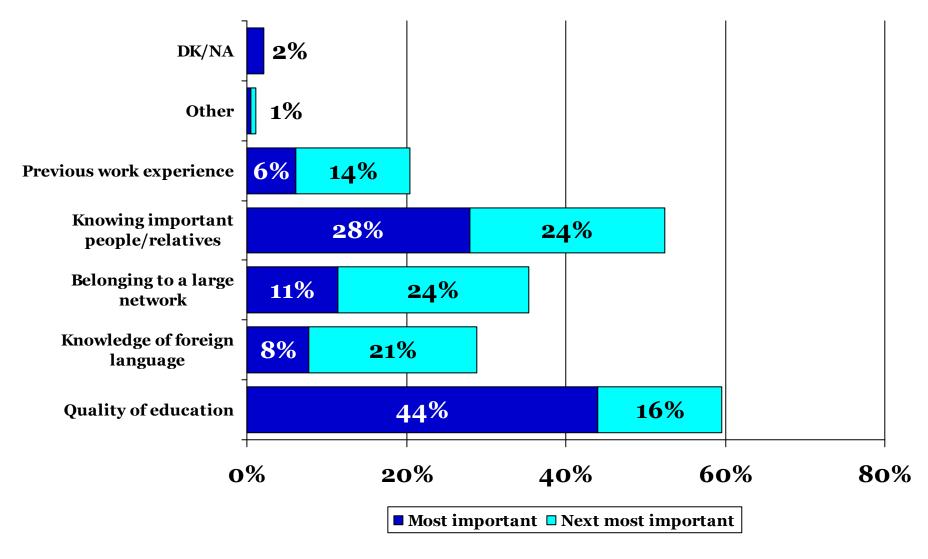
Do you plan to emigrate to another country in order to find work?



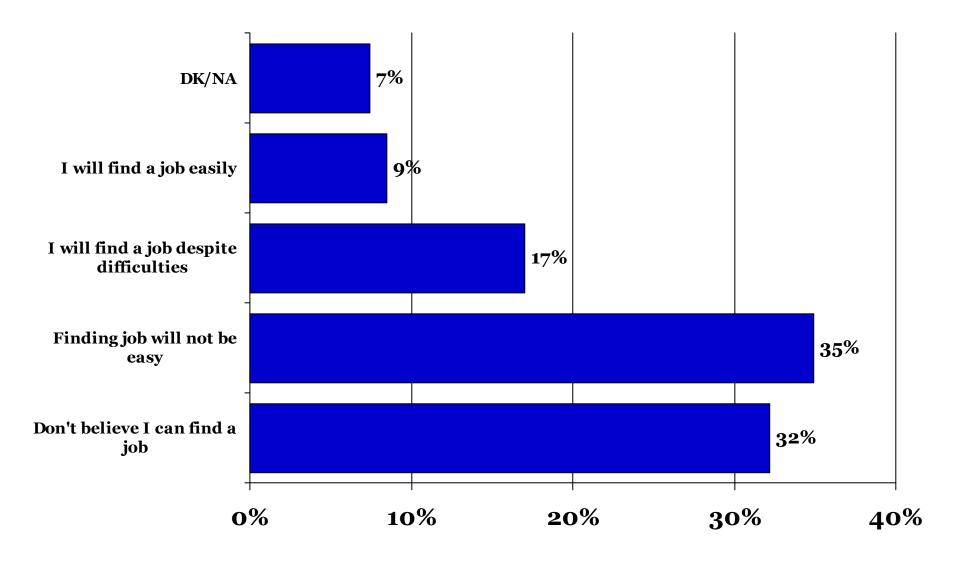
Do you plan to migrate to another city in order to find work?



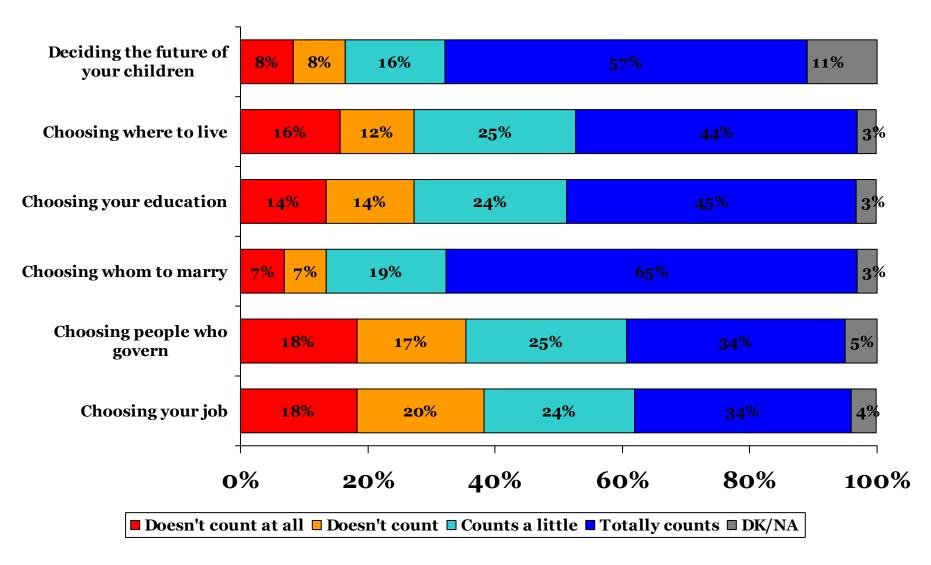
Here are some things that are important in finding a job, please tell me which one is the most important, and which is next most important?



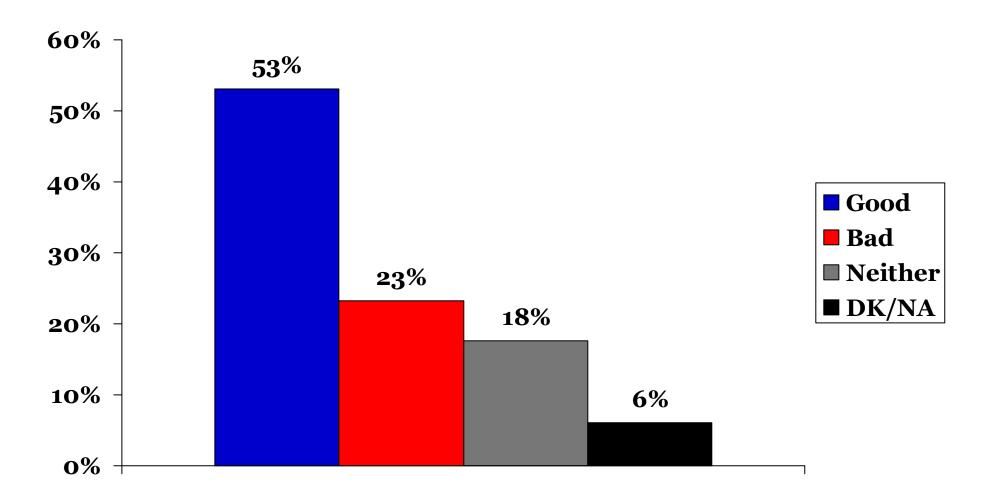
When you graduate, or leave your current job, or are looking for a job, do you feel that you can easily find one?



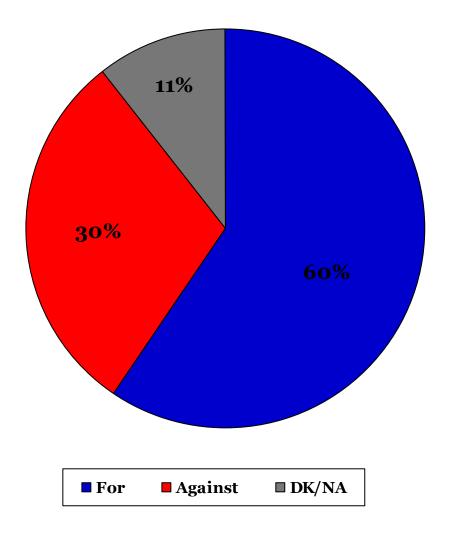
How much do your own personal desires count in each of the following decisions you could make? (respondents under 25)



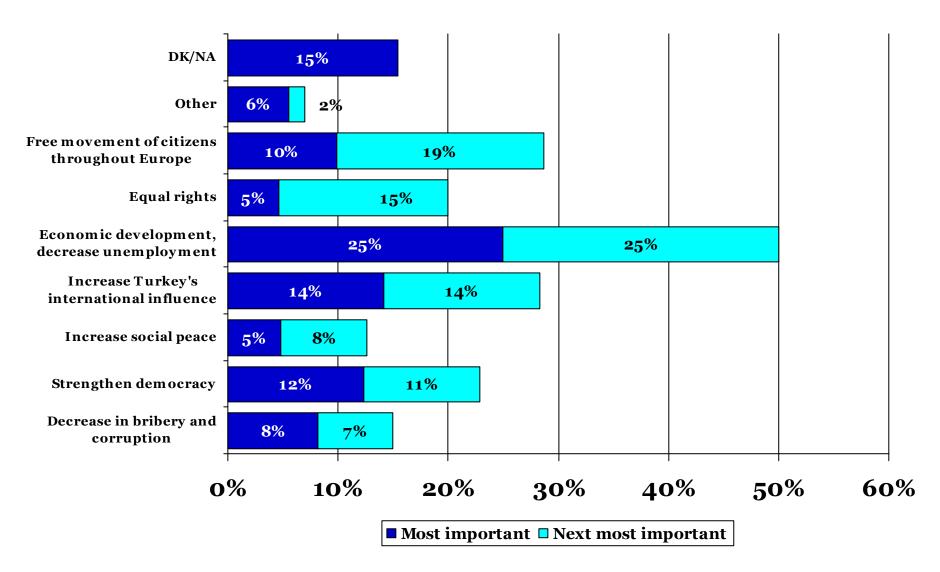
Generally speaking is Turkey's membership in the European Union a good thing or a bad thing?



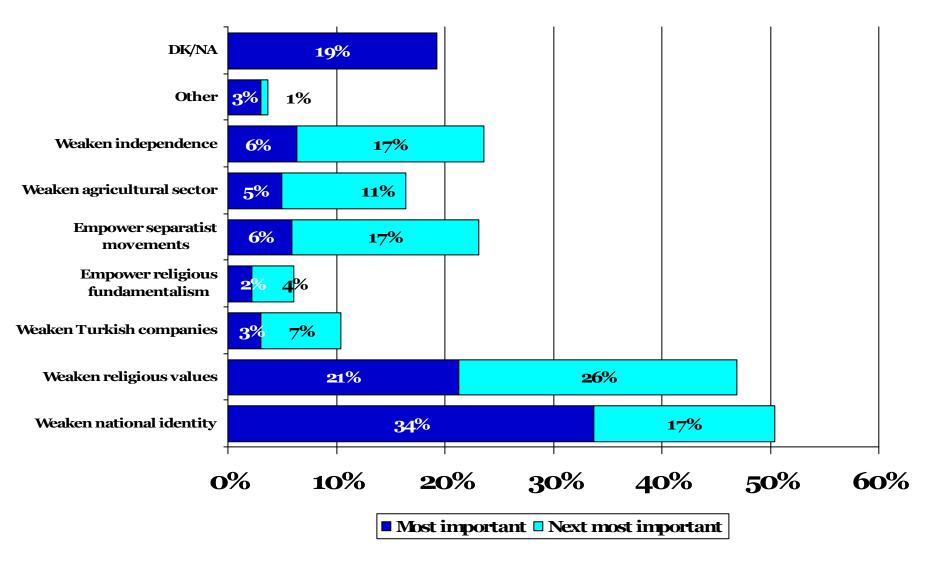
If a referendum were held on Sunday on European Union membership would you vote for it or against it?



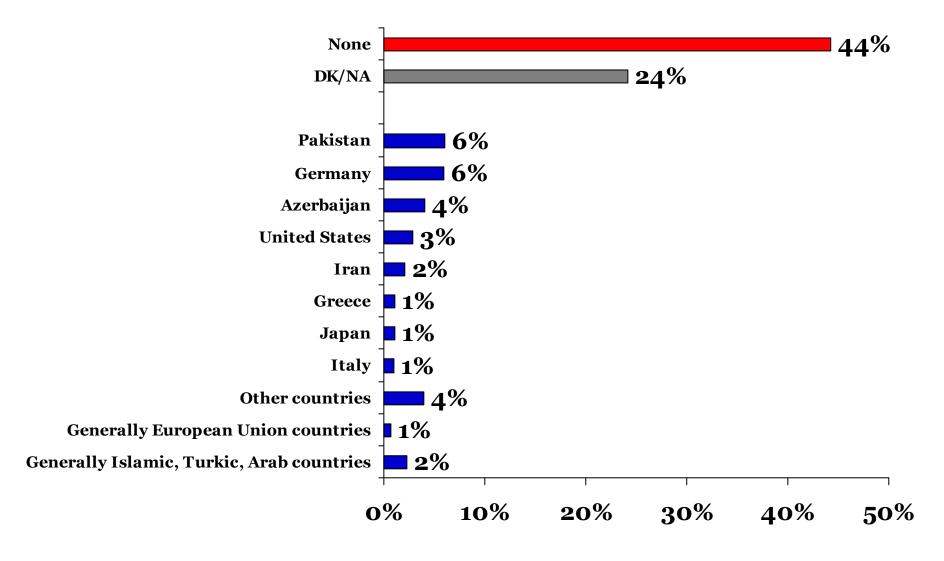
What are the two most important benefits of membership in European Union?



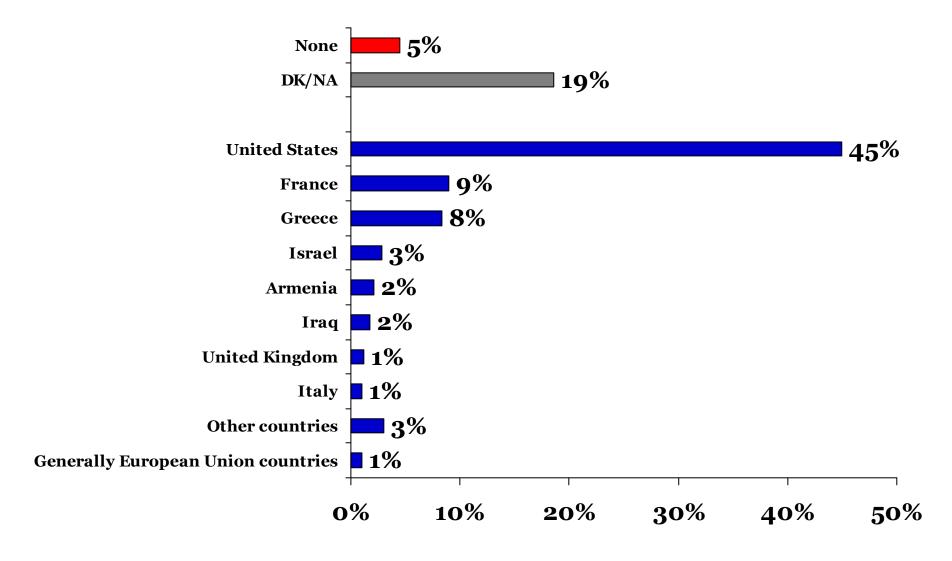
What are the two most significant dangers of membership in European Union?



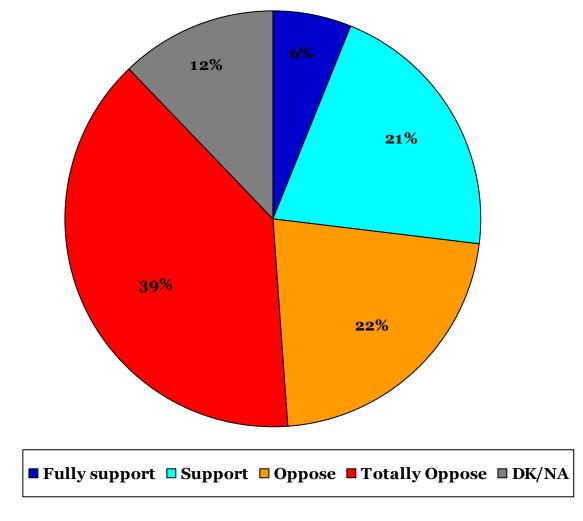
Which country would you say is Turkey's best friend? (open end top mentions)



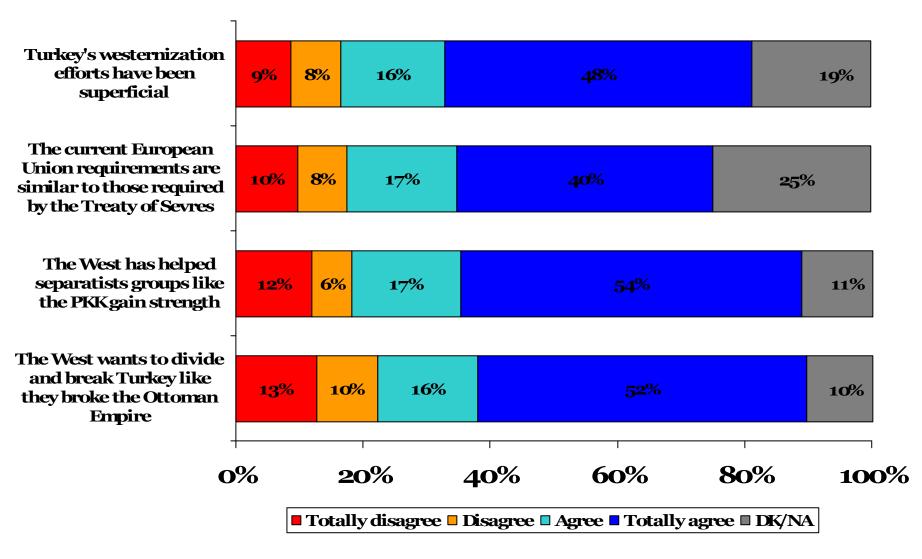
Which country would you say is Turkey's worst enemy? (open end top mentions)



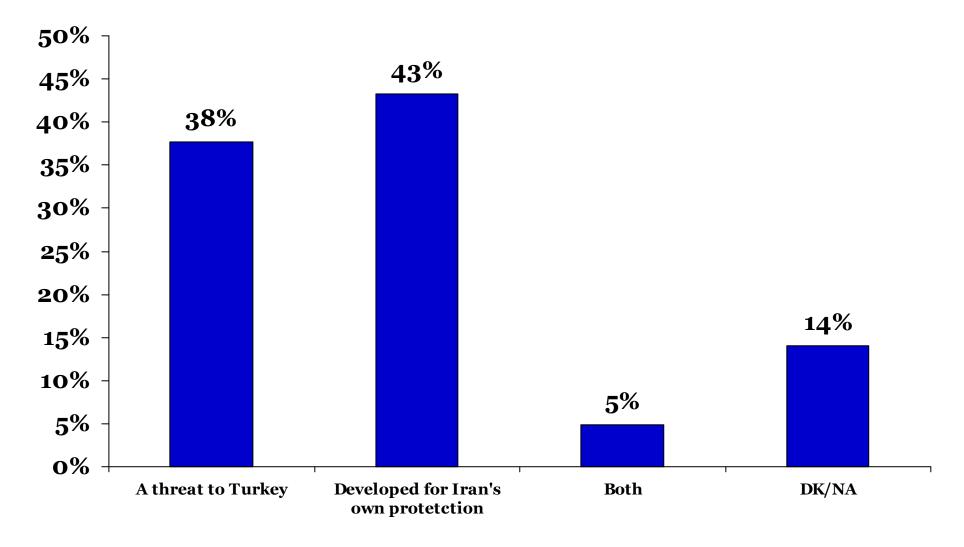
Considering the last five years, do you support the policies of the Justice and Development Party (AKP) government towards the United States?



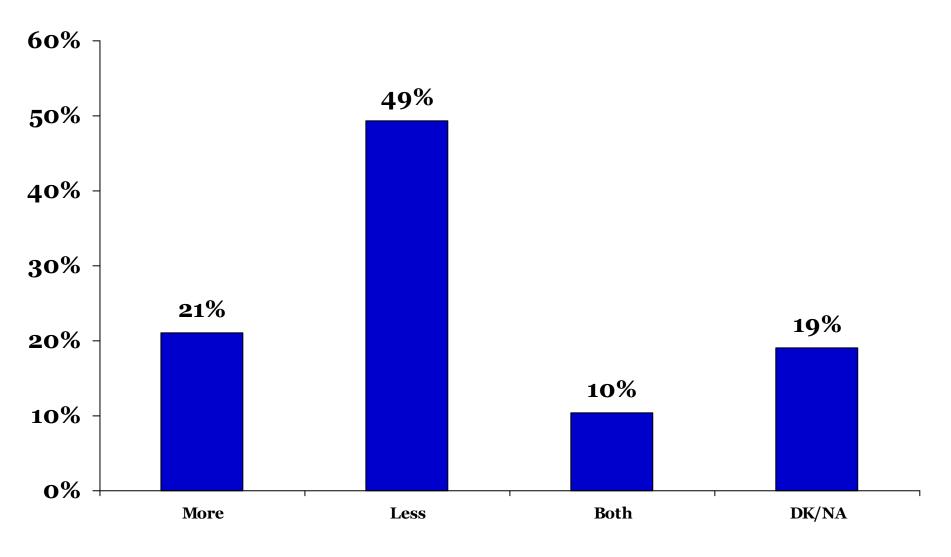
Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (measurement of the "Sèvres Syndrome")



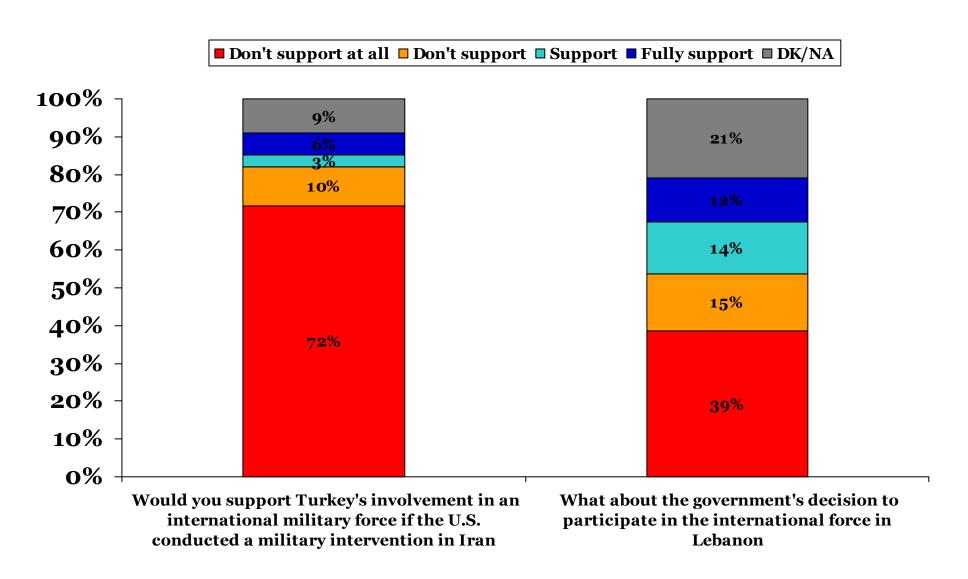
Some people think that the nuclear efforts of Iran are a threat to the security of Turkey, other people say that Iran is developing these weapons to protect itself. Which of these statements is closer to your own?



If Iran develops a nuclear capability will it make the situation in Turkey more or less secure?



Please tell me if you support or oppose each of the following situations?



Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you need to very careful in dealing with people?

