

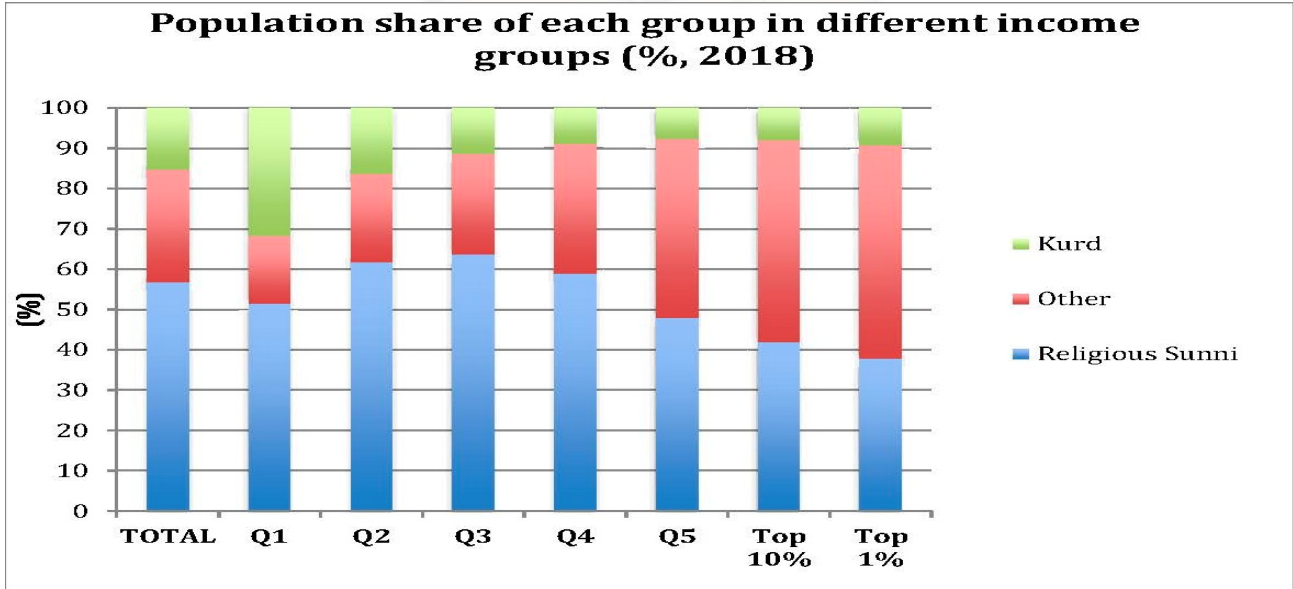


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## Ethnicity, Religiosity, and Political Islam: Horizontal Inequalities in Turkey

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We empirically analyze whether AKP's time in office has actually been associated with a relative improvement in the education, employment and income status of Sunni religious Turks, compared to nonreligious Turks and ethnic Kurds. Rigorous individual level empirical study of this question has so far remained limited since official household income surveys in Turkey do not include questions about ethnicity or religiosity.

We fill this gap by exploiting the Barometre series of KONDA—a respected private polling company, which surveys representative samples of Turkey's adult population monthly. We exploit individual-level survey data that spans the available 2012-2018 period in pooled cross-sectional fashion, and in order to analyze whether age cohorts that joined the labor market before and after AKP came to power experience varying outcomes in employment and income depending on their ethnicity and religiosity. Our findings are striking... Our findings suggest that AKP governments use public employment to reward like-minded groups.

**ALL WELCOME!**

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