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Support for membership

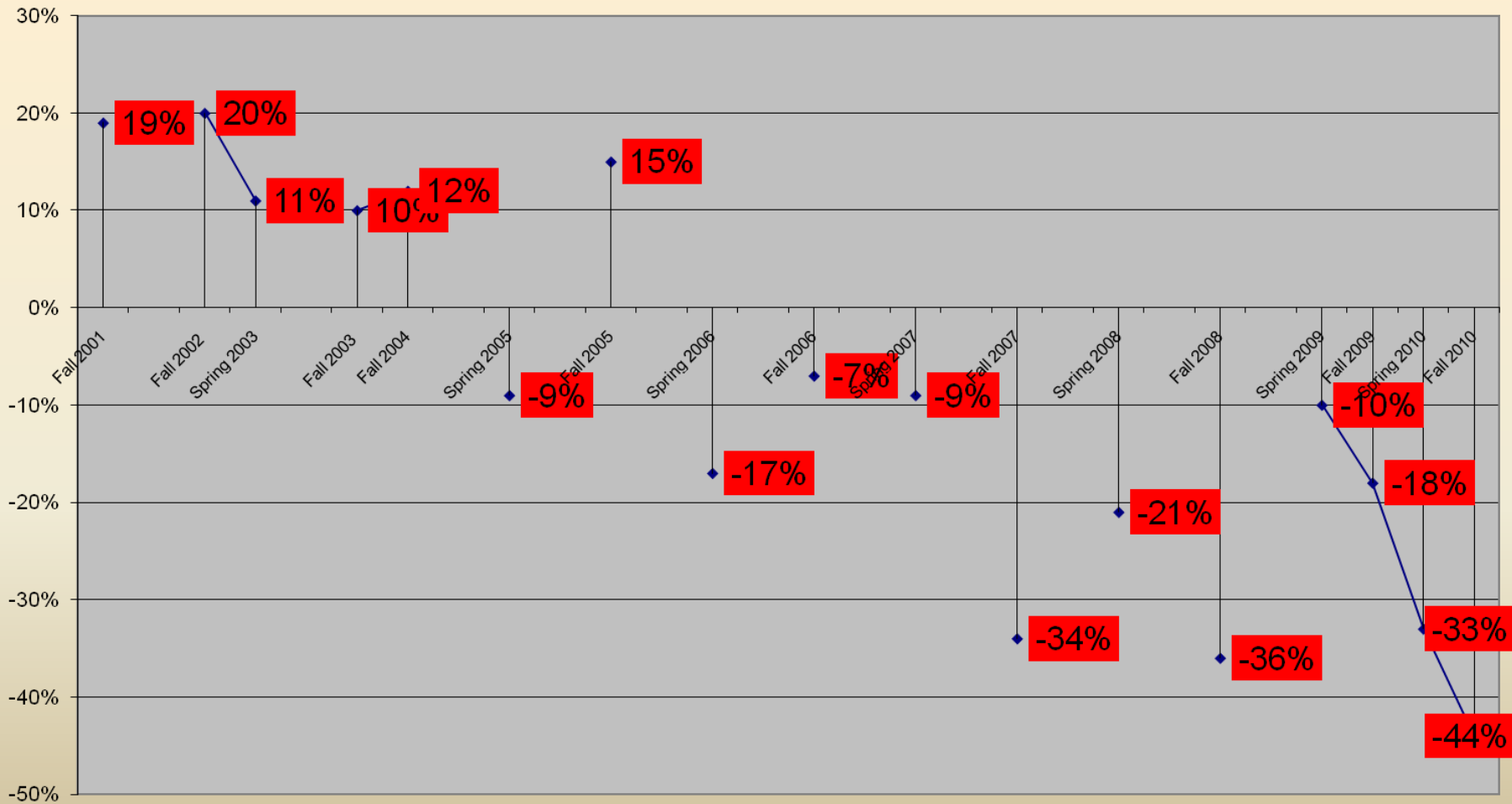
- Support tends to fluctuate over time
- Responsive to signals
- Under 50 % since 2007
- “Bad thing” is steady-solid objection
- Short time whip lashes
- Link with economy?
- Divide with Elite opinion

Trust

- A more clear indicator
- Steady decline
- In tune with EU average
- 2010 lowest ever: 65 Don't trust vs 21 trust
(net trust: -44 (down from -18 in 2009))
- Public & Political elite agreement

Trust

Net Trust in Turkish Public



General look at TR-EU/US relations

[ASK ONLY IN TURKEY] Turkey and the European Union

[READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

	TR
TOTAL	100% (1003)
Good	22
Bad	35
Mixed	28
[DK]/[REFUSAL]	16

[ASK ONLY IN TURKEY] Turkey and the United States

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	TR
TOTAL	100% (1003)
Good	25
Bad	33
Mixed	27
[DK]/[REFUSAL]	14

EU image

	Europe 7	Europe 9	Europe 10	Europe 11	Europe 12	USA	FR	GER	UK	IT	NL	PL	PT	SP	SK	TR	BG	RO
TOTAL	100% (7002)	100% (9011)	100% (10014)	100% (11069)	100% (12072)	100% (1000)	100% (1000)	100% (1001)	100% (1000)	100% (1001)	100% (1000)	100% (1000)	100% (1000)	100% (1003)	100% (1006)	100% (1003)	100% (1016)	100% (1042)
Very favorable	14	17	16	18	17	18	10	12	12	26	23	9	8	35	25	9	47	30
2009	14	17	16	18	17	12	11	11	11	28	15	9	18	33	27	10	43	33
Somewhat favorable	56	55	51	55	51	50	56	57	47	52	51	71	75	48	60	26	42	50
2009	55	55	50	54	50	50	55	61	38	52	58	66	70	51	60	22	44	51
Somewhat unfavorable	23	21	21	20	20	21	26	26	27	19	19	13	14	11	10	19	7	12
2009	21	20	20	19	19	13	27	23	25	19	19	12	5	10	9	22	7	8
Very unfavorable	5	5	10	5	9	10	7	4	12	2	5	2	2	4	1	36	1	4
2009	6	6	10	6	9	10	6	3	21	1	4	3	3	5	2	33	2	3
[DK]/[REFUSAL]	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	2	5	1	2	3	11	3	4
2009	3	3	5	3	5	14	1	2	6	1	4	10	5	2	3	14	4	5
ST Favorable	70	72	67	73	68	68	66	69	59	78	74	80	83	83	85	34	89	80
2009	69	71	66	72	67	63	66	72	48	80	73	75	88	83	86	32	87	84
ST Unfavorable	28	26	30	25	29	31	33	30	40	21	25	15	16	15	12	55	8	17
2009	27	26	30	25	29	23	33	26	46	20	24	15	7	15	11	54	9	11

Mutual feelings? *Feelings towards Turkey*

	Europe 7	Europe 9	Europe 10	Europe 11	USA	FR	GER	UK	IT	NL	PL	PT	SP	SK	BG	RO
TOTAL	100% (7002)	100% (9011)	85% (8590)	100% (11069)	100% (1000)	100% (1000)	100% (1001)	100% (1000)	100% (1001)	100% (1000)	100% (1000)	100% (1000)	100% (1003)	100% (1006)	100% (1016)	100% (1042)
Very favorable	3	4	4	4	8	3	3	6	2	7	1	1	7	2	10	9
Somewhat favorable	35	36	36	36	42	38	31	48	23	43	37	40	39	25	35	47
Somewhat unfavorable	40	38	38	37	34	40	53	25	46	35	25	40	27	44	28	24
Very unfavorable	10	10	10	10	11	10	10	8	16	8	4	5	14	16	18	6
[DK]/[REFUSAL]	12	12	12	12	4	9	3	13	13	7	33	14	13	13	8	14
ST Favorable	39	39	39	40	50	41	34	54	25	50	39	41	46	28	45	56
ST Unfavorable	50	49	49	48	46	50	63	33	62	43	29	45	40	59	47	30

Mutual feelings: TR membership

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TOTAL	100% (7002)	100% (9011)	100% (10014)	100% (11069)	100% (12072)	100% (1000)	100% (1000)	100% (1001)	100% (1000)	100% (1001)	100% (1000)	100% (1000)	100% (1000)	100% (1003)	100% (1006)	100% (1003)	100% (1016)	100% (1042)
A good thing	22	22	24	23	25	41	16	16	26	29	28	23	23	25	10	38	21	43
2009	18	19	23	20	24	41	12	16	23	22	25	18	23	25	9	48	18	42
2008	19	19	22	21	23	32	12	13	27	22	29	20	22	25	7	42	22	40
2007	20	21	23	22	24	40	12	16	27	27	25	21	21	25	9	40	23	38
2006	21	21	25		26	35	14	16	30	30	21	18	18	25	10	54	27	37
2005	22	22	28			37	11	16	31	31	27	23	16	26	17	63		
2004	29	30	36			43	16	26	33	45	34	27	17	39	22	73		
A bad thing	35	34	34	33	33	18	49	44	27	28	38	21	21	27	32	31	33	10
2009	36	34	32	32	31	7	48	46	26	32	38	17	15	20	28	22	33	10
2008	31	29	29	28	28	8	45	40	21	27	27	15	13	20	24	31	26	10
2007	34	33	32	31	31	10	49	43	23	29	33	19	19	24	28	32	24	10
2006	33	32	31		30	8	46	42	21	29	38	23	18	24	30	22	24	11
2005	30	29	28			7	45	40	20	21	31	19	17	22	27	17		
2004	21	20	18			6	35	28	9	17	20	13	11	10	9	9		
Neither good nor bad	39	39	37	39	37	41	33	39	44	36	31	44	53	44	47	20	39	37
2009	41	42	40	42	39	34	38	36	45	42	34	47	56	53	45	22	37	33
2008	46	46	43	45	42	46	42	47	45	47	41	50	53	49	45	19	41	34
2007	41	42	39	42	39	36	37	39	44	42	39	48	49	48	44	17	40	34
2006	40	40	37		37	37	39	40	42	35	37	43	49	44	42	18	36	33
2005	42	42	38			38	42	43	40	43	39	41	52	42	34	17		
2004	40	40	36			35	44	43	45	29	42	37	45	37	38	13		
[DK]/[REFUSAL]	4	4	5	5	6	1	2	1	4	6	3	13	4	4	12	11	7	10
2009	5	5	5	6	6	18	2	2	7	4	3	18	6	3	18	8	12	15
2008	5	5	6	6	6	14	2	1	7	4	3	15	13	6	23	8	11	16
2007	4	5	5	5	6	15	2	1	7	3	3	13	11	4	19	12	13	18
2006	6	6	6		7	20	2	3	7	7	4	16	15	7	18	6	13	19
2005	6	7	6			17	2	2	9	5	3	17	15	10	21	4		
2004	10	10	10			17	5	3	13	10	4	23	27	15	31	6		

To believe or not to believe

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Very likely	11	12	11	12	11	11	7	9	21	14	15	4	10	16	6	6	13	21
2009	14	14	13	15	14	13	7	15	30	12	13	5	20	15	5	7	10	24
2008	17	17	16	17	16	11	7	19	33	16	20	7	18	18	4	7	14	21
2007	18	17	16	17	16		6	22	32	15	25	7	15	16	6	4	12	19
Somewhat likely	40	39	36	39	36	34	31	39	45	41	39	45	51	32	25	21	32	41
2009	39	39	37	39	37	37	35	39	38	42	40	41	43	42	28	21	28	35
2008	43	43	40	42	40	37	35	46	40	47	50	46	45	40	30	20	31	40
2007	40	39	37	39	37		25	40	42	45	46	46	45	37	30	22	32	38
Not too likely	36	36	35	35	34	28	48	42	22	33	33	28	33	38	42	29	33	17
2009	32	32	32	31	31	19	43	34	18	36	33	25	25	30	38	33	32	16
2008	27	28	28	27	27	23	46	25	13	29	24	22	22	30	34	28	33	13
2007	30	31	30	30	30		53	28	13	33	22	26	24	36	38	27	30	15
Not likely at all	8	8	12	8	12	8	13	9	8	6	12	3	5	9	14	34	12	5
2009	9	9	12	9	12	8	14	11	7	7	13	3	7	8	11	32	12	6
2008	7	7	10	6	10	9	11	8	6	5	4	2	6	6	7	36	9	4
2007	7	7	11	7	10		14	8	6	5	5	2	6	6	7	34	9	4
[DK]/[REFUSAL]	5	5	6	6	6	19	2	1	4	6	2	19	2	4	13	10	11	15
2009	6	6	6	7	7	24	1	2	7	3	1	26	5	5	18	7	18	20
2008	6	6	7	7	7	20	2	2	9	3	2	23	9	6	24	9	14	22
2007	5	5	6	7	7		2	2	8	3	1	19	10	5	20	13	17	24
ST Likely	51	50	47	51	48	45	38	47	66	55	53	50	61	48	32	26	44	63
2009	54	54	50	54	50	50	42	54	68	54	53	46	62	57	33	28	38	59
2008	60	60	55	60	56	48	42	65	72	63	70	53	63	58	34	26	45	61
2007	57	56	53	56	53		31	62	73	60	72	53	60	53	36	26	45	57
ST Not likely	44	44	47	43	46	36	60	51	30	39	45	31	37	48	56	63	45	22
2009	41	41	44	40	43	26	56	44	25	43	45	28	33	38	49	65	44	21
2008	34	34	38	33	37	32	56	34	19	34	28	24	28	36	42	65	41	17
2007	37	38	41	37	40		67	36	19	37	27	27	30	42	45	61	39	19

Parliamentary Elite

- Support membership
- Lack of trust (Commission more favored)
- Feeling of not being heard

Elite

Those who make decisions at the EU level do not take enough account of the interests of Turkey at stake

