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Transnational Voting Behaviour in Two
Polities: an Analysis of German Citizens of
Turkish Descent in the Immigrant German
Election Study

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IMGES

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Why are we conducting this study?

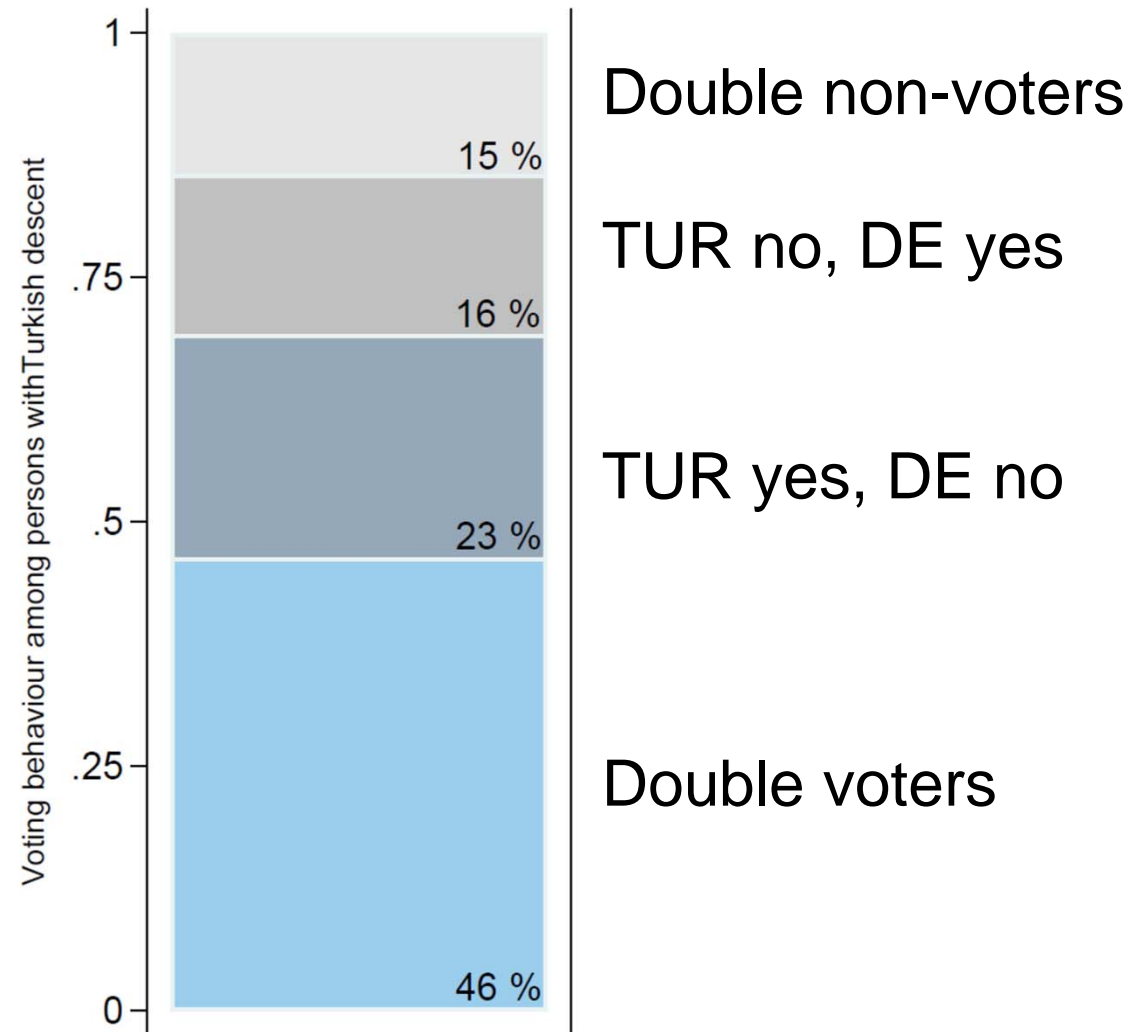
- Political engagement in territorial politics in a world where **information** and, increasingly so, **citizenship** do not know borders anymore
- **Contested social recognition** of the political integration immigrant-origin citizens here and there in a world with increasingly mobile populations
- **10 % of German voters of immigrant origin**, Turkish community biggest immigrant-origin community in Germany

Political interest here and there

Political interest in German politics

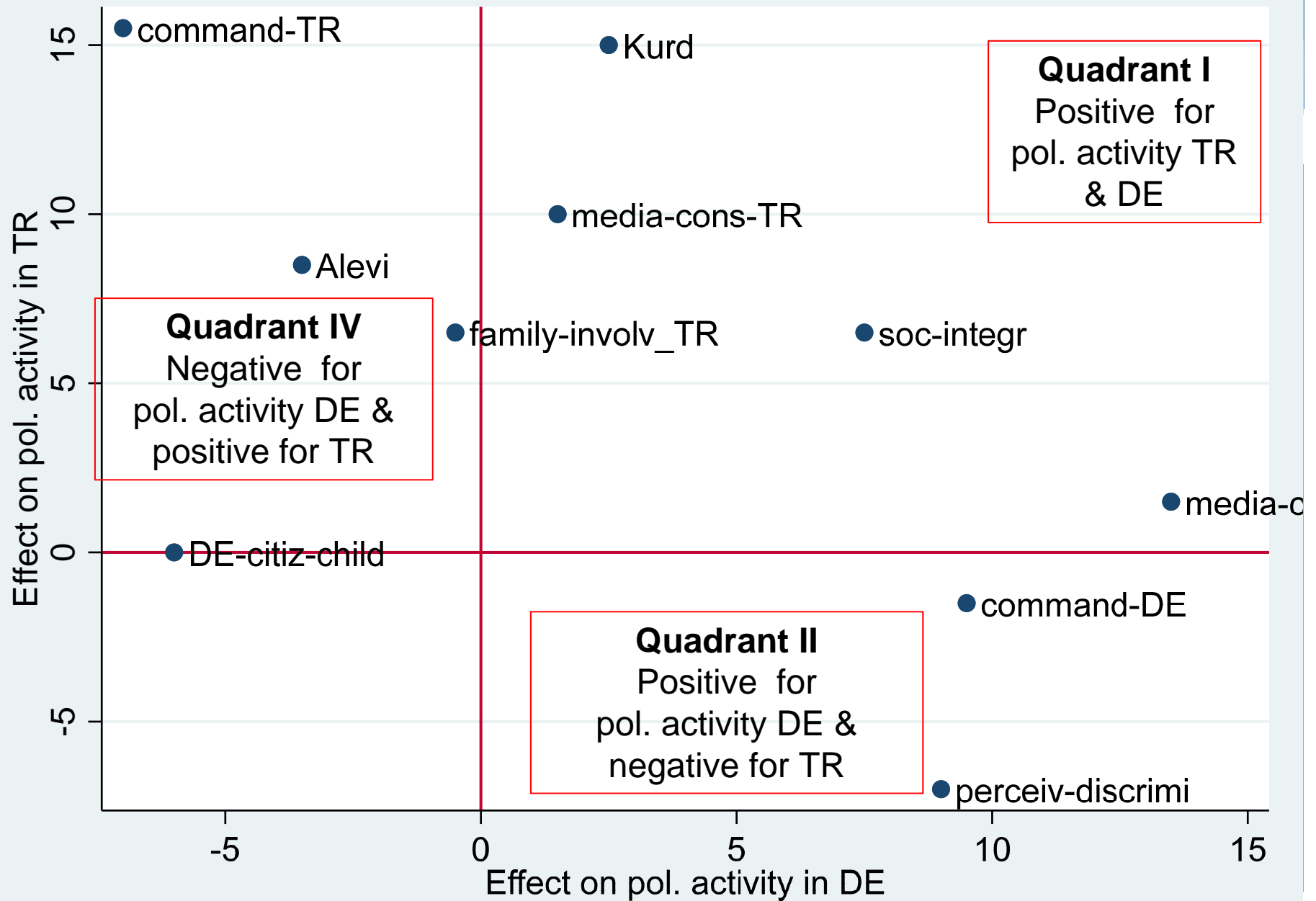
Political interest in Turkish politics		Low	Medium	High
	Low		11	5
Medium		11	15	14
high		11	11	22

Reported Turnout Bundestag '17 and hypothetical turnout in Turkish election



Data: Immigrant German Election Study (IMGES)

- Post-election F2F study (Oct-Dec 2017) after the German federal election
- Two groups: Germans of Turkish/Post-Soviet descent of 1st and 2nd generation
- Representative survey with 500 interviews per group
 - 70 mins face-to-face survey in German (CASI in Russian/Turkish possible)
- Complex sampling process with onomastic procedure



In a nutshell

- Unbiased, individual-level data on German citizens of Turkish descent from 2017 (**IMGES study**)
- Sound descriptive evidence, revealing high levels of **heterogeneity** as to levels of political involvement
 - 46 % are double voters** who voted or would vote in DE and TR election
 - 15 % are double non-voters**
- **Social integration** in Germany positively predicts both political activities in DE and TR

Thank you for listening.

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