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## About the Report

This report examines public opinion in Turkey, including views of national conditions, Prime Minister Erdogan and national institutions. It also looks at support for the 2013 anti-government protests, as well as views toward Islam and politics and opinion of the United States, European Union and NATO. It is based on 1,001 face-to-face interviews with adults 18 and older conducted from April 11 to May 16, 2014. For more details, see survey methods and topline results.

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## *About Half Support Gezi Park Protests*

As Turkey prepares to vote for its first ever directly elected president, a new Pew Research Center survey finds the Turkish public is divided over the main contender for the office, current Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Erdogan and his party, the moderately Islamist Justice and Development Party (AKP), have dominated Turkish politics for the last decade, overseeing considerable economic growth and an expanding role for Turkey in regional and world affairs. And most observers expect Erdogan to win the August 10 election.

But on a number of issues, Turks are almost evenly split between those who are happy with

Erdogan's leadership and the state of the nation, and those who believe the former Istanbul mayor is leading the country down the wrong path. Overall, 44% are satisfied with the country's direction, while 51% are dissatisfied. Half say the economy is doing well, while 46% think it is in bad shape. Forty-eight percent say Erdogan is having a good influence on the country; the same percentage believes he is having a negative impact.

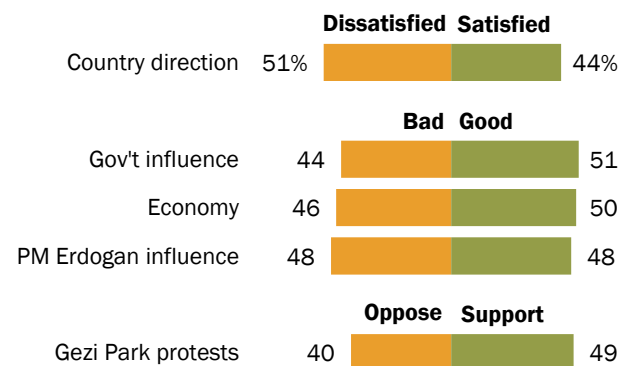
Many Turks sympathize with the street demonstrations that rocked the country and attracted international attention just over a year ago. A 49% plurality say they supported the anti-government protests that took place throughout Turkey, most prominently in Istanbul's Gezi Park. And a majority (55%) disapprove of how Erdogan dealt with the demonstrations.

Turkey's military has long been a major player in the country's politics – indeed, there have been several military coups since the founding of the Turkish Republic in 1923 – and a 55% majority believes the armed forces are having a good influence on the country. However, this level of support is down sharply from 72% in 2010 and an even higher 85% in 2007.

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### Public Opinion Divided in Turkey

*Views of national conditions*



Source: Spring 2014 Global survey. Q5, Q9, Q38a-b & Q128b.

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Another long running theme in Turkish politics is the deep divisions between secular and religious camps in the overwhelmingly Muslim nation, and contemporary Turkish society continues to reflect this divide. For example, highly observant Turkish Muslims are much more likely to support Erdogan, believe the country is on the right track, and oppose last year's protests.

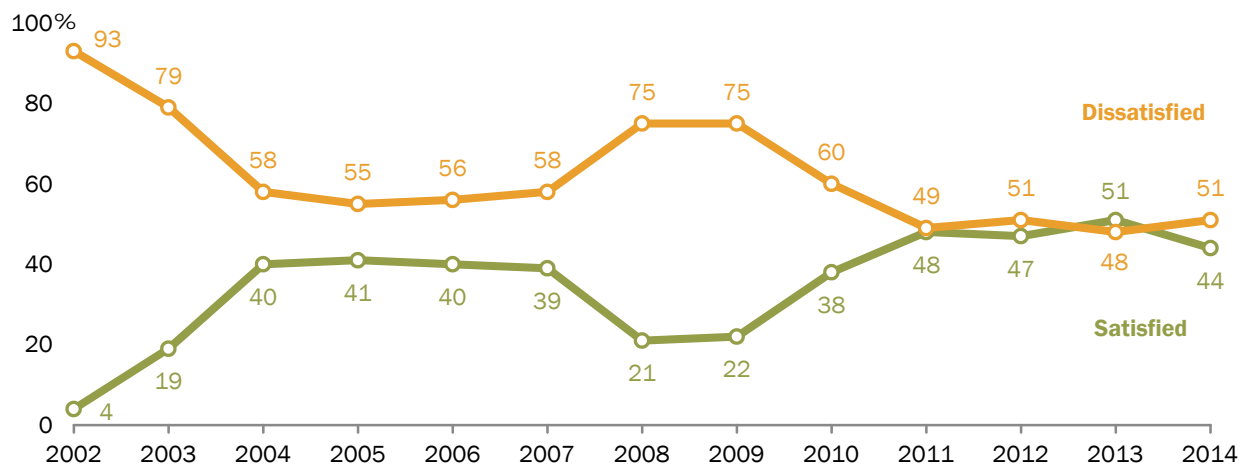
These are among the key findings from the latest survey of Turkey by the Pew Research Center. Based on face-to-face interviews conducted between April 11 and May 16, 2014, among a representative sample of 1,001 randomly selected adults from across the country, the poll also finds America's image continues to be overwhelmingly negative in Turkey. Only 19% of Turks express a favorable opinion of the United States. And just 25% have a positive view of the European Union, although Turks, by a 53% to 37% margin, still believe Turkey should join the organization.

## Turks Divided on National Conditions

Turks are divided on the direction of their country. Roughly half (51%) are dissatisfied with the way things are going in Turkey, while 44% are satisfied. Over the past four years, opinion on this question has generally been split. However, prior to 2011, the mood in Turkey was much more negative, with clear majorities expressing dissatisfaction with the country's direction every year from 2002 to 2010. And in 2002, following a severe economic crisis, 93% of the Turkish public was dissatisfied and only 4% satisfied.

### Country Satisfaction in Turkey through the Years

Overall, are you \_\_\_ with the way things are going in our country today?



Source: Spring 2014 Global survey. Q5.

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Views of the current state of the nation vary by gender, educational attainment, political affiliation and religious devotion among Turkey's Muslims (estimated to be around 98% of the population). For example, men are equally divided on the country's direction (48% are satisfied, 48% are dissatisfied), but only four-in-ten Turkish women feel positively about the way things are going while 53% have a negative outlook.

Those Turks with less than secondary education are more satisfied with the direction of the country (49% satisfied), compared to those with a post-secondary education (30%). Turks living in rural areas (51%) are also slightly more satisfied than urban dwellers (42%).

Some of the biggest divides are based on political party association and frequency of prayer among Muslims. For instance, 78% of Turks who say they feel closest to Erdogan's moderately Islamist AKP are satisfied with the way things are going in Turkey, while only 11% among supporters of the opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) feel the same.

Similarly, 54% of Turkish Muslims who pray five times per day or more are satisfied with current national conditions, while only 26% of those that hardly ever pray agree.

Turks are also divided in their evaluations of current economic conditions in their country. Half say the economy is good and a nearly equal 46% say the economy is bad. As with views of the country's direction overall, the public has been divided over the state of the economy in recent years. Prior to 2011, however, economic ratings were dismal, especially following the 2008-2009 worldwide financial crisis. Furthermore, AKP supporters, rural Turks, and more devout Muslims are generally happier with current economic conditions.

## Erdogan Supporters and Observant Muslims Most Satisfied

Overall, are you \_\_\_ with the way things are going in our country today?

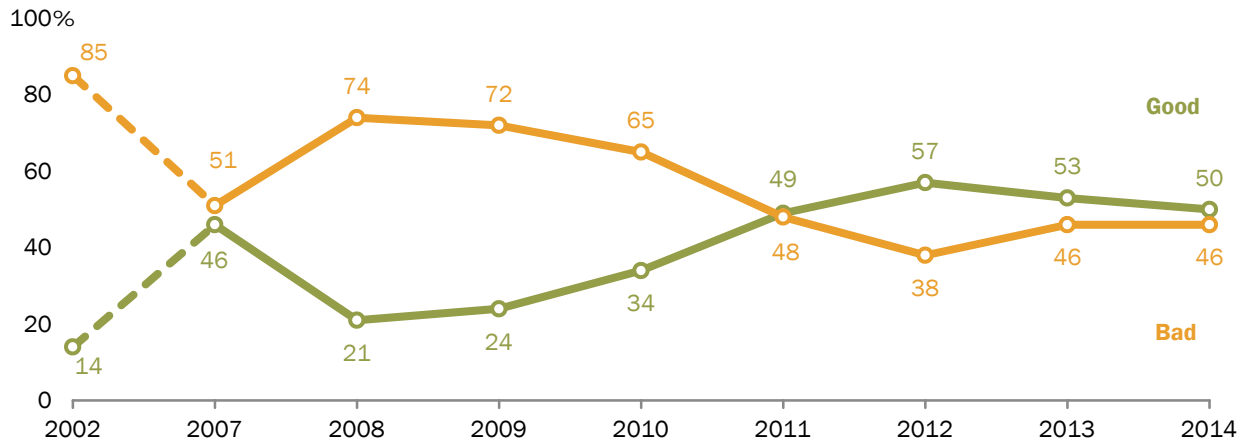
|                               | Satisfied<br>% | Dissatisfied<br>% | Don't<br>know<br>% |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Total                         | 44             | 51                | 5                  |
| Men                           | 48             | 48                | 3                  |
| Women                         | 40             | 53                | 6                  |
| Less than secondary education | 49             | 44                | 7                  |
| Secondary education           | 44             | 53                | 3                  |
| Post-secondary education      | 30             | 68                | 2                  |
| Urban                         | 42             | 53                | 4                  |
| Rural                         | 51             | 42                | 7                  |
| <i>Feel closest to...</i>     |                |                   |                    |
| AKP                           | 78             | 16                | 6                  |
| CHP                           | 11             | 87                | 1                  |
| Other/None/Undecided          | 26             | 65                | 9                  |
| <i>Muslims who pray...</i>    |                |                   |                    |
| Hardly ever                   | 26             | 72                | 2                  |
| Less than 5x per day          | 49             | 50                | 1                  |
| 5x per day or more            | 54             | 30                | 15                 |

Source: Spring 2014 Global survey. Q5.

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## Mixed Ratings for Economy in Recent Years, but Improvement Over Last Decade

How would you describe the current economic situation in Turkey?



Source: Spring 2014 Global survey. Q9.

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Turks are slightly optimistic about their economic prospects over the next year. Roughly four-in-ten say the economy will improve, three-in-ten say it will get worse, and around a quarter (24%) say economic conditions will remain the same.

## Lukewarm Opinions of Erdogan and National Institutions

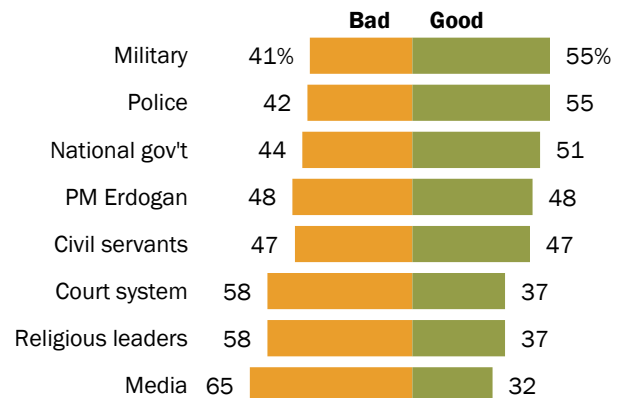
The military and the police are among the highest rated government institutions in Turkey, but even they only achieve bare majority support from the public. Nevertheless, faith in the military is down sharply during the reign of Erdogan, who has taken great pains to diminish the armed force's role in Turkish politics.

Overall, 55% of the Turkish public says the military is having a good influence on the way things are going in Turkey. An equal number say the same about the police.

Around half see the national government (51%),

## Unenthusiastic Ratings for National Institutions in Turkey

What kind of influence is/are (the) \_\_\_ having on the way things are going in Turkey?



Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey. Q38a-g, j.

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Prime Minister Erdogan (48%) and civil servants (47%) as a positive influence on the country. Less than four-in-ten say this about the court system (37%), religious leaders (37%) and the media (32%).

Since 2007, there has been a sharp decline in the ratings of the military, religious leaders, Erdogan, and the national government in general. The drop in military ratings (-30 percentage points) and religious leaders (-24) is particularly dramatic. Additionally, since 2010, ratings for the police have dropped 13 percentage points, with their handling of the 2013 anti-government protests a possible factor. Only 39% of Gezi Park supporters have a positive view of the police.

Views of national institutions are strongly related to frequency of prayer among Turkey's Muslim population. Those who pray more than five times per day are much more likely to say each national group or institution is a good influence on the country. These differences are greatest on ratings of the national government (+52 percentage points) and Erdogan (+49), but are significant for all institutions included in the poll.

## Sharp Decline in Leadership Ratings Since 2007, Including Erdogan

*Is/are (the) \_\_\_ having a good influence on the way things are going in Turkey?*

|                   | 2007 | 2010 | 2014 | 07-14 Change |
|-------------------|------|------|------|--------------|
|                   | %    | %    | %    |              |
| Military          | 85   | 72   | 55   | -30          |
| Religious leaders | 61   | 41   | 37   | -24          |
| PM Erdogan        | 63   | 52   | 48   | -15          |
| National gov't    | 61   | 51   | 51   | -10          |
| Media             | 26   | 30   | 32   | +6           |
| Police            | --   | 68   | 55   | --           |
| Civil servants    | --   | --   | 47   | --           |
| Court system      | --   | --   | 37   | --           |

Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey. Q38a-g, j.

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## Huge Differences in Government Ratings Based on Frequency of Prayer

*Is/are (the) \_\_\_ having a good influence on the way things are going in Turkey?*

*How often do you pray?\**

|                   | Hardly ever | Less than 5x per day | 5x per day or more | Hardly ever-5x per day diff |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
|                   | %           | %                    | %                  |                             |
| Good influence    |             |                      |                    |                             |
| National gov't    | 27          | 52                   | 79                 | +52                         |
| PM Erdogan        | 25          | 48                   | 74                 | +49                         |
| Court system      | 20          | 38                   | 60                 | +40                         |
| Police            | 33          | 59                   | 72                 | +39                         |
| Civil servants    | 28          | 49                   | 65                 | +37                         |
| Religious leaders | 19          | 38                   | 56                 | +37                         |
| Military          | 36          | 58                   | 69                 | +33                         |
| Media             | 20          | 32                   | 47                 | +27                         |

\*Asked only of Muslims.

Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey. Q38a-g, j.

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## Erdogan's Handling of National Issues

Turks generally tilt toward disapproval when it comes to Erdogan's handling on a range of national issues. Overall, 56% in Turkey disapprove of the way Erdogan is handling personal freedoms, crime, corruption and the situation in Syria. A similar share (55%) disapprove of the way he handled the 2013 anti-government protests.

The Turkish public is more divided on Erdogan's handling of the economy, with 49% saying they disapprove of the prime minister's economic stewardship and 46% approving. As with other judgments on Erdogan and government influence, Turkish Muslims who are more devout show greater approval of Erdogan's job performance compared with those who are less religious.

## Support for Gezi Park Protests

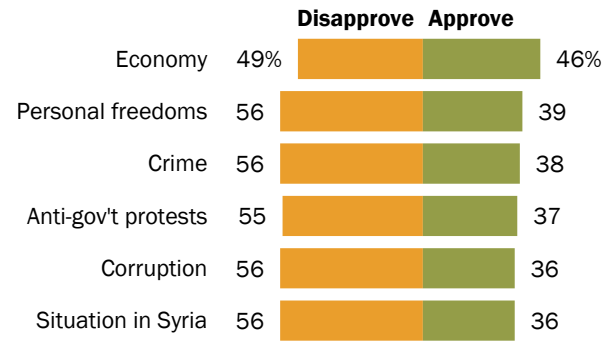
The protests that rocked Istanbul [in 2013](#) as a result of plans to redevelop Gezi Park into an Ottoman-era military barracks that would house a shopping mall and luxury hotels, left a deep impression on the Turkish people and were [seen at the time as](#) a black-eye for Erdogan's international reputation.

About half (49%) say they supported the anti-government protests, such as those in Gezi Park in 2013, but a robust minority (40%) opposed them.

Support for the protests is higher among more educated Turks, those associated with opposition parties and more secular Muslims than it is for

## Public Tilts Toward Disapproval of Erdogan's Handling of Turkey's Problems

*Views about Erdogan's handling of...*



Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey. Q52a-e & Q53.

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## Mild Support for Anti-Government Protests

*Did you \_\_\_ the anti-government protests, such as those in Gezi Park?*

|                               | Support | Oppose | Don't know |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|------------|
|                               | %       | %      | %          |
| Total                         | 49      | 40     | 10         |
| Less than secondary education | 43      | 47     | 11         |
| Secondary education           | 55      | 32     | 12         |
| Post-secondary education      | 58      | 36     | 6          |
| <i>Muslims who pray...</i>    |         |        |            |
| Hardly ever                   | 65      | 26     | 9          |
| Less than 5x per day          | 47      | 45     | 8          |
| 5x per day or more            | 34      | 52     | 14         |

Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey. Q128b.

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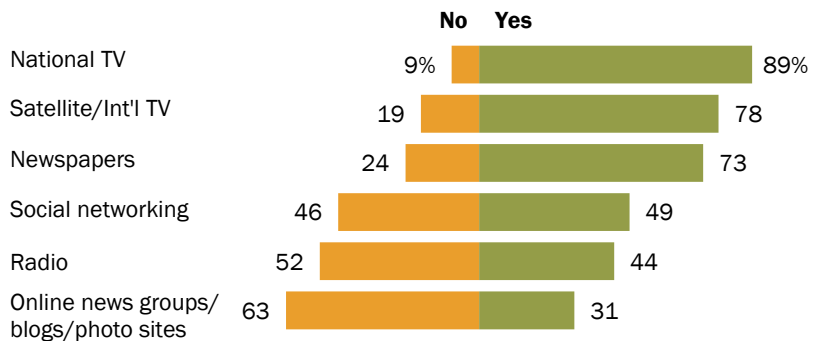
less educated Turks, AKP supporters and more devout Muslims. Turks located in the central region of the country (Anatolia) are much less inclined to back the protests of 2013 compared to Turks who live in Istanbul itself, where 70% support the protests.

Erdogan receives low marks for his response to the protests. A majority of Turks (55%) disapprove of his handling of the unrest with 37% approving of his response. Only Erdogan's most ardent fans, AKP supporters, claim that he did a good job handling the civil disorder (72% approve).

The protests in Turkey were covered extensively in social media, but for the Turkish people, traditional media sources were the most common ways of accessing news about the events. Around nine-in-ten (89%) got information about the protests from national TV, with 78% citing international or satellite TV and 73% utilizing newspapers.

### TV, Newspapers Most Common Source of Protest News

*Did you get news and information about anti-government protests from \_\_\_?*



Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey. Q130TURa-f.

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Roughly half (49%) say they accessed social networking sites for news about the protests, with a nearly equal number (46%) saying they did not use these non-traditional sources. Radio was also less popular than TV and newspapers. Only 31% say they obtained information about the protests from online news groups, blogs or photo sites.

While national and international TV were commonly used among all age groups for information about the anti-government unrest, social networking sites were more likely to be utilized among Turkish youth. Seven-in-ten Turks under the age of 30 said they sought

### Young More Likely than Elders to Have Gotten Protest News Online

*Got news and information about anti-government protests from ...*

|                                      | 18-29 | 30-49 | 50+ | Youngest-oldest gap |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----|---------------------|
|                                      | %     | %     | %   |                     |
| Social networking                    | 70    | 47    | 29  | +41                 |
| Radio                                | 57    | 46    | 29  | +28                 |
| Online news groups/blogs/photo sites | 45    | 31    | 17  | +28                 |
| Newspapers                           | 79    | 76    | 64  | +15                 |
| Satellite/Int'l TV                   | 76    | 78    | 80  | -4                  |
| National TV                          | 88    | 88    | 90  | -2                  |

Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey. Q130TURa-f.

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news and information about the protests from social networking sites, like Facebook and Twitter. Only 29% among Turks 50 and older said the same. Similarly, 45% of 18-29 year-olds got information from online news groups and photo sharing sites, while only 17% of 50+ year-olds did so.

Social networking during the protests was also more common among men (56%) and those with a post-secondary education (77%). While only about half of Turks overall got information about the protests from social networking sites, 68% of internet users used social networking to follow news about the demonstrations.

## Islam Seen as Playing Big Role in Politics

An overwhelming majority (69%) say that Islam plays a large role in the political life of Turkey, with only 26% saying it plays a small role. Since 2005, six-in-ten or more have said Islam is a major force in Turkish politics. However, in 2002, prior to Erdogan's election as prime minister, the public was split: 45% said Islam played a large role, while 43% said a small role.

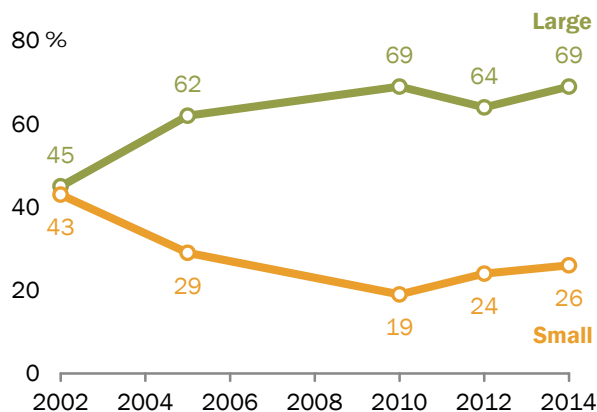
On this particular question, both secular and religious Muslims agree that Islam plays a large role in Turkish political life: Three-quarters of Muslims in Turkey who rarely pray say this is the case, while a nearly equivalent share (73%) of observant Muslims agree. And supporters of both AKP (69%) and CHP (67%) say Islam is a political force in Turkey.

However, belief that Islam plays a big role in politics is more common among males, the young, and among Turks with a post-secondary education.

Among the majority that says Islam plays a large role, attitudes are split as to whether this is good or bad for Turkey. Nearly half among those Turks who say Islam plays a large role in politics think this is a good thing (47%), while 40% say it is a bad thing. Among the minority that says Islam plays a small role in politics, most say it is a negative for Turkey.

### Most See Islam Playing Large Political Role in Turkey

*Do you think Islam plays a \_\_\_ role in the political life of Turkey?*



Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey. Q80.

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## Negative Views of EU, U.S. and NATO

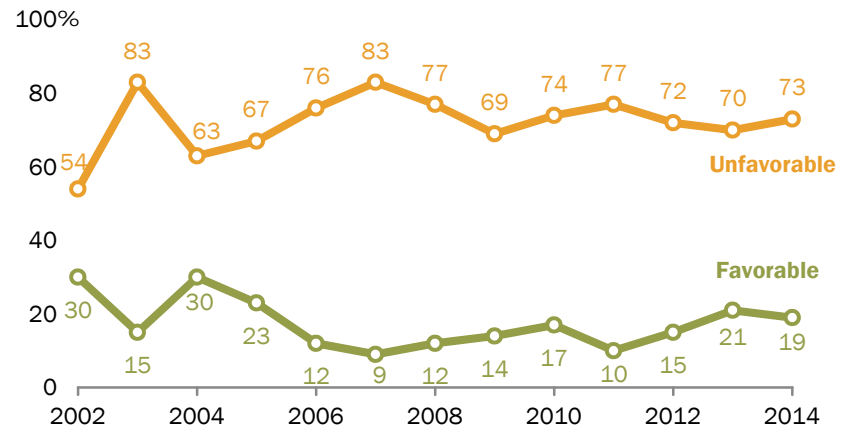
Turks hold unfavorable views of the United States, the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Only around two-in-ten (19%) have a favorable opinion of the U.S., with nearly three-quarters (73%) expressing a negative view of their NATO ally. Opinions of the U.S. have been relatively steady over the past decade, although prior to the 2003 Iraq War, opinions of the U.S. were on balance less negative.

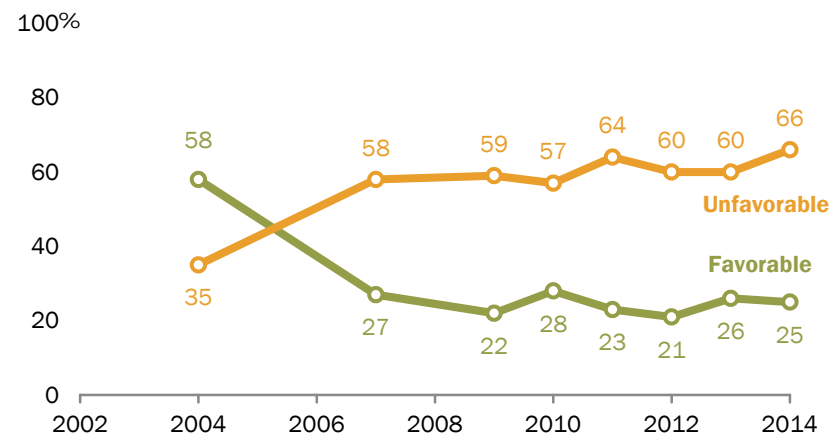
Turkish views toward the EU are also negative, with a quarter saying they have a favorable view of the EU and 66% having an unfavorable opinion. In 2004, prior to accession negotiations, 58% of Turks had a favorable view of the EU. However, by 2007, EU favorability was down to 27% and has not recovered since.

### U.S. and EU Image Negative in Turkey

Views of the U.S.



Views of the EU



Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey, Q15a & Q15f.

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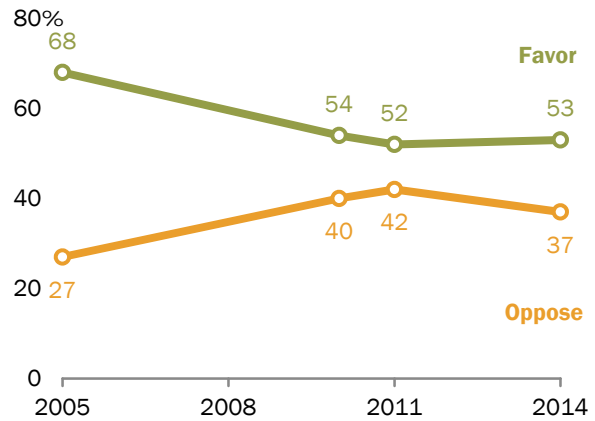
Despite current negative attitudes toward the EU, 53% in Turkey still say they would favor joining the union, while 37% oppose such an action. Since ascension talks began, support for becoming an EU member has fallen among the Turkish public. Back in 2005, as formal negotiations commenced, 68% in Turkey said they would like to join and only 27% opposed membership. In 2010, a much lower 54% favored ascension and 40% opposed it. Since 2010, however, views on this issue have been relatively steady.

Seven-in-ten Turks have a negative opinion of NATO, whose members include most EU countries as well as the U.S. and Canada.

Dislike for NATO is particularly intense, with 53% of Turks saying they have a *very* unfavorable opinion of the treaty organization. Opinions of NATO in Turkey have been consistently low since the question was first asked in 2011, although very unfavorable opinions are up 21 points from last year.

### Support for Turkey Joining EU

Do you \_\_\_\_ Turkey becoming a member of the EU?

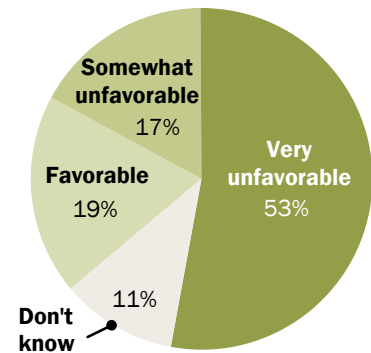


Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey, Q20.

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### Negative Opinion of NATO

Views of NATO



Note: "Favorable" combines "very" and "somewhat" favorable responses.

Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey, Q15g.

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## **Turkey Survey Methods**

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**Spring 2014 Survey**

The survey in Turkey was conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International.

Results for the survey in Turkey are based on 1,001 face-to-face interviews with adults 18 and older, between April 11 and May 16, 2014. Interviews were conducted in Turkish. The survey is representative of the country's adult population. The survey is based on a multi-stage, area probability design, which entailed proportional allocation of interviews by region, urbanity and settlement size. The primary sampling units were districts.

The margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4.5$  percentage points. For the results based on the full sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling and other random effects is plus or minus the margin of error. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

## **Topline Results**

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### Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see Survey Methods section.
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Since 2007, the Global Attitudes Project has used an automated process to generate topline. As a result, numbers may differ slightly from those published prior to 2007.
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2014 survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

|              |              | Q5 Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today? |              |            |       |
|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|------------|-------|
|              |              | Satisfied   | Dissatisfied | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey       | Spring, 2014 | 44  | 51           | 5          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2013 | 51  | 48           | 2          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2012 | 47  | 51           | 2          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2011 | 48  | 49           | 3          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2010 | 38  | 60           | 2          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2009 | 22  | 75           | 3          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2008 | 21  | 75           | 4          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2007 | 39  | 58           | 3          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2006 | 40  | 56           | 4          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2005 | 41  | 55           | 4          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2004 | 40  | 58           | 2          | 100   |
|              | May, 2003    | 19  | 79           | 2          | 100   |
|              | March, 2003  | 18  | 81           | 2          | 100   |
| Summer, 2002 | 4            | 93  | 2            | 100        |       |

|        |              | Q9 Now thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in (survey country) – is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad? |               |              |          |            |       |
|--------|--------------|---|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Very good   | Somewhat good | Somewhat bad | Very bad | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 14  | 36            | 27           | 19       | 4          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2013 | 13  | 40            | 25           | 21       | 1          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2012 | 12  | 45            | 24           | 14       | 5          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2011 | 12  | 37            | 23           | 25       | 3          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2010 | 3   | 31            | 29           | 36       | 1          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2009 | 2   | 22            | 37           | 35       | 3          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2008 | 4   | 17            | 27           | 47       | 4          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2007 | 9   | 37            | 29           | 22       | 3          | 100   |
|        | Summer, 2002 | 2   | 12            | 15           | 70       | 2          | 100   |

|        |              | Q10 And over the next 12 months do you expect the economic situation in our country to improve a lot, improve a little, remain the same, worsen a little or worsen a lot? |                  |                 |                 |              |            |       |
|--------|--------------|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Improve a lot   | Improve a little | Remain the same | Worsen a little | Worsen a lot | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 17  | 24               | 24              | 17              | 13           | 6          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2013 | 12  | 27               | 24              | 17              | 15           | 5          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2012 | 12  | 32               | 22              | 20              | 6            | 9          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2011 | 14  | 30               | 18              | 21              | 10           | 8          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2010 | 5   | 20               | 29              | 18              | 22           | 6          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2009 | 3   | 24               | 18              | 30              | 17           | 8          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2008 | 2   | 12               | 17              | 29              | 26           | 14         | 100   |
|        | Summer, 2002 | 3   | 18               | 22              | 22              | 27           | 8          | 100   |

|              |              | Q15a Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of: a. The United States |                    |                      |                  |            |       |
|--------------|--------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|-------|
|              |              | Very favorable  | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey       | Spring, 2014 | 4   | 15                 | 14                   | 59               | 8          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2013 | 4   | 17                 | 18                   | 52               | 9          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2012 | 4   | 11                 | 12                   | 60               | 14         | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2011 | 2   | 8                  | 15                   | 62               | 13         | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2010 | 2   | 15                 | 15                   | 59               | 9          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2009 | 2   | 12                 | 12                   | 57               | 16         | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2008 | 4   | 8                  | 7                    | 70               | 11         | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2007 | 2   | 7                  | 8                    | 75               | 8          | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2006 | 2   | 10                 | 9                    | 67               | 12         | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2005 | 4   | 19                 | 13                   | 54               | 10         | 100   |
|              | Spring, 2004 | 6   | 24                 | 18                   | 45               | 7          | 100   |
|              | May, 2003    | 2   | 13                 | 15                   | 68               | 3          | 100   |
|              | March, 2003  | 3   | 9                  | 17                   | 67               | 5          | 100   |
| Summer, 2002 | 6            | 24  | 13                 | 41                   | 16               | 100        |       |

|        |              | Q15f Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of: f. The European Union |                    |                      |                  |            |       |
|--------|--------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Very favorable   | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 9  | 16                 | 13                   | 53               | 9          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2013 | 4  | 22                 | 23                   | 37               | 15         | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2012 | 5  | 16                 | 14                   | 46               | 19         | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2011 | 5  | 18                 | 19                   | 45               | 14         | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2010 | 4  | 24                 | 12                   | 45               | 14         | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2009 | 4  | 18                 | 9                    | 50               | 20         | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2007 | 5  | 22                 | 14                   | 44               | 15         | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2004 | 22   | 36                 | 15                   | 20               | 7          | 100   |

|        |              | Q15g Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of: g. NATO, that is, North Atlantic Treaty Organization |                    |                      |                  |            |       |
|--------|--------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Very favorable  | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 5   | 14                 | 17                   | 53               | 11         | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2013 | 5   | 20                 | 21                   | 32               | 22         | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2012 | 3   | 12                 | 16                   | 43               | 26         | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2011 | 2   | 16                 | 21                   | 43               | 17         | 100   |

|        |              | Q20 How do you feel about our country becoming a member of the EU? Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose our country becoming a member of the EU? |       |        |                 |            |       |
|--------|--------------|---|-------|--------|-----------------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Strongly favor  | Favor | Oppose | Strongly oppose | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 24  | 29    | 13     | 24              | 10         | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2011 | 23  | 29    | 26     | 16              | 6          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2010 | 16  | 38    | 18     | 22              | 7          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2005 | 31  | 37    | 12     | 15              | 5          | 100   |

|        |              | Q38a What kind of influence is ____ having on the way things are going in (survey country). Is the influence very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad in (survey country): a. our national government |               |              |          |            |       |
|--------|--------------|---|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Very good   | Somewhat good | Somewhat bad | Very bad | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 28  | 23            | 16           | 28       | 4          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2010 | 13  | 38            | 19           | 26       | 3          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2007 | 24  | 37            | 13           | 22       | 3          | 100   |
|        | Summer, 2002 | 2   | 5             | 11           | 81       | 1          | 100   |



|        |              | Q38b What kind of influence is ____ having on the way things are going in (survey country). Is the influence very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad in (survey country): b. Prime Minister/President [INSERT APPROPRIATE NAME] |               |              |          |            |       |
|--------|--------------|--|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Very good  | Somewhat good | Somewhat bad | Very bad | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 30   | 18            | 11           | 37       | 5          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2010 | 16   | 36            | 15           | 28       | 4          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2007 | 29   | 34            | 12           | 21       | 3          | 100   |
|        | Summer, 2002 | 2  | 5             | 10           | 81       | 2          | 100   |

In 2014, 2010 and 2007 asked about Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. In 2002, asked about Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit.

|        |              | Q38c What kind of influence is ____ having on the way things are going in (survey country). Is the influence very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad in (survey country): c. the military |               |              |          |            |       |
|--------|--------------|--|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Very good  | Somewhat good | Somewhat bad | Very bad | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 28   | 27            | 13           | 28       | 4          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2010 | 30   | 42            | 13           | 9        | 6          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2007 | 57   | 28            | 5            | 5        | 5          | 100   |
|        | Summer, 2002 | 43   | 36            | 7            | 8        | 5          | 100   |

|        |              | Q38d What kind of influence is ____ having on the way things are going in (survey country). Is the influence very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad in (survey country): d. the media - such as television, radio, newspapers and magazines |               |              |          |            |       |
|--------|--------------|---|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Very good   | Somewhat good | Somewhat bad | Very bad | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 13  | 19            | 26           | 39       | 4          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2010 | 5   | 25            | 29           | 34       | 7          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2007 | 6   | 20            | 30           | 38       | 6          | 100   |
|        | Summer, 2002 | 15  | 32            | 18           | 31       | 4          | 100   |

|        |              | Q38e What kind of influence is ____ having on the way things are going in (survey country). Is the influence very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad in (survey country): e. religious leaders |               |              |          |            |       |
|--------|--------------|---|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Very good   | Somewhat good | Somewhat bad | Very bad | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 15  | 22            | 21           | 37       | 6          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2010 | 8   | 33            | 16           | 25       | 19         | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2007 | 18  | 43            | 15           | 14       | 10         | 100   |
|        | Summer, 2002 | 7   | 25            | 22           | 32       | 15         | 100   |

|        |              | Q38f What kind of influence is ____ having on the way things are going in (survey country). Is the influence very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad in (survey country): f. court system |               |              |          |            |       |
|--------|--------------|--|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Very good  | Somewhat good | Somewhat bad | Very bad | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 14   | 23            | 22           | 36       | 5          | 100   |

|        |              | Q38g What kind of influence is ____ having on the way things are going in (survey country). Is the influence very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad in (survey country): g. civil servants |               |              |          |            |       |
|--------|--------------|--|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Very good  | Somewhat good | Somewhat bad | Very bad | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 19   | 28            | 18           | 29       | 6          | 100   |

|        |              | Q38j What kind of influence is ____ having on the way things are going in (survey country). Is the influence very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad in (survey country): j. the police |               |              |          |            |       |
|--------|--------------|--|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------|
|        |              | Very good  | Somewhat good | Somewhat bad | Very bad | DK/Refused | Total |
| Turkey | Spring, 2014 | 27   | 28            | 15           | 27       | 4          | 100   |
|        | Spring, 2010 | 21   | 47            | 13           | 14       | 5          | 100   |

|               |                     | <b>Q52a Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan is handling each of the following areas: a. the economy</b> |                   |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Approve</b>  | <b>Disapprove</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 46  | 49                | 5                 | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q52b Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan is handling each of the following areas: b. crime</b> |                   |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Approve</b>  | <b>Disapprove</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 38  | 56                | 7                 | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q52c Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan is handling each of the following areas: c. personal freedoms</b> |                   |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Approve</b>  | <b>Disapprove</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 39  | 56                | 5                 | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q52d Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan is handling each of the following areas: d. corruption</b> |                   |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Approve</b>   | <b>Disapprove</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 36   | 56                | 7                 | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q52e Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan is handling each of the following areas: e. the situation in Syria</b> |                   |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Approve</b>   | <b>Disapprove</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 36   | 56                | 7                 | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q53 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan handled the anti-government protests, such as those in Gezi Park?</b> |                   |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Approve</b>   | <b>Disapprove</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 37   | 55                | 8                 | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q80 How much of a role do you think Islam plays in the political life of our country – a very large role, a fairly large role, a fairly small role, or a very small role?</b> |                          |                          |                        |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Very large role</b>   | <b>Fairly large role</b> | <b>Fairly small role</b> | <b>Very small role</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 41   | 28                       | 15                       | 11                     | 6                 | 100          |
|               | <b>Spring, 2012</b> | 32   | 32                       | 16                       | 8                      | 12                | 100          |
|               | <b>Spring, 2010</b> | 42   | 27                       | 9                        | 10                     | 12                | 100          |
|               | <b>Spring, 2005</b> | 30   | 32                       | 16                       | 13                     | 9                 | 100          |
|               | <b>Summer, 2002</b> | 21   | 24                       | 19                       | 24                     | 11                | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q81LARGE ASK IF LARGE ROLE IN Q80: In your opinion – is this good or bad for our country?</b> |            |                      |                   |              |           |
|---------------|---------------------|--|------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
|               |                     | <b>Good</b>  | <b>Bad</b> | <b>Neither (VOL)</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>N=</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 47   | 40         | 9                    | 4                 | 100          | 709       |
|               | <b>Spring, 2012</b> | 57   | 33         | 7                    | 2                 | 100          | 671       |
|               | <b>Spring, 2010</b> | 44   | 39         | 12                   | 5                 | 100          | 690       |

|               |                     | <b>Q81SMALL ASK IF SMALL ROLE IN Q80: In your opinion – is this good or bad for our country?</b> |            |                      |                   |              |           |
|---------------|---------------------|--|------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
|               |                     | <b>Good</b>  | <b>Bad</b> | <b>Neither (VOL)</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>N=</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 24   | 51         | 23                   | 2                 | 100          | 230       |
|               | <b>Spring, 2012</b> | 35   | 39         | 22                   | 4                 | 100          | 232       |
|               | <b>Spring, 2010</b> | 26   | 33         | 31                   | 10                | 100          | 196       |

|               |                     | <b>Q128b In general, did you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the anti-government protests, such as those in Gezi Park?</b> |                         |                        |                        |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Strongly support</b>  | <b>Somewhat support</b> | <b>Somewhat oppose</b> | <b>Strongly oppose</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 32   | 17                      | 14                     | 26                     | 10                | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q130TURa Did you get news and information about the anti-government protests from a. radio?</b> |           |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Yes</b>   | <b>No</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 44   | 52        | 4                 | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q130TURb Did you get news and information about the anti-government protests from b. national TV?</b> |           |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Yes</b>   | <b>No</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 89   | 9         | 2                 | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q130TURc Did you get news and information about the anti-government protests from c. satellite or international TV?</b> |           |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Yes</b>   | <b>No</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 78   | 19        | 3                 | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q130TURd Did you get news and information about the anti-government protests from d. newspapers?</b> |           |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|---|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Yes</b>  | <b>No</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 73  | 24        | 3                 | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q130TURe Did you get news and information about the anti-government protests from e. social networking sites, like Facebook, Twitter, MySpace?</b> |           |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|---|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Yes</b>  | <b>No</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 49  | 46        | 5                 | 100          |

|               |                     | <b>Q130TURf Did you get news and information about the anti-government protests from f. online news groups, blogs or photo sites?</b> |           |                   |              |
|---------------|---------------------|---|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
|               |                     | <b>Yes</b>  | <b>No</b> | <b>DK/Refused</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Turkey</b> | <b>Spring, 2014</b> | 31  | 63        | 5                 | 100          |