The Perception of Turkey in the Middle East 2012

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Regional Overview
The most urgent issue facing the region

- Economic Issues: 26
- Other Political Issues: 9
- Israel-Palestinian Conflict: 7
- Threat from the West: 7
- Protests: 6

Regional Weighted Average, 2012
The most urgent issue facing the respondent’s country

- Economic Issues: 47
- Security: 14
- Other Political Issues: 5
- Infrastructure and Public Services: 3
- Terrorism: 2

Regional Weighted Average, 2012
Opinion on the future of the respondent's country

Total Positive and Very Positive Responses, 2011
- Regional Average: 62
- Egypt: 79
- Jordan: 68
- Lebanon: 64
- Palestine: 51
- Saudi Arabia: 54
- Syria: 43
- Iraq: 29
- Iran: 37
- Tunisia: 83
- Gulf Countries: 80
- Yemen: 71
- Libya: 62

Total Positive and Very Positive Responses, 2012
- Regional Average: 89
- Egypt: 89
- Jordan: 89
- Lebanon: 89
- Palestine: 89
- Saudi Arabia: 89
- Syria: 89
- Iraq: 89
- Iran: 89
- Tunisia: 89
- Gulf Countries: 89
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What is your opinion of the following countries?

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(Respondent’s own county removed)
Regional Security
Which country poses the greatest threat to the Middle East?

- USA: 21
- Israel: 46
- Iran: 11

Regional Weighted Average, 2012
Perception of Regional Power

Turkey: 14 (Political), 9 (Economic), 8 (Social), 12 (Military)
Iran: 14 (Political), 7 (Economic), 1 (Social), 5 (Military)
Saudi Arabia: 29 (Political), 9 (Economic), 9 (Social), 4 (Military)
Egypt: 8 (Political), 2 (Economic), 6 (Social), 7 (Military)
Do the following countries pursue sectarian foreign policy?

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Total respondents that agreed. Regional Weighted Average, 2012
Expectations for the future of Syria

- Stability: 32
- The fall of the Assad regime: 28
- Security: 14
- No future: 9
- Increasing Violence: 9
- Freedom: 9

Regional Weighted Average, 2012
A Region in Transition
Effect of the Arab Spring on the region

![Bar chart showing the effect of the Arab Spring on the region in 2011 and 2012 for different countries.](chart)
Effect of the Arab Spring on the respondent's country

- Regional Average: 52% (2011), 44% (2012)
- Egypt: 75% (2011), 64% (2012)
- Jordan: 55% (2011), 41% (2012)
- Palestine: 51% (2011), 46% (2012)
- Saudi Arabia: 40% (2011), 22% (2012)
- Syria: 49% (2011), 14% (2012)
- Iraq: 33% (2011), 23% (2012)
- Iran: 34% (2011), 34% (2012)
- Tunisia: 89% (2011), 62% (2012)
- Gulf Countries: 52% (2011), 51% (2012)
- Yemen: 40% (2011), 51% (2012)
- Libya: 92% (2011), 87% (2012)

Positive, 2011: [Color: Light Blue]
Positive, 2012: [Color: Dark Blue]
Do you think the following actors have had a positive or negative effect on the Arab Spring?

Total very and somewhat positive responses, regional weighted average.
Turkey and the Middle East
Favourable opinion of Turkey

Total very and somewhat favourable responses, 2011
Total very and somewhat favourable responses, 2012
How friendly is the government of Turkey to your country?

- Regional Average: 70
- Egypt: 83
- Jordan: 82
- Lebanon: 70
- Palestine: 78
- Saudi Arabia: 76
- Syria: 65
- Iraq: 58
- Iran: 69
- Tunisia: 80
- Gulf Countries: 76
- Yemen: 78
- Libya: 87

**Legend:**
- Very/Somewhat Friendly
- Very/Somewhat Unfriendly
How would you evaluate Turkey's response to the Syria crisis?
Turkey has become more influential in Middle Eastern politics.

Turkey can be a model for the countries of the Middle East.

Turkey is a successful example of the coherence between Islam and democracy.

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Total positive responses, 2012: 58
Turkey's Role in the Middle East

Turkey should play a mediatory role in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Total positive responses, 2011: 75

Turkey should play a bigger role in the Middle East

Total positive responses, 2011: 66
Total positive responses, 2012: 71
Support for Turkey's EU membership

Regional Weighted Average, 2011: 51
Regional Weighted Average, 2012: 39
The region's strongest economy: now and in ten years

Turkey: Now 17, In ten years 21
Saudi Arabia: Now 26, In ten years 16
UAE: Now 9, In ten years 7
Methodology

• The Perception of Turkey in the Middle East 2012 survey was conducted by KA Research between August 3rd and 28th, 2012 using Computed Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) and Face-to-Face interview methods.

• It was conducted in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Tunisia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, UAE, Yemen and Libya with a total of 2800 participants.

• The survey has a margin of error +/- %2.03 for the regional weighted results at the %95 confidence level.