

A NEW ERA IN THE KURDISH ISSUE

Public Perceptions and Attitudes in Türkiye

June 23, 2025



Methodology

This research;

- conducted between **May 3–13, 2025**
- a nationwide survey with 2,010 participants
- **in 21 provinces and 56 districts**
- conducted using the **CATI method**,
- the sample was stratified by age, gender, education level, and 2023 voting preferences to ensure national representativeness,
- the findings are statistically significant at a 95% confidence level with a margin of error of ± 2 percentage points.

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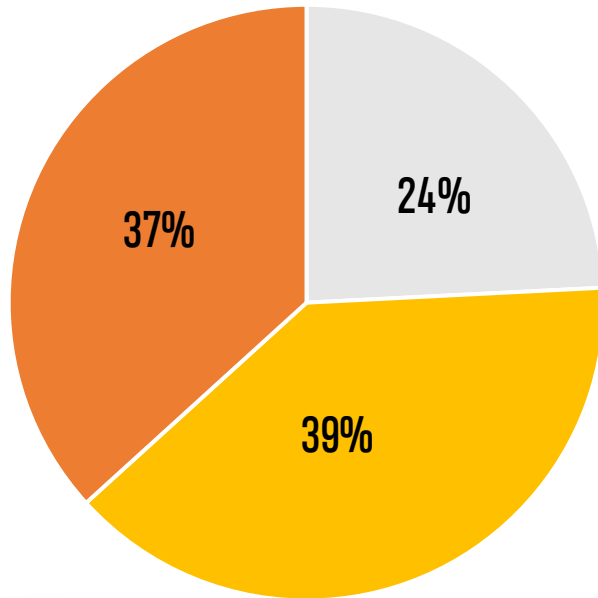
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➤ DEMOGRAPHICS

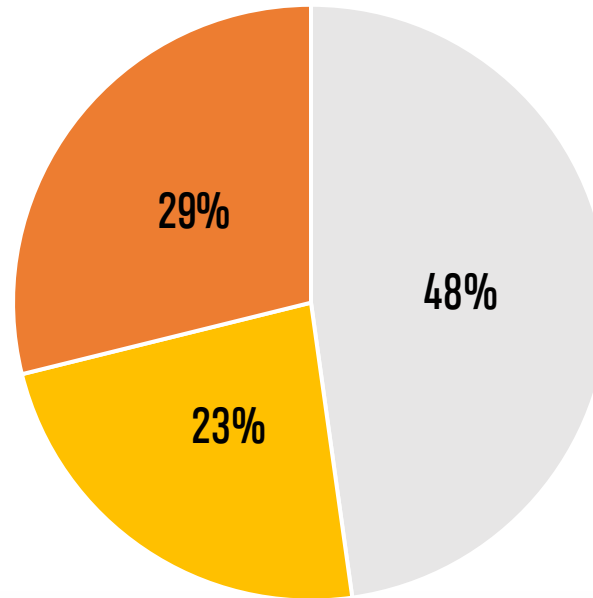
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Age



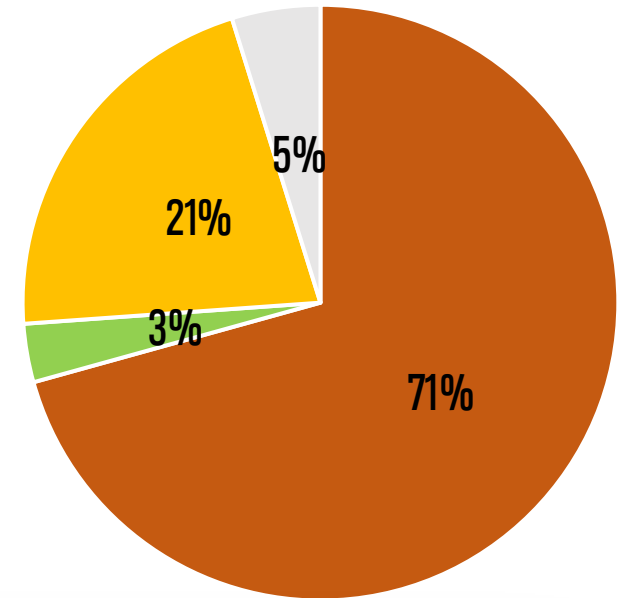
18-29 30-49 50+

Educational Status



Below high school level High school University or Higher Education

Ethnicity



Turkish Arab Kurdish Other

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➤ THE MARCH 19 CRACKDOWN

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«It was right to cancel İmamoğlu's diploma.»

57.4%

11.3%

31.3%

«It was right to arrest İmamoğlu.»

54.2%

13.3%

32.4%

»İmamoğlu was arrested because he was expected to win the presidential race.»

39.6%

14.1%

46.3%

Disagree Neutral Agree

2023 Voting Preferences

		OVERALL	AKP	MHP	CHP	DEM Party	İYİ Party	Non-voters
«It was right to cancel İmamoğlu's diploma.»	AGREE	31.3%	61%	68%	4%	5%	17%	22%
	DISAGREE	57.4%	24%	26%	93%	86%	78%	57%
«It was right to arrest İmamoğlu.»	AGREE	32.4%	62%	64%	4%	8%	20%	24%
	DISAGREE	54.2%	22%	26%	92%	84%	70%	52%
»İmamoğlu was arrested because he was expected to win the presidential race.»	AGREE	46.3%	19%	22%	83%	74%	58%	35%
	DISAGREE	39.6%	67%	71%	10%	13%	28%	37%

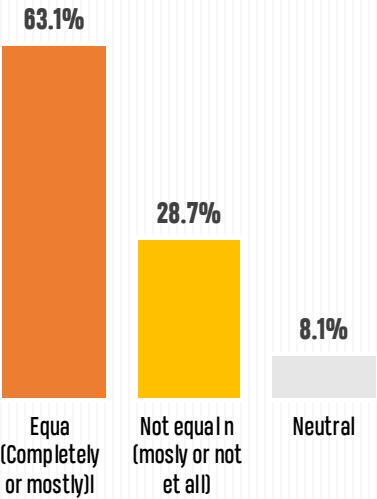
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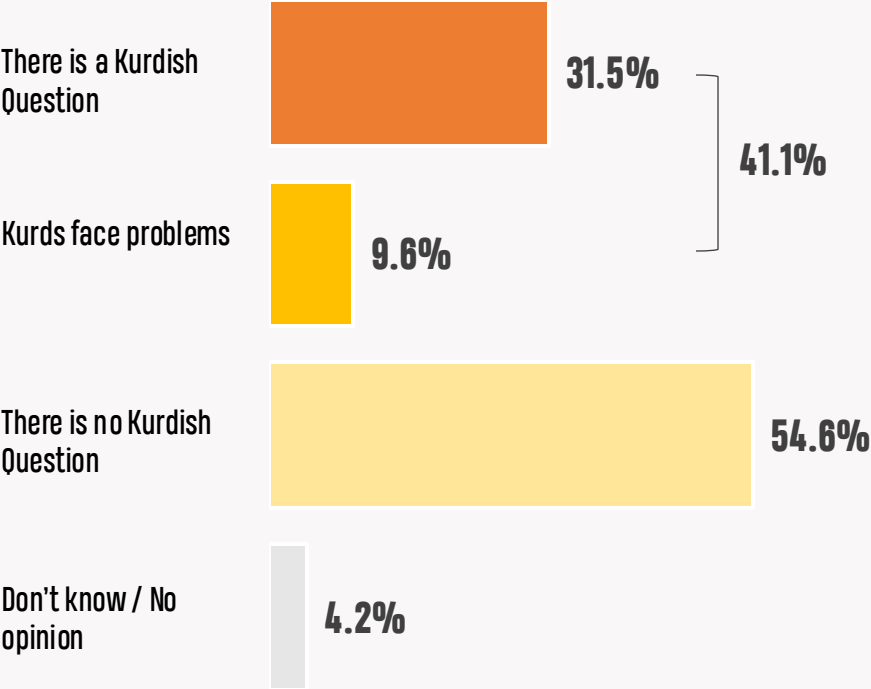
➤ THE KURDISH QUESTION

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Perceptions of Equality Between Kurds and Turks

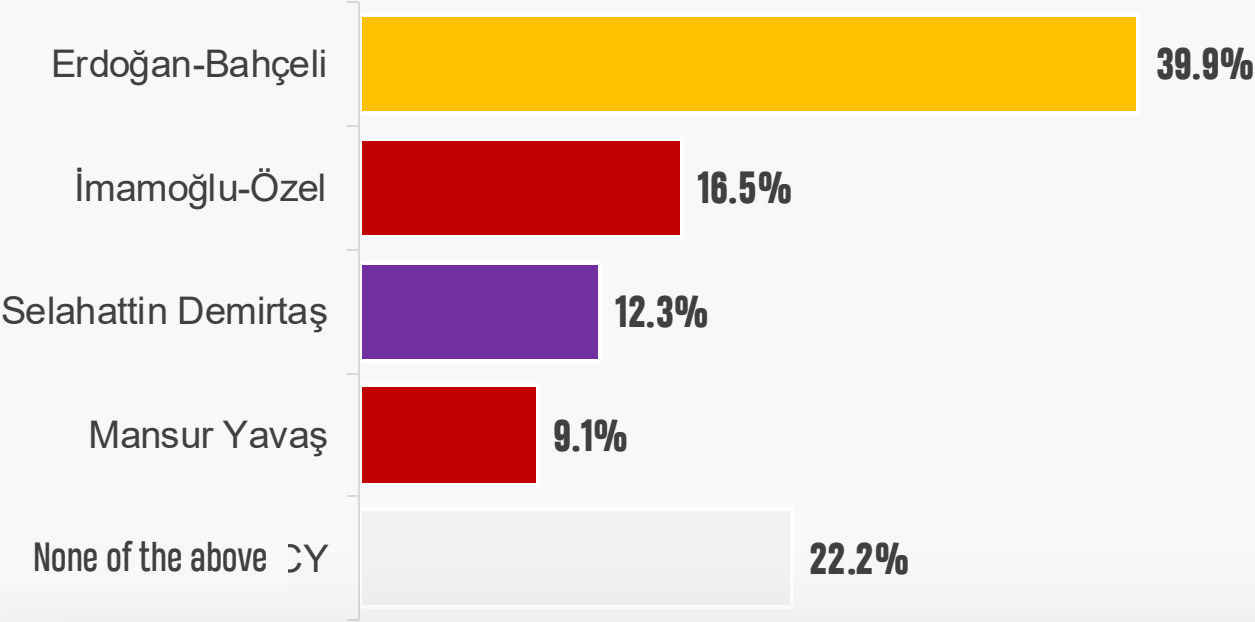


The Kurdish Question



	KURDS	TURKS & OTHERS	AKP-MHP	CHP	DEM Party	İYİ Party	Non-voters
EQUAL+	45.9%	67.7%	73.6%	57.8%	28.8%	72.9%	56.0%
NOT EQUAL+	48.1%	23.6%	19.0%	34.6%	64.7%	18.7%	32.1%

Which leader(s) do you think can solve Türkiye's Kurdish issue?



	KURDS	TURKS & others	AKP-MHP	CHP	DEM Party	İYİ Party	Non-voters
ERDOGAN-BAHCELI	41%	40%	81%	10%	23%	17%	26%
IMAMOGLU-SPECIAL	9%	18%	2%	43%	12%	28%	16%
SELAHATTIN DEMIRTAS	34%	7%	5%	12%	55%	8%	13%
MANSUR YAVAŞ	1%	11%	2%	14%	1%	18%	8%
NONE+	15%	24%	10%	21%	9%	17%	38%

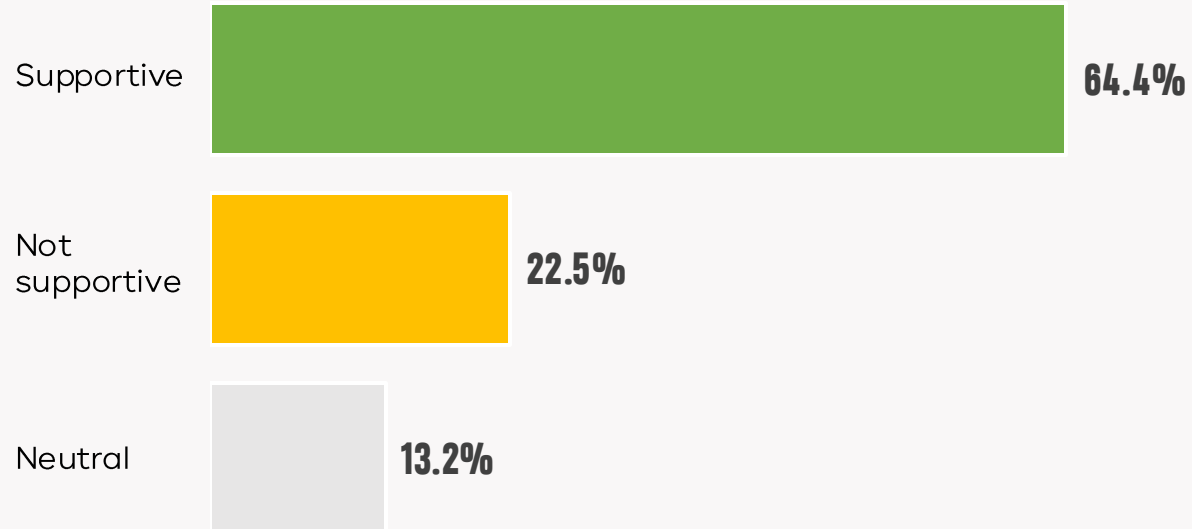
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➤ THE NEW KURDISH RESOLUTION PROCESS

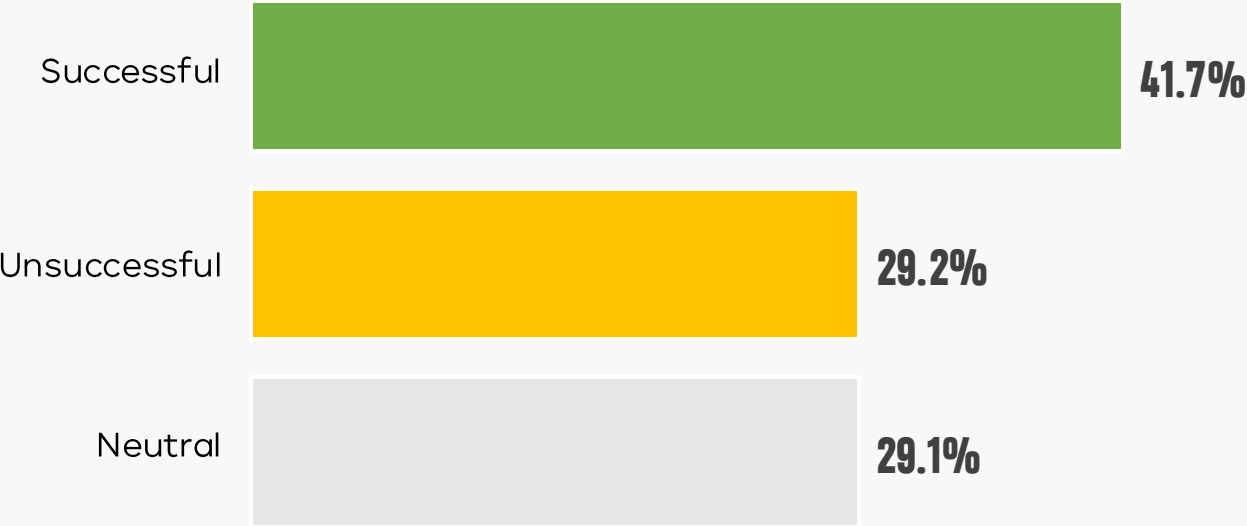
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Public Support for the New Kurdish Resolution Process



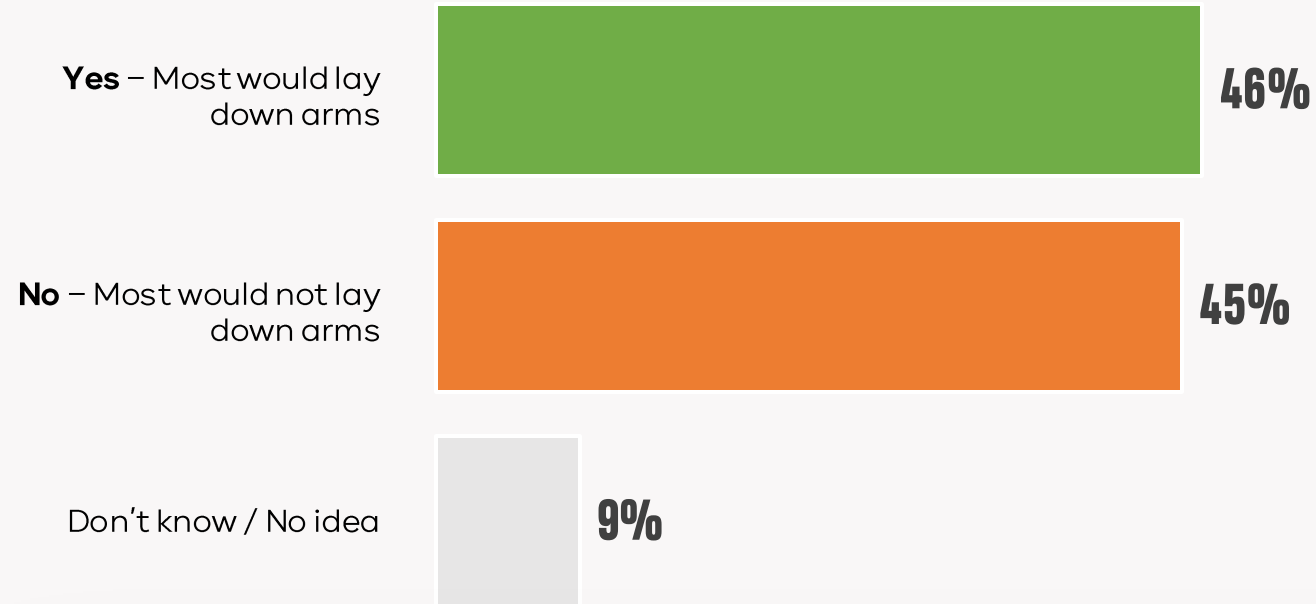
	KURDS	TURKS & others	AKP	MHP	CHP	DEM Party	iYi Party	Non-voters
SUPPORTIVE	81%	60%	71%	63%	50%	88%	25%	63%
NOT SUPPORTIVE	9%	26%	16%	25%	34%	8%	58%	22%

How Successful Is the New Kurdish Resolution Process?



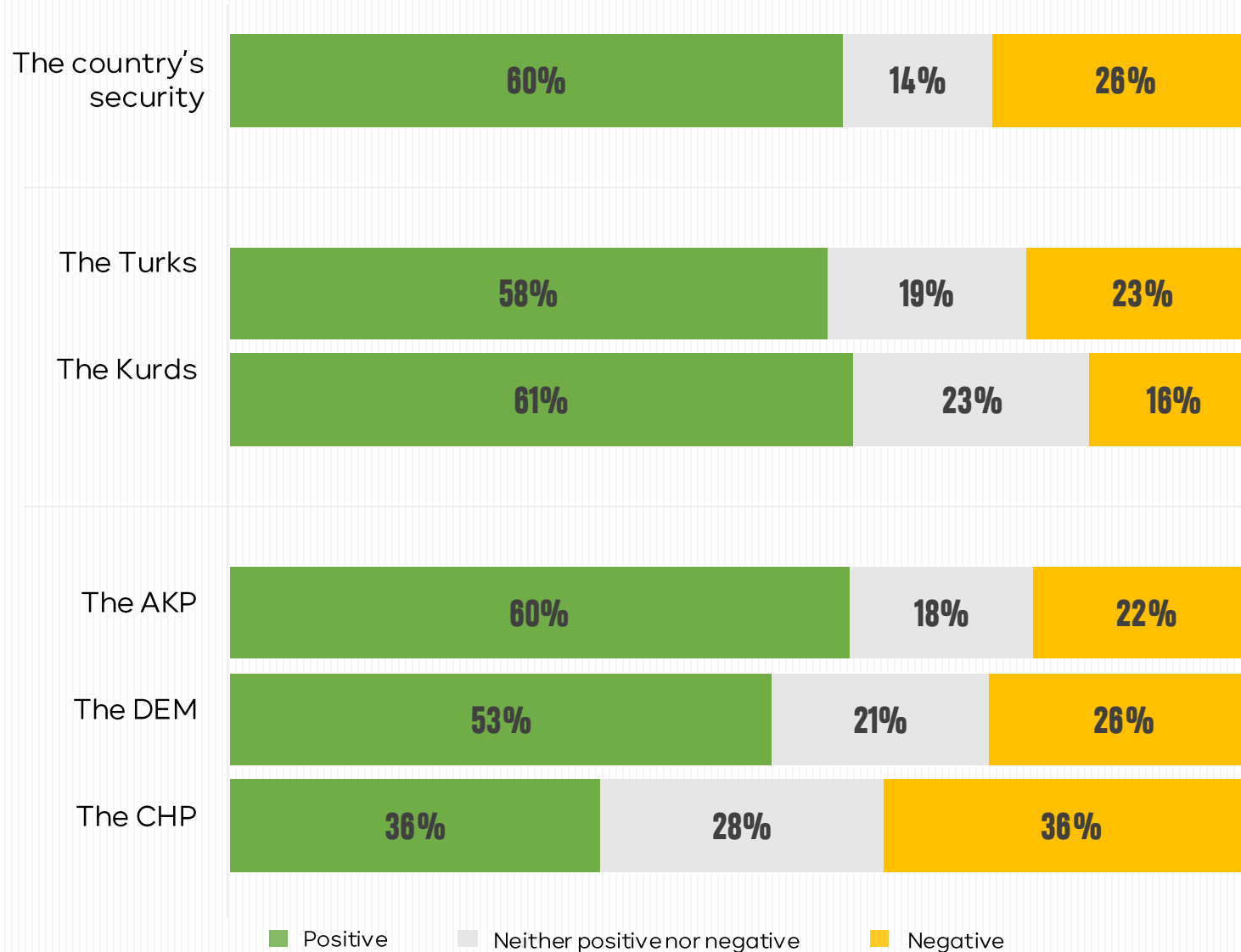
	KURDS	TURKS & others	AKP	MHP	CHP	DEM Party	IYi Party	Non-voter
SUCCESSFUL	55%	38%	70%	49%	16%	49%	22%	45%
UNSUCCESSFUL	20%	32%	6%	17%	55%	29%	53%	20%

Do you think the PKK will lay down its arms?

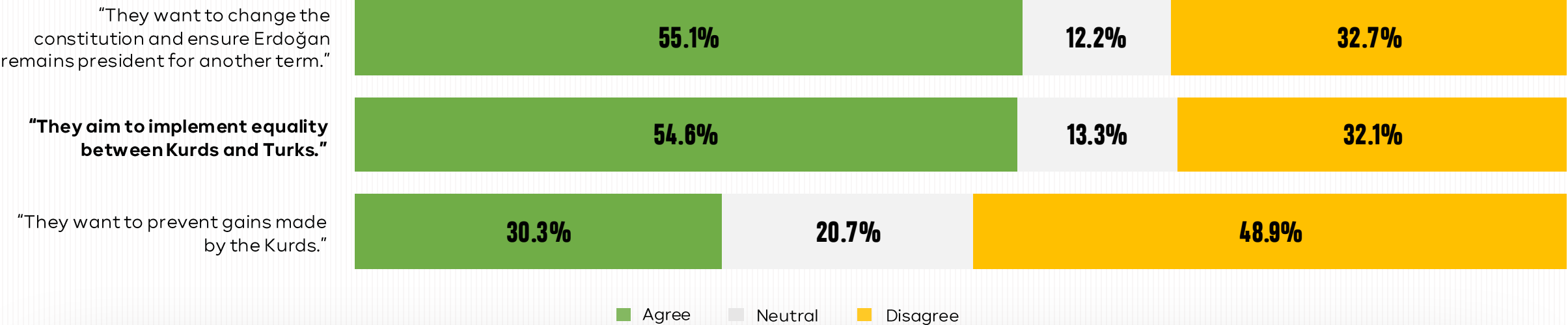


	KURDS	TURKS & others	AKP	MHP	CHP	DEM Party	İYİ Party	Non-voters
LEAVES+	63%	42%	56%	48%	29%	72%	32%	43%
WON'T LEAVE+	23%	51%	35%	48%	61%	15%	62%	44%

Is the Progress of the New Kurdish Resolution Process Positive or Negative for the Following?



Perceived Objectives of the New Kurdish Resolution Process



	AKP	MHP	CHP	DEM Party	iYi Party	Non-voters
"They want to prevent gains made by the Kurds."	30%	49%	29%	38%	23%	27%
They aim to implement equality between Kurds and Turks."	73%	77%	41%	56%	29%	54%
"They want to change the constitution and ensure Erdoğan remains president for another term."	52%	60%	67%	49%	56%	56%

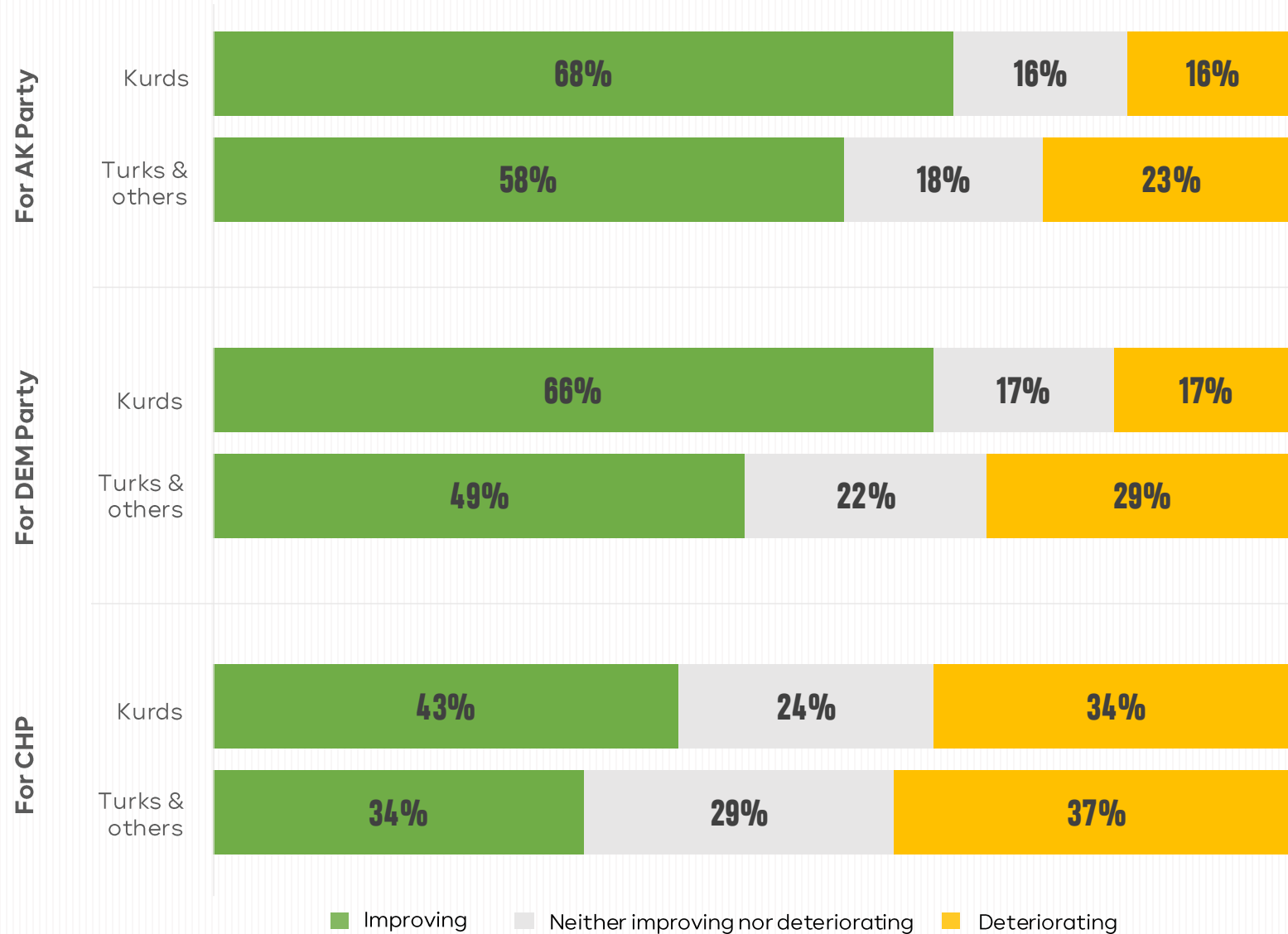
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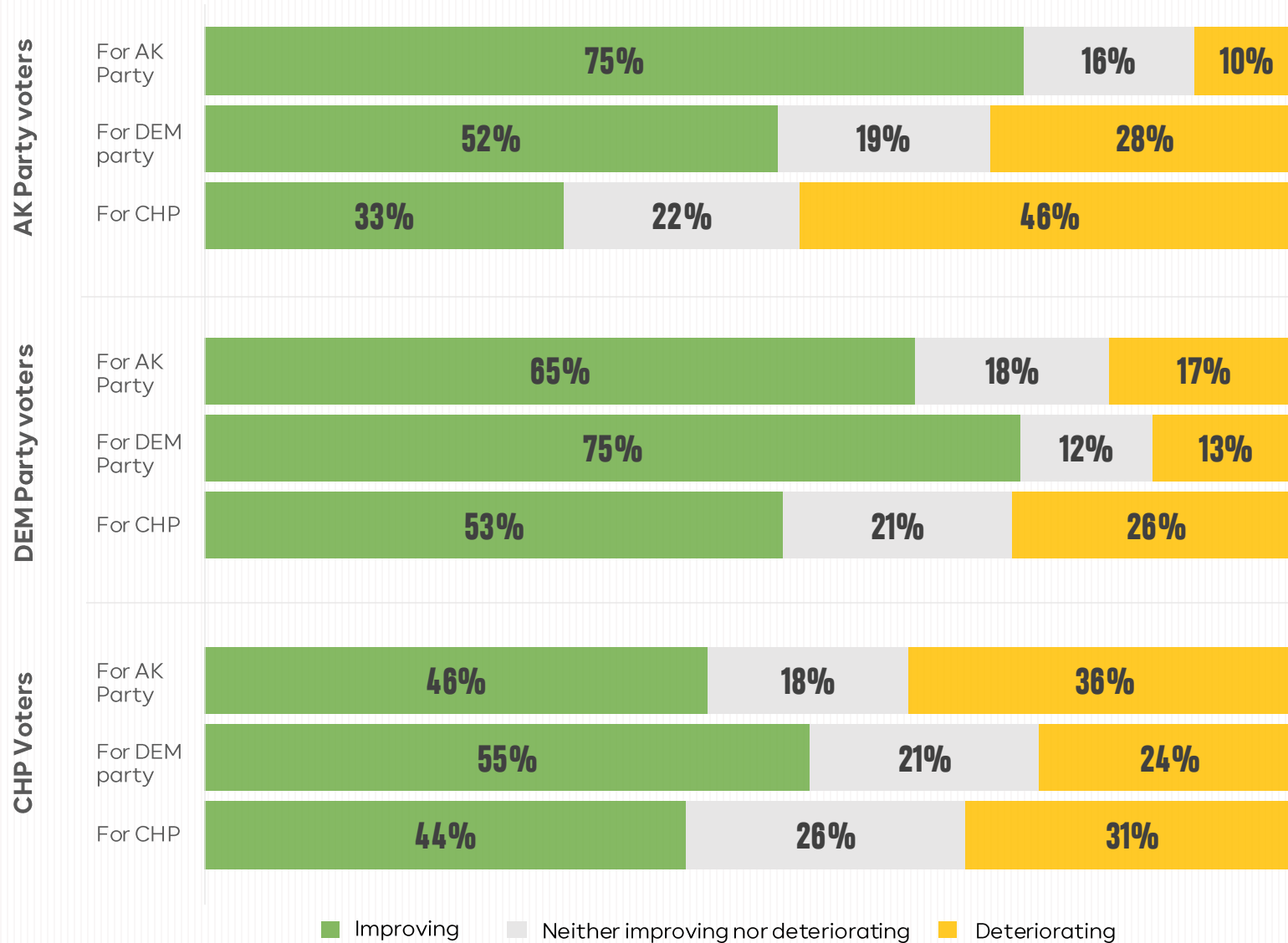
➤ CHP vs. NEW KURDISH RESOLUTION PROCESS

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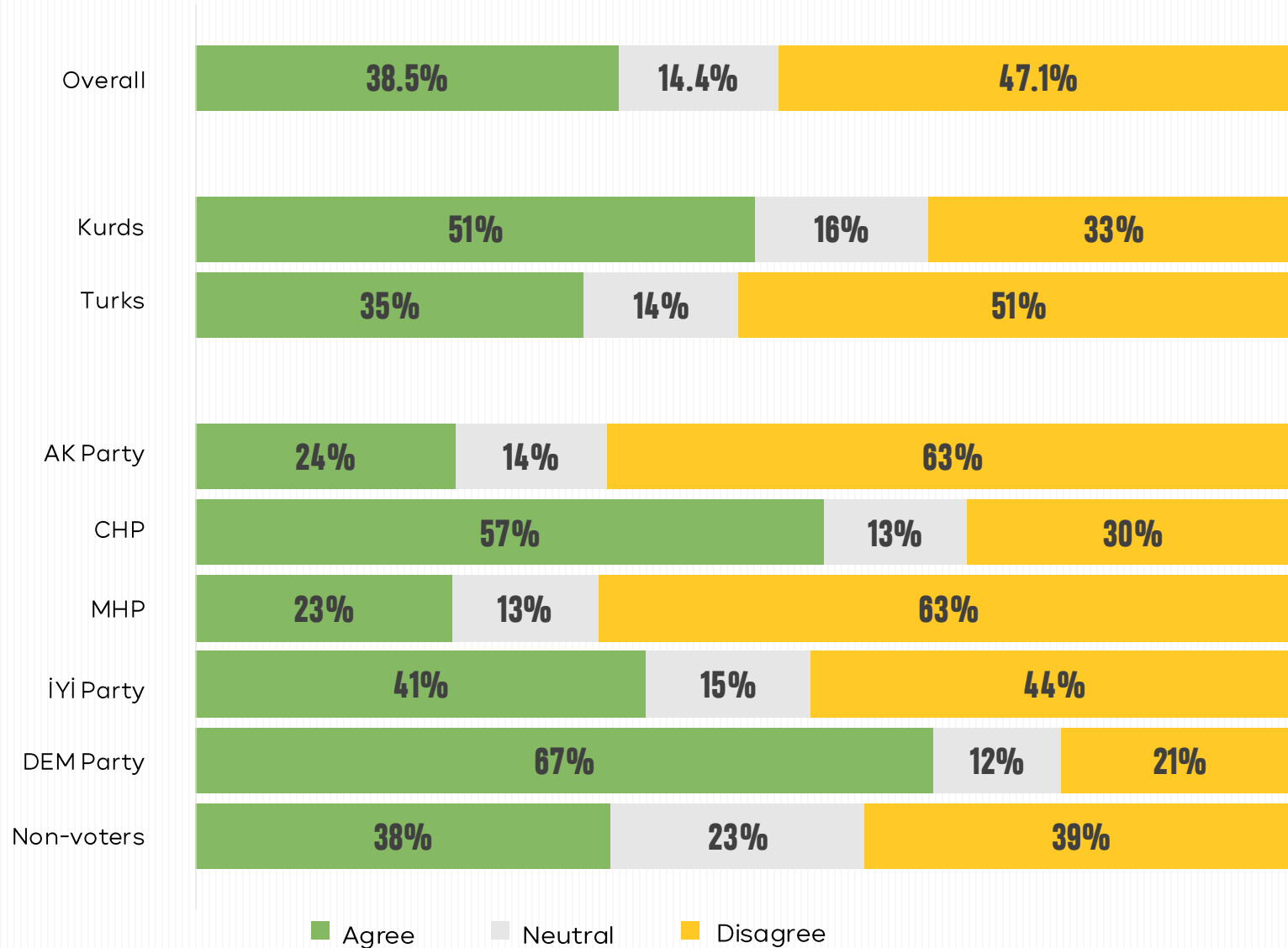
How Do People Perceive the Course of the Process for Political Parties?



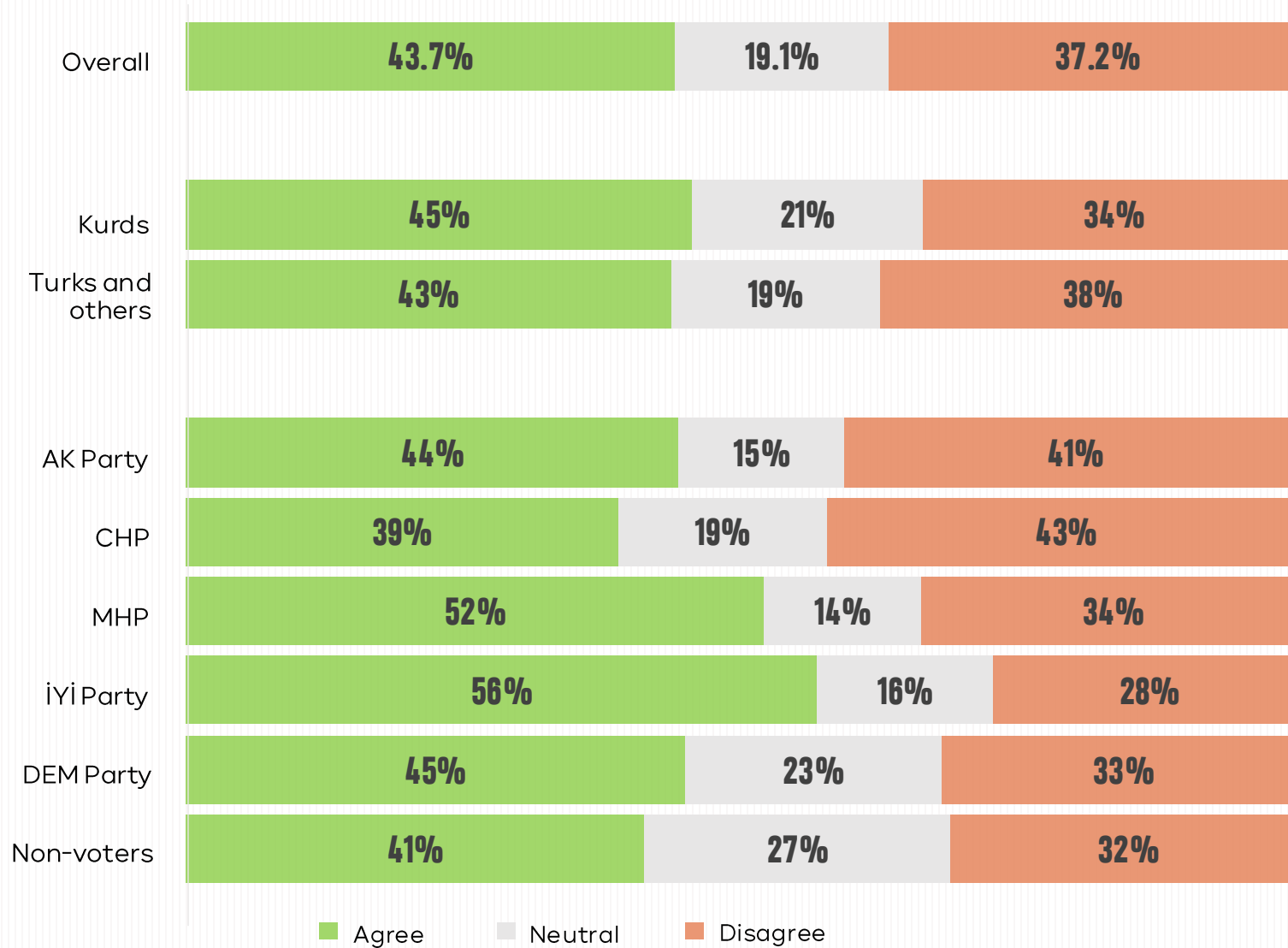
How Do Party Voters Evaluate the Process for Political Parties?



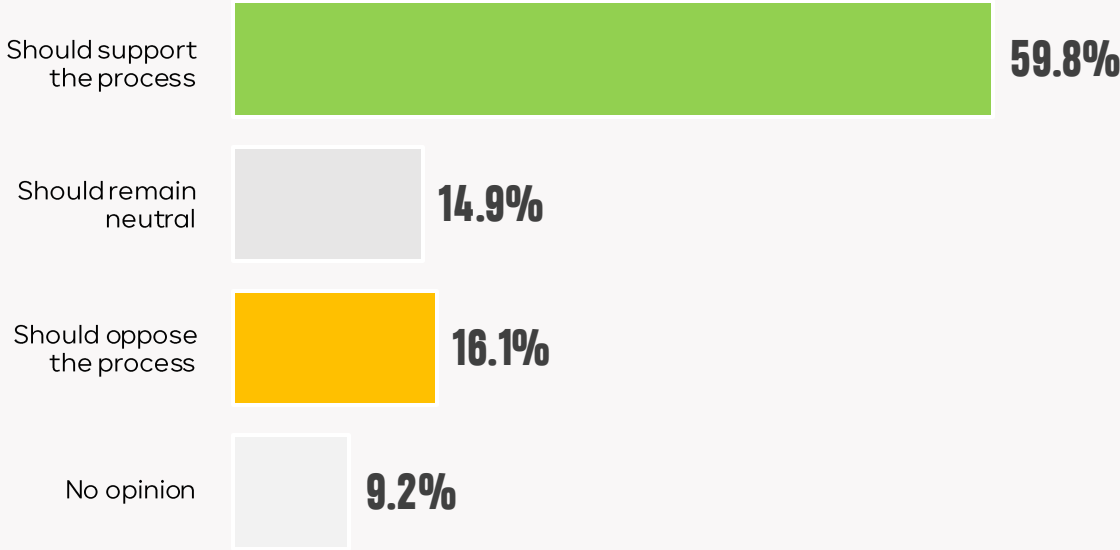
"The CHP's cooperation with the DEM Party on certain issues is appropriate."



"The CHP lacks an alternative policy on the Kurdish issue."

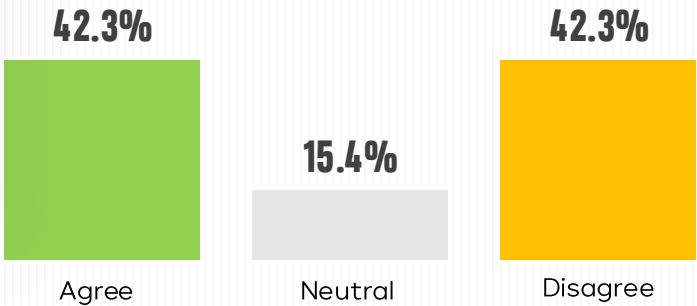


What Should the CHP's Attitude Be Toward the New Kurdish Resolution Process?



	KURDS	TURKS & OTHERS	AKP	MHP	CHP	DEM Party	İYİ Party	Non-voters
SUPPORT	73%	56%	59%	58%	58%	85%	60%	54%
OPPOSE	8%	18%	15%	19%	19%	5%	23%	16%

“The CHP should play a referee-like role in overseeing the process.”



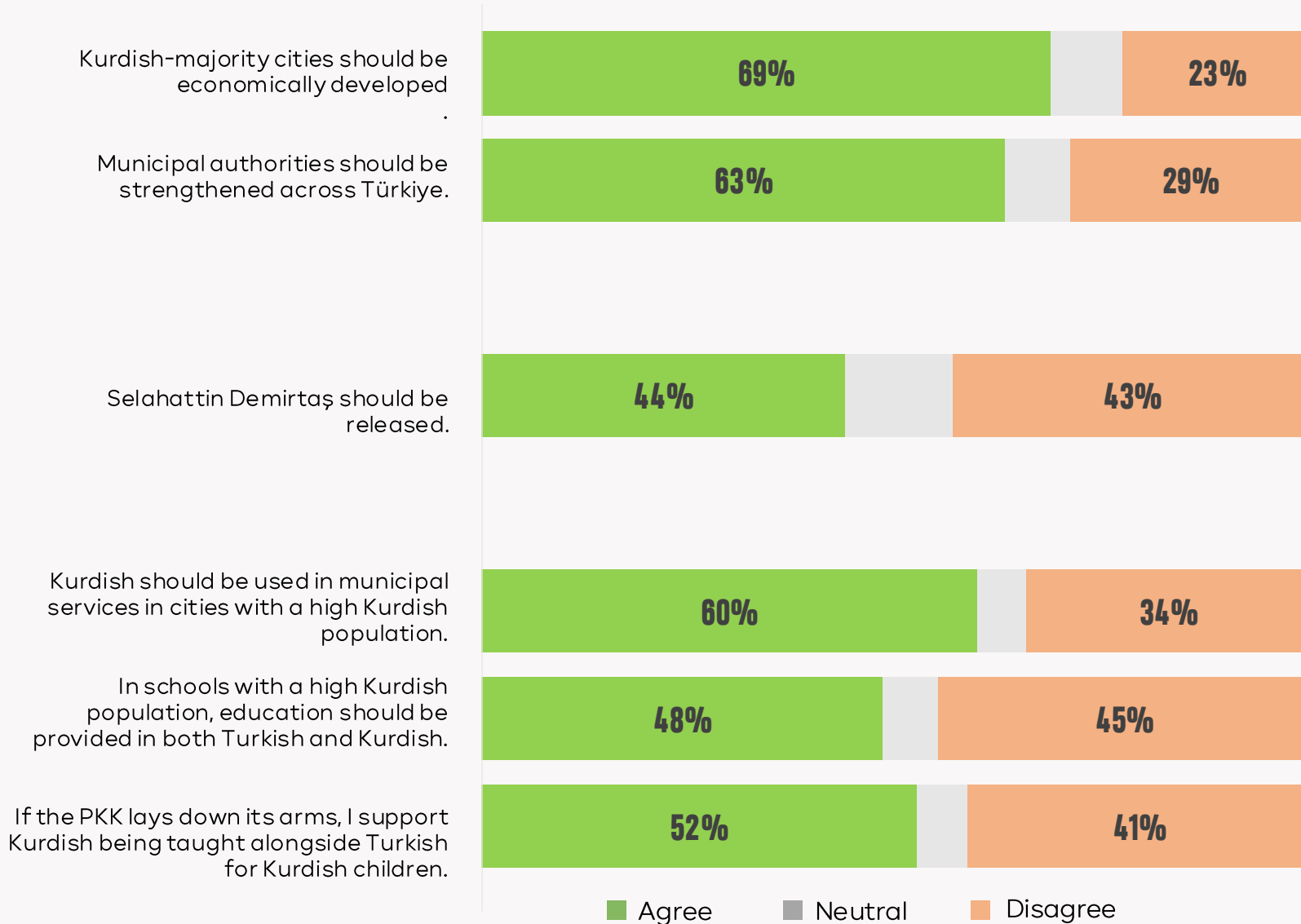
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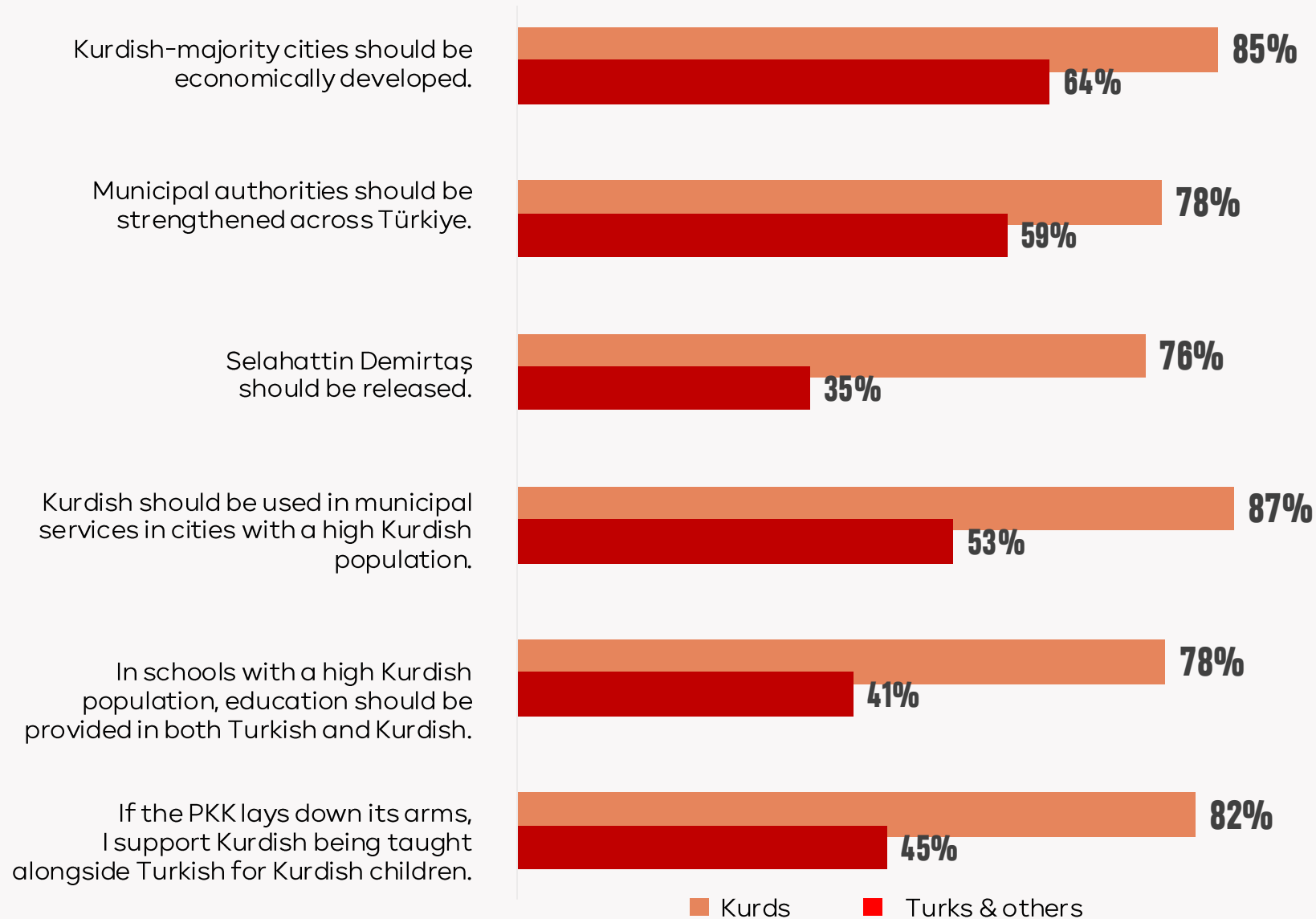
➤ PUBLIC DEMANDS

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Demands and Attitudes Regarding the Kurdish Issue



Public Demands – By Ethnic Identity



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