IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE REASONS THAT WOMEN IN TURKEY ARE UNDER REPRESENTED IN POLITICAL DECISION MAKING MECHANISMS?


If there were general elections tomorrow, $89 \%$ of the ones who claim that they will disqualify their vote, $84 \%$ of the ones who claim that they will vote for CHP and $83 \%$ of the ones who claim that they will vote for DTP indicate the reason of the women to be under-represented in the politics as the "women are not given a chance". One of the most important indicators here is that $77 \%$ of the ones who will not vote think the women are not given a chance in the politics. And this means that it should not be disregarded that one of the ways to attract the group of the people for voting is to give more chance to women in the politics.

## IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE REASONS THAT WOMEN IN TURKEY ARE UNDER REPRESENTED IN POLITICAL DECISION MAKING MECHANISMS?



The lowest percentage of the people are in Mediterranean Region (22\%) who think that the women are under-represented in the politics because women are not educated enough. In Aegean Region $86 \%$ of the people think that women are given less chance in the politics and therefore they are under-represented. And the ones who indicate the reason of the women to be under-represented in the politics is derived from women again are concentrated in Southeastern Anatolia Region.

### 6.4 Policy Area Which Turkey Will Rapidly Progress in With an Increase in Women's Participation in Politics

| With an increase in women's participation in political decision-making mechanisms, which policy areas do you believe Turkey will rapidly progress in? | Responses | Percent of Responses | Base percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Solving educational problems | 765 | 8,8 | 76,5 |
| Solving problems related to health | 735 | 8,4 | 73,5 |
| Solving problems related to human rights | 728 | 8,3 | 72,8 |
| Combating with environment pollution | 670 | 7,7 | 67,0 |
| Solving problems related to democracy | 617 | 7,1 | 61,7 |
| Solving social problems | 590 | 6,8 | 59,0 |
| Poverty Reduction | 561 | 6,4 | 56,1 |
| Solving problems related to justice mechanism | 561 | 6,4 | 56,1 |
| European Union harmonization period | 506 | 5,8 | 50,6 |
| Solving economic problems | 485 | 5,6 | 48,5 |
| Prevention of wars | 473 | 5,4 | 47,3 |
| Solving the injustice of income distribution | 469 | 5,4 | 46,9 |
| Solving unemployment problems | 460 | 5,3 | 46,0 |
| Prevention of terrorism | 451 | 5,2 | 45,1 |
| Solving problems related to foreign relations | 320 | 3,7 | 32,0 |
| Solving infra-structure problems | 293 | 3,4 | 29,3 |
| No opinion | 3 | 0,0 | 0,3 |
| None of these | 43 | 0,5 | 4,3 |
| Total of responses | 8730 | 100,0 |  |
| Base | 1000 |  | 873,0 |

# WITH AN INCREASE IN WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL DECISION MAKING MECHANISMS, WHICH POLICY AREAS DO YOU BELIEVE TURKEY WILL RAPIDLY PROGRESS IN? 



With an increase in women's participation in politics it is thought that first of all Turkey's problems regarding Education (77\%), Health (74\%) and Human Rights will rapidly progress. $67 \%$ of the ones who have participated in the survey think that with an increase in women's participation in politics there will be rapidly progress in combating with environment pollution and $62 \%$ of them think that there will be rapid progress in solution of the problems regarding Democracy. It is thought that there will not be much progress in the solution of the problems related to Foreign Policy (32\%) and infrastructure (29\%) even with an increase in women's participation in politics.

Within the framework of these results it is thought that with an increase in women's participation ratio there will be rapid progress in almost all problems.

# WITH AN INCREASE IN WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL DECISION MAKING MECHANISMS, WHICH POLICY AREAS DO YOU BELIEVE TURKEY WILL RAPIDLY PROGRESS IN? 



There are specific differences between men and women's opinions related to the progress in the solution of the problems with the women's participation in politics in Turkey. Women compared to the men think that the participation of the women in the politics will progress the solution of the problems more. Especially while the percentage of the women who think that the increase in women's participation in the politics will help reducing the Poverty, this percentage is $49 \%$ among the men. The same differences between the responses of the women and men can also be seen in the opinion of that the participation of the women in the politics will progress the solution of economic problems. While the $57 \%$ of the women think that there will be progress in the solution of the economic problems with the participation of women in the politics, $39 \%$ of the men agree with this opinion. As is understood from these results, in politics, women believe themselves much more than men believe them.

## WITH AN INCREASE IN WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL DECISION MAKING MECHANISMS, WHICH POLICY AREAS DO YOU BELIEVE TURKEY WILL RAPIDLY PROGRESS IN?



The ones, who want to see the more women in politics, think that with the increase in women's participation in politics there will be progress in all problems. And the ones who want to see fewer women in the politics think the complete opposite of this opinion. While $80 \%$ of the ones who want the women to be represented more in the politics indicate that the participation of the women in the politics will progress the solution of the education problems, $40 \%$ of the ones who want to see less women in the politics agree with this opinion.

# WITH AN INCREASE IN WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL DECISION MAKING MECHANISMS, WHICH POLICY AREAS DO YOU BELIEVE TURKEY WILL RAPIDLY PROGRESS IN? 



Do you believe that in Turkey, there must be more women in political decision making mechanisms because the women are not educated enough?

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=\text { Yes }=\text { No }
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While the $90 \%$ of the ones who do not claim that the women are underrepresented in the politics because they are not educated enough believe that with the participation of the women the education problems will be solved, $77 \%$ of the ones agree with this opinion who believe that the women are under-represented because they are not educated enough.

WITH AN INCREASE IN WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL DECISION MAKING MECHANISMS, WHICH POLICY AREAS DO YOU BELIEVE TURKEY WILL RAPIDLY PROGRESS IN?


There is a direct correlation between the political parties' providing more opportunities for the female politicians and to the success rates of improving the solution to Turkey's problems. The percentage of the increase in the women's participation in the politics acts as a catalyst to remedy the existing problems in the Turkish socio-political landscape.

While 78\% of the interviewed people agree the opinion of, "Women's participation in the political process can change positively the nature of politics in both the form and the substance of political behavior, and also the results achieved in all of the areas." 20\% of them indicated that they disagree with this opinion. The percentage of the ones who totally agree is $38 \%$, tend to agree is $40 \%$, tend to disagree is $13 \%$, totally disagree is 7\%.

How much do your agree or disagree with the following statement? Women s participation in the political process can change the nature of politics in both the form and the substance of political behavior, and also the results achieved in all of the areas.

| Totally agree | 383 | 38,3 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Tend to agree | 398 | 39,8 |
| Tend to disagree | 128 | 12,8 |
| Totally disagree | 70 | 7,0 |
| No opinion | 17 | 1,7 |
| No answer | 4 | 0,4 |
| Total | 1000 | 100,0 |

WOMEN S PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS CAN CHANGE THE NATURE OF POLITICS IN BOTH THE FORM AND THE SUBSTANCE OF POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, AND ALSO THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN ALL OF THE AREAS



The women's response was more vehement in comparison to the men in regard to the opinion of whether "Women s participation in the political process can change the nature of politics in both the form and the substance of political behavior, and also the results achieved in all of the areas."

# WOMEN S PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS CAN CHANGE THE NATURE OF POLITICS IN BOTH THE FORM AND THE SUBSTANCE OF POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, AND ALSO THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN ALL OF THE AREAS 



As a result of the statistical significance tests, it is observed that there is a significant difference between the response I disagree definitely with the statement "It is possible that the participation of women in politics can change both the quality of politics in terms of the ways of political behavior and content and also can influence the results obtained in all areas positively" with the working condition variable. The self-employed have responded by saying that they totally disagree with this statement with a higher percentage in comparison with the unemployed.

## WOMEN S PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS CAN CHANGE THE NATURE OF POLITICS IN BOTH THE FORM AND THE SUBSTANCE OF POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, AND ALSO THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN ALL OF THE AREAS



As a result of the performed statistical significance tests, differences were observed between the ones who think to vote to CHP and the ones who think to vote AKP if there were general elections tomorrow, on the basis of the totally disagreeing response to "Women's participation in the political process can change the nature of politics in both the form and the substance of political behavior, and also the results achieved in all of the areas." Supporters of AKP do not definitely agree with the statement above with a rate higher than those who support CHP.

## WOMEN S PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS CAN CHANGE THE NATURE OF POLITICS IN BOTH THE FORM AND THE SUBSTANCE OF POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, AND ALSO THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN ALL OF THE AREAS


\| 1 No opinion No answer \| Totally disagree \| 1 Tend to disagree \| Tend to agree \| Totally agree

As a result of the statistical significance tests the ones who live in the Aegean Region have indicated more compared to the ones who live in the other regions that they totally agree with the opinion of "Women's participation in the political process can change the nature of politics in both the form and the substance of political behavior, and also the results achieved in all of the areas." The ones who totally agree at the lowest percentage with this opinion are those who live in Southeastern Region.

### 6.5 Political Chooses

### 6.5.1 Political Spectrum in Turkey

$25 \%$ of those participating in the survey have defined themselves as being on the left of the political spectrum, $25 \%$ in the center and $40 \%$ on the right.

The percentage of the ones who define themselves on the far left is $3 \%$, on the far right is $23 \%$, on the left $16 \%$, on the right $23 \%$, on the centerleft $7 \%$, and on the centre-right $23 \%$. The percentage of the ones who define themselves on the centre is $25 \%$.

| Where do you rank yourself in the political <br> spectrum when you think of your political <br> choices? | Frequency | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Far left | 25 | 2,5 |
| Left | 155 | 15,5 |
| Center-left | 66 | 6,6 |
| Center | 250 | 25,0 |
| Center-right | 127 | 12,7 |
| Right | 231 | 23,1 |
| Far right | 44 | 4,4 |
| No opinion | 63 | 6,3 |
| No answer | 39 | 3,9 |
| Total | 1000 | 100,0 |

WHERE DO YOU RANK YOURSELF IN THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM WHEN YOU THINK OF YOUR POLITICAL CHOICES?


### 6.5.2 The Political Choices on 3 November 2002

When it is asked to the ones who have participated in the survey as at the $3^{\text {rd }}$ November 2002 General Elections which political party you voted for, $74 \%$ of them have indicated the party they voted for. And the $9 \%$ of the ones participated in the survey are generated as new voters. The results are weighted according to the real election results of the sample points that the survey was performed and than normalized on the basis of the $3^{\text {rd }}$ November 2002 general election results throughout Turkey.

| At the November 2002 General Elections, which political party did you vote for? (weighted) | Frequency | Percent | Valid percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AKP | 252 | 25,2 | 34,3 |
| CHP | 143 | 14,3 | 19,4 |
| DYP | 70 | 7,0 | 9,5 |
| MHP | 61 | 6,1 | 8,4 |
| GP | 53 | 5,3 | 7,2 |
| HADEP | 46 | 4,6 | 6,2 |
| ANAP | 38 | 3,8 | 5,1 |
| SP | 18 | 1,8 | 2,5 |
| DSP | 9 | 0,9 | 1,2 |
| Other | 45 | 4,5 | 6,1 |
| Total of who mentioned party's names | 735 | 73,5 | 100,0 |
| Blank vote | 33 | 3,3 |  |
| I was an elector-I did not vote | 84 | 8,4 |  |
| I was not an elector-I did not vote | 88 | 8,8 |  |
| I do not remember | 21 | 2,1 |  |
| No answer | 39 | 3,9 |  |
| Total of who did not mention party's names | 265 | 26,5 |  |
| General Total | 1000 | 100,0 |  |

AT THE NOVEMBER 2002 GENERAL ELECTIONS, WHICH POLITICAL PARTY DID YOU VOTE FOR? (WEIGHTED)


### 6.5.3 3 The Reasons of Political Choices on 3 November 2002

In accordance with the political views of the $22 \%$ of the voters who voted in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ November 2002 general elections, $10 \%$ of them indicated that they have chosen as it is a honest party and habit and $9 \%$ of them indicated as it was a new party and they tried.

The ones who did not vote in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ November General elections indicated the reason of non-voting as there were not any party that they like.

| Can you explain why you preferred this political choice? | Responses | Percent of Responses | Base percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Political opinion | 216 | 19,4 | 21,6 |
| Honest party | 96 | 8,6 | 9,6 |
| Habit | 95 | 8,5 | 9,5 |
| It was new party, I tried | 90 | 8,1 | 9,0 |
| Their works and services are successful | 66 | 5,9 | 6,6 |
| I think they repair economy | 66 | 5,9 | 6,6 |
| The political atmosphere in the time of election and promises | 65 | 5,8 | 6,5 |
| I lover its leader | 35 | 3,1 | 3,5 |
| Intellectual party | 27 | 2,4 | 2,7 |
| Kemalist party | 26 | 2,3 | 2,6 |
| Muslim party | 21 | 1,9 | 2,1 |
| I did not vote because of the private reasons | 8 | 0,7 | 0,8 |
| Central Party | 5 | 0,4 | 0,5 |
| Importance given to women | 5 | 0,4 | 0,5 |
| The party which support farmers and peasants | 3 | 0,3 | 0,3 |
| Unique party which had women leader | 2 | 0,2 | 0,2 |
| I did not love any party, I did not vote | 58 | 5,2 | 5,8 |
| I was young to vote, I did not vote | 42 | 3,8 | 4,2 |
| I did not have elector card | 14 | 1,3 | 1,4 |
| I was out of the city, I didn't vote | 11 | 1,0 | 1,1 |
| I was soldier, I did not vote | 5 | 0,4 | 0,5 |
| No opinion | 52 | 4,7 | 5,2 |
| No answer | 105 | 9,4 | 10,5 |
| Total of responses | 1113 | 100,0 |  |
| Base | 1000 |  | 111,3 |



The $14 \%$ of the ones who have voted for AKP in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ November 2002 as it reflected their political opinion, $7 \%$ of them because of habit, 15\% of them because it was a honest party, $13 \%$ because they were satisfied with the works and services, $23 \%$ of them to try, $10 \%$ as they believed it can repair the economy, $13 \%$ of them because of the political atmosphere in the time and promises, and $6 \%$ as they like the leader.

The $37 \%$ of the ones who have voted for CHP as it reflected their political opinion, $17 \%$ of them because of habit, $11 \%$ of them because it was a honest party, $1 \%$ because they were satisfied with the works and services, $5 \%$ as they believed it can repair the economy, 3\% of them because of the political atmosphere in the time and promises, and $2 \%$ as they like the leader.

The $21 \%$ of the ones who have voted for DYP as it reflected their political opinion, $27 \%$ of them because of habit, $13 \%$ of them because it was a honest party, $15 \%$ because they were satisfied with the works and services, $10 \%$ as they believed it can repair the economy, $13 \%$ of them because of the political atmosphere in the time and promises, and $6 \%$ as they like the leader.

THE REASONS OF POLITICAL CHOICES ON 3 NOVEMBER 2002


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### 6.5.4 Policy Priority of Political Parties

The most important 3 expectations from the political parties are successively poverty reduction, solving unemployment problems and solving the educational problems. The probability of increasing the vote percentage is high for the parties who inspire confidence to their voters on these three subjects.

If you think independent from the party you consider voting for, at the upcoming General Elections, which policy areas working party you can vote for?

|  | $1^{\text {st }}$ Priority |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2^{\text {nd }} \\ & \text { Priority } \end{aligned}$ |  | $3^{\text {rd }}$ Priority |  | Weighted Mean |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Freq | \% | Freq | \% | Freq | \% | Freq | \% |
| Poverty Reduction | 326 | 32,6 | 105 | 10,5 | 81 | 8,1 | 1269 | 21,2 |
| Solving unemployment problems | 174 | 17,4 | 174 | 17,4 | 142 | 14,3 | 1012 | 16,9 |
| Solving educational problems | 154 | 15,4 | 152 | 15,2 | 104 | 10,4 | 870 | 14,5 |
| Solving economic problems | 84 | 8,4 | 127 | 12,7 | 93 | 9,3 | 599 | 10,0 |
| Prevention of terrorism | 78 | 7,8 | 82 | 8,2 | 110 | 11 | 508 | 8,5 |
| Solving problems related to health | 51 | 5,1 | 117 | 11,7 | 108 | 10,8 | 495 | 8,3 |
| Solving the injustice of income distribution | 22 | 2,2 | 39 | 3,9 | 58 | 5,8 | 202 | 3,4 |
| Solving social problems | 27 | 2,7 | 38 | 3,8 | 44 | 4,4 | 201 | 3,4 |
| Solving problems related to human rights | 16 | 1,6 | 42 | 4,2 | 68 | 6,8 | 200 | 3,3 |
| Prevention of wars | 21 | 2,1 | 31 | 3,1 | 51 | 5,1 | 176 | 2,9 |
| Solving infra-structure problems | 14 | 1,4 | 28 | 2,8 | 19 | 1,9 | 117 | 2,0 |
| Solving problems related to justice mechanism | 9 | 0,9 | 24 | 2,4 | 31 | 3,1 | 106 | 1,8 |
| Solving problems related to democracy | 9 | 0,9 | 8 | 0,8 | 31 | 3,1 | 74 | 1,2 |
| Combating with environment pollution | 6 | 0,6 | 17 | 1,7 | 18 | 1,8 | 70 | 1,2 |
| Solving problems related to foreign relations | 5 | 0,5 | 10 | 1 | 15 | 1,5 | 50 | 0,8 |
| European Union harmonization period | 4 | 0,4 | 6 | 0,6 | 23 | 2,3 | 47 | 0,8 |
| Total | 1000 | 100 | 1000 | 100 | 996 | 100 | 5996 | 100,0 |



### 6.5.5 The Political Choices of Today

If there were general elections tomorrow the percentage of the people who indicate that they will vote for AKP is $24 \%$, percentage of the people who indicate that they will vote for CHP is $14 \%$, percentage of the people who indicate that they will vote for DYP is $8 \%$, and percentage of the people who indicate that they will vote for MHP is $7 \%$. The percentage of the undecided is $18 \%$.

| If there were a General Election <br> tomorrow, which party would <br> you vote for?(weighted) | Frequency | Percent | Valid <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 239 | 23,9 | 34,2 |
| CHP | 135 | 13,5 | 19,4 |
| DYP | 78 | 7,8 | 11,2 |
| MHP | 69 | 6,9 | 9,9 |
| DTP | 53 | 5,3 | 7,6 |
| ANAP | 34 | 3,4 | 4,9 |
| GP | 21 | 2,1 | 3,1 |
| SP | 20 | 2,0 | 2,8 |
| DSP | 13 | 1,3 | 1,8 |
| Other | 35 | 3,5 | 5,0 |
| Total of who mentioned party's <br> names | 697 | 69,7 | 100,0 |
| Would vote blank/would spoil <br> the vote | 63 | 6,3 |  |
| I do not vote | 23 | 2,3 |  |
| Undecided | 178 | 17,8 |  |
| No answer | 39 | 3,9 |  |
| Total of who did not mention <br> party's names | 303 | 30,3 |  |
| $y$ General total | 1000 | 100,0 |  |

## IF THERE WERE A GENERAL ELECTION TOMORROW, WHICH PARTY

 WOULD YOU VOTE FOR?(WEIGHTED)

If there were general elections tomorrow, when the voter who did not mention party's name are distributed proportionally, AKP's vote appears as $34 \%$, CHP's vote as $19 \%$, DYP's vote as $11 \%$ and MHP's vote as $10 \%$. It is estimated within the framework of these results that the composition of the assembly will be formed out of these four parties.

## IF THERE WERE A GENERAL ELECTION TOMORROW, WHICH PARTY WOULD YOU VOTE FOR?

(Weighted-who did not mention party's name are distributed proportionally)



### 6.5.6 The Reasons of Today's The Political Choices

In a possible general election, the voters indicate their voting preferences to be, according to the party's political opinion (19\%), to their successful works (19\%) and being an honest party (10\%).

| Can you explain why you <br> made this political choice? | Responses | Percent of <br> Responses | Base <br> percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| I am happy with their works <br> and services | 190 | 17,1 | 19,0 |
| Political opinion | 190 | 17,1 | 19,0 |
| Honest party | 102 | 9,2 | 10,2 |
| They repair economy | 74 | 6,6 | 7,4 |
| Habit | 49 | 4,4 | 4,9 |
| I lover its leader | 42 | 3,8 | 4,2 |
| Intellectual party | 42 | 3,8 | 4,2 |
| Promises | 23 | 2,1 | 2,3 |
| Kemalist party | 22 | 2,0 | 2,2 |
| Alternative party | 21 | 1,9 | 2,1 |
| Muslim party | 9 | 0,8 | 0,9 |
| The party which support <br> farmers and peasants | 8 | 0,7 | 0,8 |
| Importance given to women | 4 | 0,4 | 0,4 |
| Central party | 2 | 0,2 | 0,2 |
| Unique party which had <br> women leader | 1 | 0,1 | 0,1 |
| I don t like any party I will <br> not vote | 125 | 11,2 | 12,5 |
| I will take decision during <br> the election time | 45 | 4,0 | 4,5 |
| I like the party for which I <br> voted | 15 | 1,3 | 1,5 |
| No opinion | 87 | 7,8 | 8,7 |
| No answer | 63 | 5,7 | 6,3 |
| Total | 1114 | 100,0 |  |
| Base | 1000 |  | 111,4 |

## CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY YOU MADE THIS POLITICAL CHOICE IF THERE WERE A GENERAL ELECTIONS TOMORROW?



CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY YOU MADE THIS POLITICAL CHOICE IF THERE WERE A GENERAL ELECTIONS TOMORROW?

|| AKP || CHP || DYP || MHP ||
$52 \%$ of the ones who claim that "I vote for AKP if there were general elections tomorrow" specify this as they are pleased with the works and services of them, among the ones who indicate that they will vote for the parties; $37 \%$ of the CHP supporters as it is a proper party for their Political opinions, $21 \%$ of the DYP supporters as they are satisfied with the services, $58 \%$ of the MHP supporters as it is a proper party for their Political opinions, $63 \%$ of the DTP supporters as it is a proper party for their Political opinions and 29\% of ANAP supporters as it is a proper party for their Political opinions. The most important indicator here is the AKP supporters think to vote for this party because of its works and services performed. On the other hand, 22\% of the DTP supporters' indication that they will vote for this party as DTP will repair the economy is interesting.

