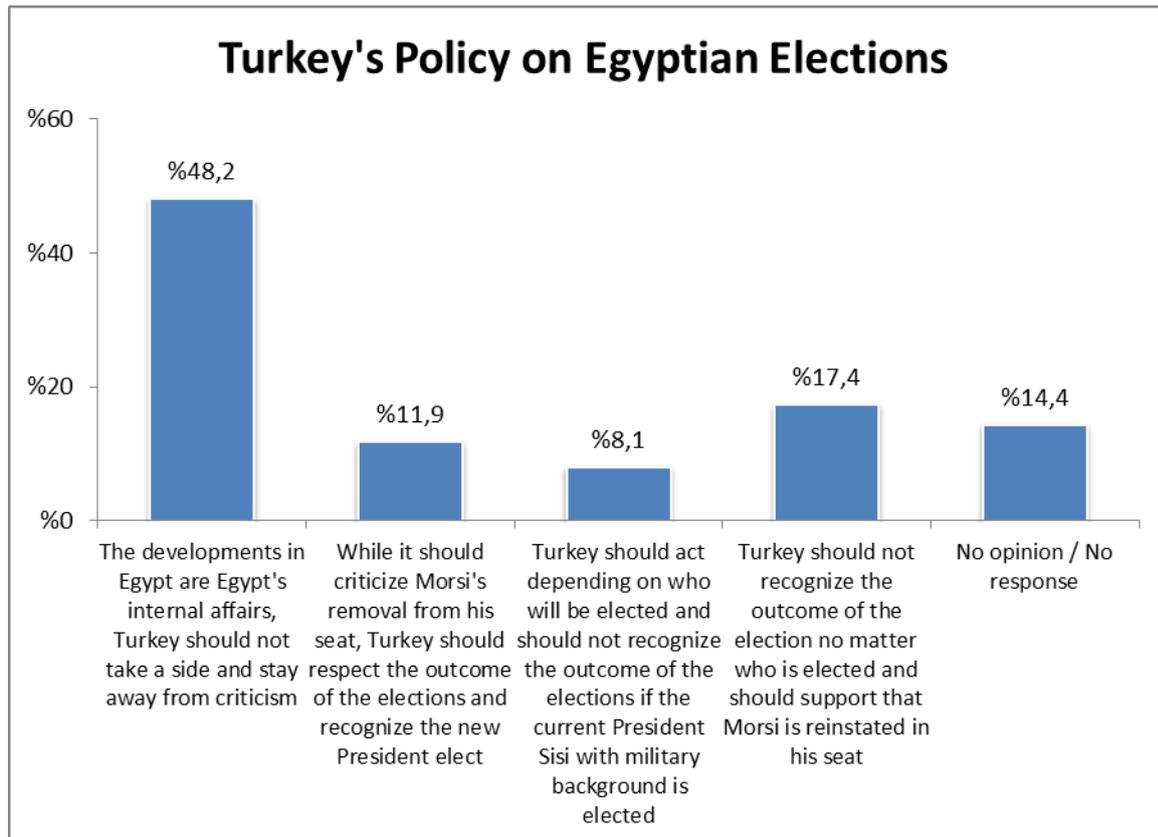


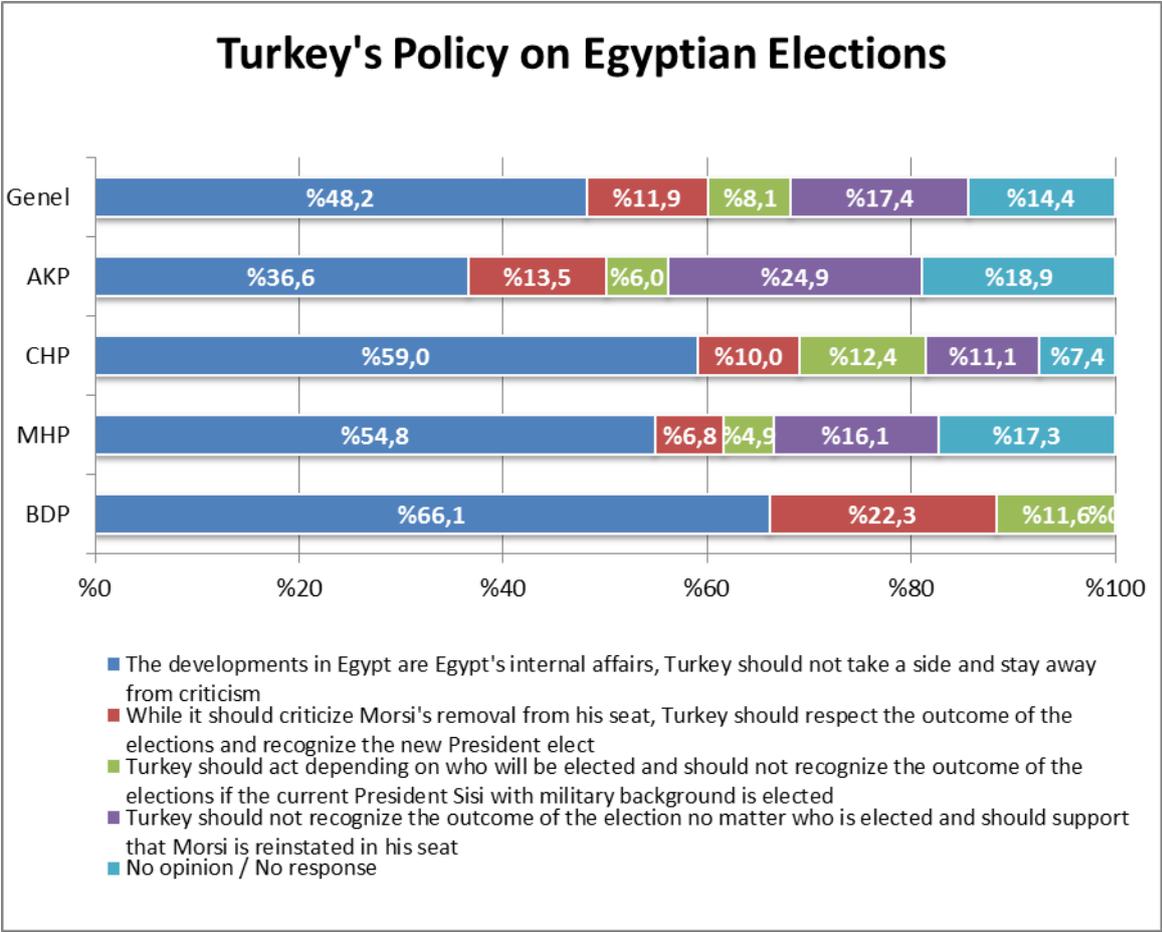
Turkish Public Opinion Favours Recognition of the Presidential Elections in Egypt



According to the public opinion survey carried out by the Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM) via TNS throughout Turkey, 48 percent of the public believes that Turkey should be impartial regarding the outcome of the presidential elections in Egypt. Another 12 percent argue that while criticizing Morsi's removal, Turkey should respect the results of the elections. In total therefore 60 percent of the Turkish public believes that Turkey should respect and recognize the outcome of the Presidential elections in Egypt.

While 17 percent believe that Turkey should not recognize the results of the election whatever the outcome is, 8 percent suggest that Turkey should take a stand depending on who wins the elections.

In the survey that was conducted on 5-29 March 2014 from a sample of 1502 participants that represent the Turkish electorate, the participants were asked which one of the alternative policies that Turkey could follow regarding the Egyptian Presidential elections they preferred the most¹.

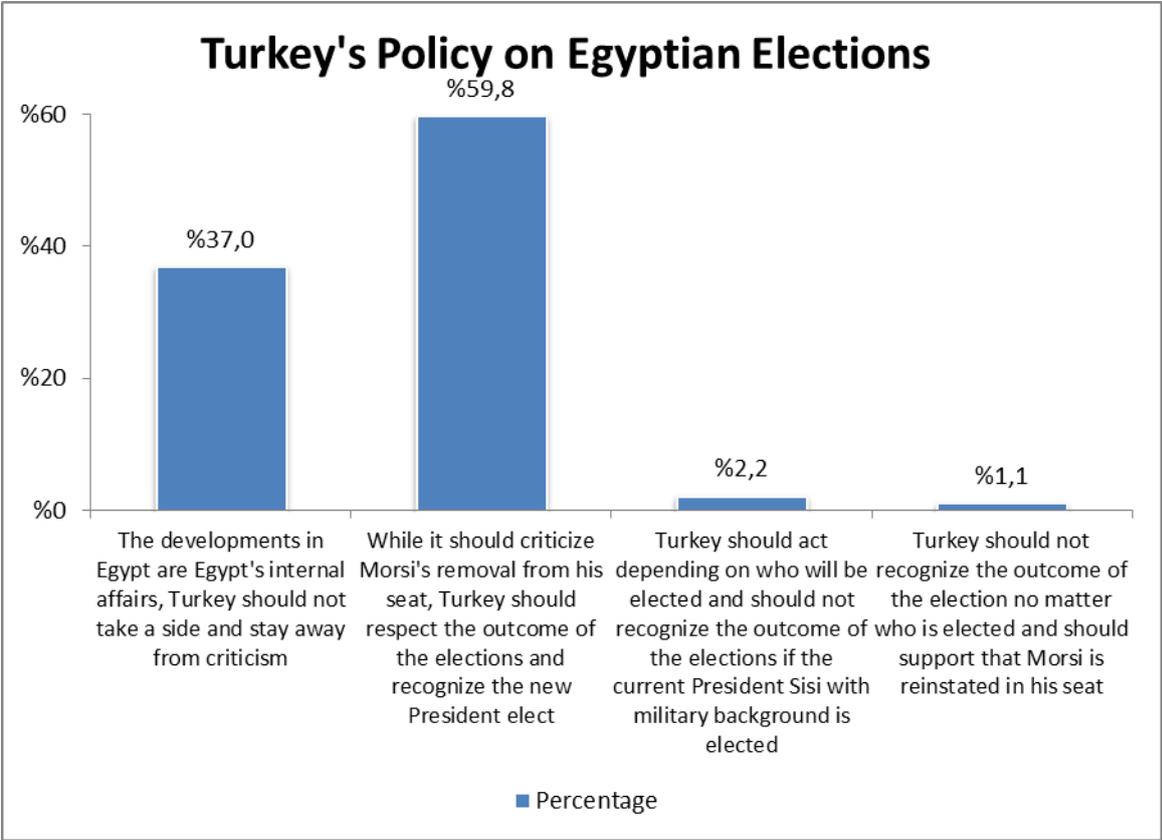


There are clear differences of opinion among constituents of political parties regarding Turkey’s policies on the Egypt’s Presidential elections. The most popular opinion among all party bases is that Turkey should not meddle in Egypt’s internal affairs. However while 37 percent of AKP voters prefer this option, this rate is above 50 percent for CHP and MHP voters. According to the results of the survey, two out of every three BDP/HDP voters that were surveyed favored Turkish neutrality on the matter.

60 percent of AKP voters that have taken part in the survey want the Turkish government to recognize the outcome of the elections in Egypt. This rate is 69 percent among CHP voters, 62 percent among MHP voters and close to 90 percent among BDP voters that participated in the survey.

¹ The question was asked in the following way: “In Egypt, President Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood was removed from his office last year. There will be Presidential elections in Egypt soon. What do you think should Turkey’s stance be?”

25 percent of the polled AKP voters favor a more critical policy. They would support a policy of non-recognition of the election results. This rate is 16 percent for MHP and 11 percent for CHP voters that participated in the survey. None of the surveyed BDP voters agreed with this option.



When the same question was asked by EDAM to a panel of foreign policy experts, almost all of the 92 experts² argued that Turkey should be impartial concerning the outcome of the Egyptian Presidential elections. Only 3 percent argued that Turkey should adopt a more critical stance. 60 percent of the experts argued that Turkey should criticize the ousting of Morsi, but should respect the outcome of the elections.

² 92 experts participated in the expert study which was conducted by Infakto RW.