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# The Reality

**YES** 

in the referendum is a small step for constitution but,

it is a big matter for Turkey and the Future of Democracy, Freedom and Human Rights.

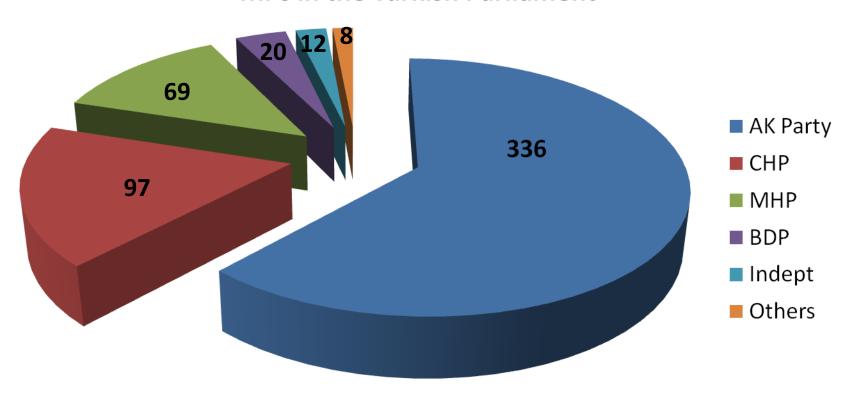
- Because:
- Turkish people faced 3 military coups:
  - 27 May 1960 democracy interrupted
  - 12 March 1971
  - 12 September 1980
- And countless attempts were discovered:
  - 28 February 1997,
  - 2003/2004 (sledgehammer/Balyoz), secret plan TSK
  - 27 April 2007, e-muhtıra (e-memorandum),
  - 22 Mart 2008 (Ergenekon) illegal org. deep state, etc.

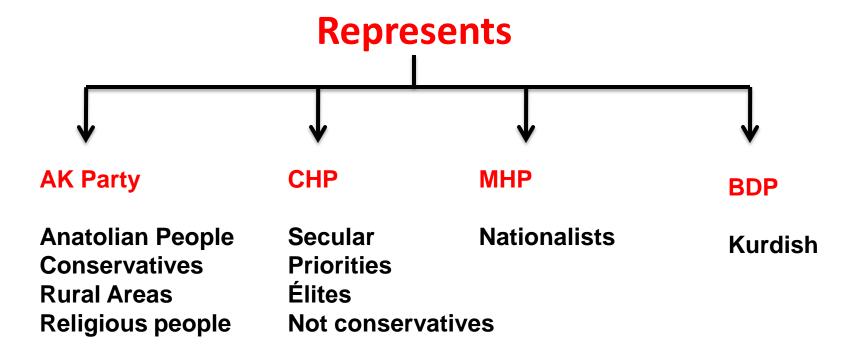
# Only in 12 Sept 1980 Military coup:

- 650,000 people detained,
- 230,000 were tried,
- 14,000 were stripped of citizenship,
- 517 people were sentenced to death,
- 50 were executed,
- Thousands of people were tortured,
- A total of 1,683,000 people were blacklisted,

# **Analyzing the Society**

#### MPs in the Turkish Parliament



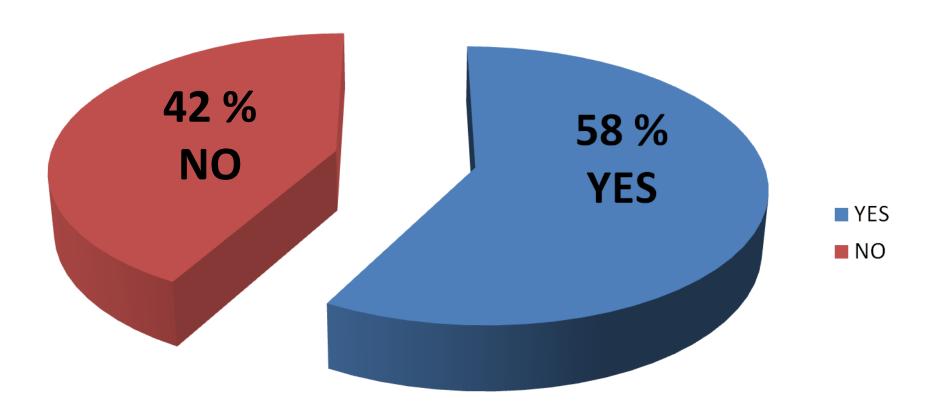








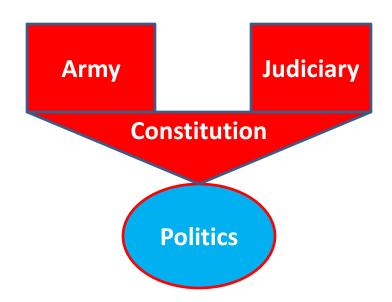
#### 12 Sept. 2010 Referendum



# WHAT YES 58 % and NO 42 % MEAN

YES

has shown the willpower to change the Constitution made by the Military Coup. Because



- The Army relies on the constitution to coup
- The Judiciary relies on the constitution to close the political party
- The politics was not free because of these two establishment which receive their power from the coup-constitution.

### Struggle to have living space





#### **Need freedom**

- To live,
- To dress: to headscarf,
- -To study,
- Certificates to be recognized,
- To think,
- To eat,
- To practice religious duties,
- Not to be discriminated,
- No conflicts between Kurts and Turks,
- Need tolerance,
- Need multicultiral society,

- No freedom to others,
- Not to share the benefits,
- Not to give extra space to others,
- Not to change life standards luxury lives,
- There must be conflict,
- No living place for different thinking, different dressing and living;
- No living place for different way of life,
- No rights to others,

# If the result was NO

Politics

AK Party
would be closed,
Joining the EU
would be stopped,
International
relationship would
be declined,

**Judiciary** 



-Deteriorated
-Individual
rights limited,
- No right to
appeal to
HSYK's
decisions,
-YAŞ decisions,
-Privileged
people remain

**Army** 



- More power
to interfere to
politics,
-Ergenekon,
sledgehammer,
military coups
remain,
-Junta coup leaders
remain to be
protected and have
more power,
-No body could trial

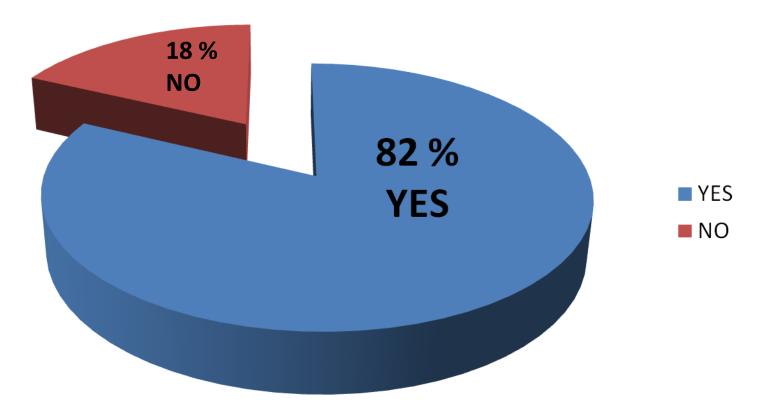
them for their crimes

**Economy** 



- Would be Collapsed,
- Chaos,
- Inflation,
- Foreign investment stopped,
- Recession

#### **SHOULD HAVE BEEN**



# If

- There wasn't boycott in BDP,
- There wasn't party fanatics,
- The citizens abroad would have voted.

# Conclusion

# THANK YOU TERIMA KASEH

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