

COMPARING RECENT TURKISH ELECTION RESULTS

Election Analysis

Since the Gezi Park protests and mired in a corruption scandal since December 17, 2013, Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) and its leader, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, characterized the March 30th local elections as a vote of confidence in the party and its leadership. Measuring the success of the AKP in the March local elections requires comparison to the AKP's vote totals in the previous local elections of 2009 and the parliamentary elections of 2011, the high water mark of AKP support, where it garnered nearly 50 percent of the vote.

AKP Electoral Victories

| | <i>2009 Local</i> | <i>2011 Parliamentary</i> | <i>2014 Local</i> |
|---|--|-------------------------------|---|
| AKP Justice and Development Party | 38.99% | 49.83% | 45.50% |
| CHP Republican People's Party | 23.23% | 25.98% | 27.79% |
| MHP Nationalist Movement Party | 16.13% | 13.01% | 15.21% |
| BDP Peace and Democracy Party | 5.41% as the Democratic Society Party DTP | --- | 4.18% BDP candidates ran as independents |
| SP Saadet (Felicity) Party | 5.18% | 1.27% | 2.03% |
| HDP People's Democratic Party | --- | --- | 1.89% |
| DP Democratic Party | 3.71% | 0.65% | 0.40% |
| DSP Democratic Left Party | 2.74% | 0.25% | 0.19% |
| Other Parties and Independents <i>each gaining <10%</i> | 4.61% | 9.01 | 11.30% |

