

## Political Impact of Distributional Changes in Turkey, 2003-2014

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Under AKP governments during 2003-2014, primary indicators of distribution changed against the working class and, vis a vis the peasants/farmers, remained at their depressed relative position of the preceding five years. Despite this, electoral support extended to AKP from these (popular) classes continued more or less unabated. Economic factors to explain this dichotomy will be discussed. Secondary relations of distribution, and redistributive policies compensated, in part, the relative regression of popular classes. Their impact on macro-economic ratios is overviewed. Hence, an investigation of AKP's electoral performance should additionally and, perhaps more importantly, focus on historical, ideological, political factors.