

Reflections of Historical Figures in Political Speeches (2014-2019)

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ABSTRACT



Reflections of Historical Figures in Political Speeches (2014-2019) is a project which aims to find the reflections of historical figures in Turkish politicians' speeches between two dates with the affection of the place, time, context and that politician's politics on the preference of the usage of the historical figure or figures.

While its final purpose is making a research which involves five most well-known politicians of Turkey, this phase of the project includes merely President Erdogan's speeches reached from the institutional website of the presidency.

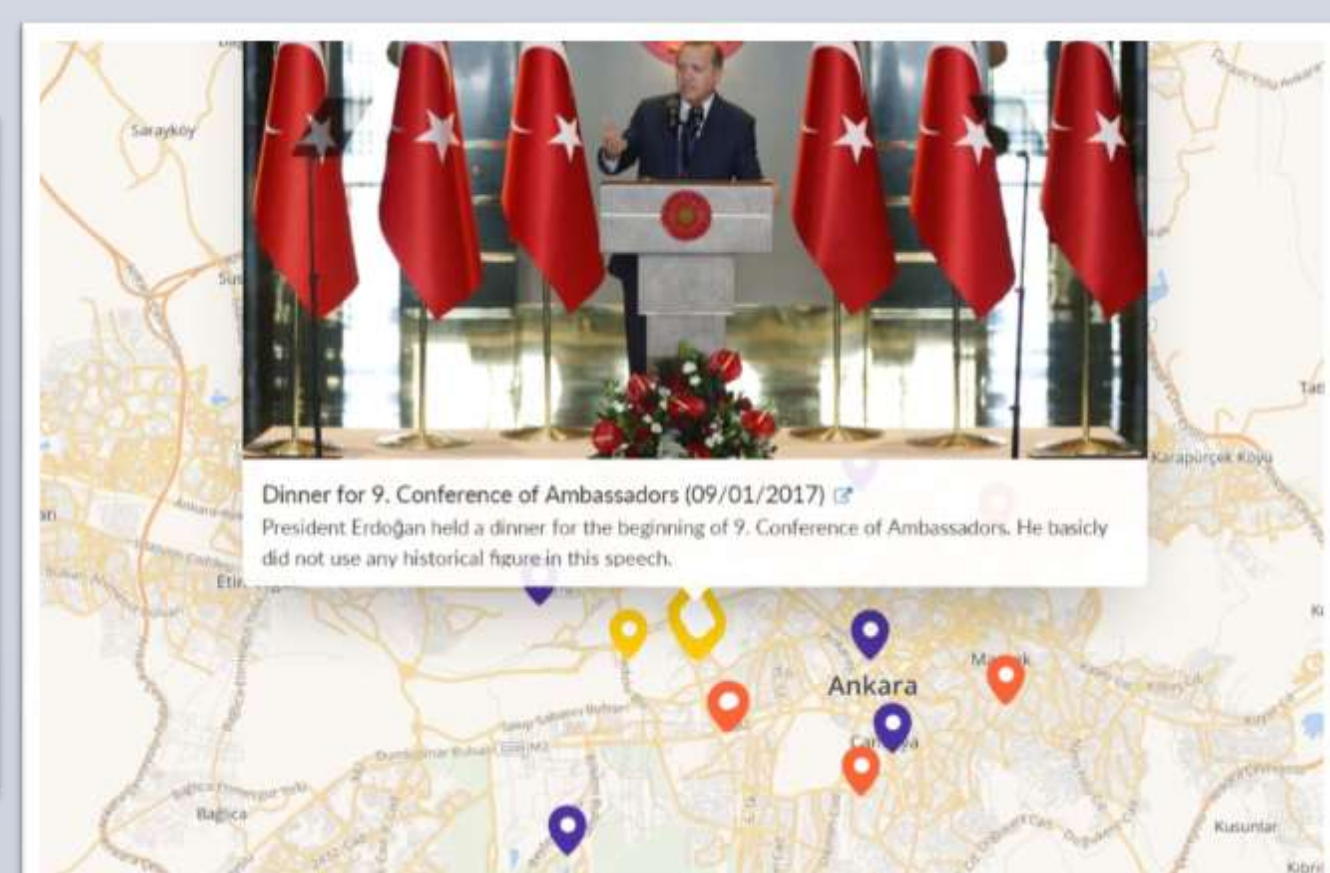
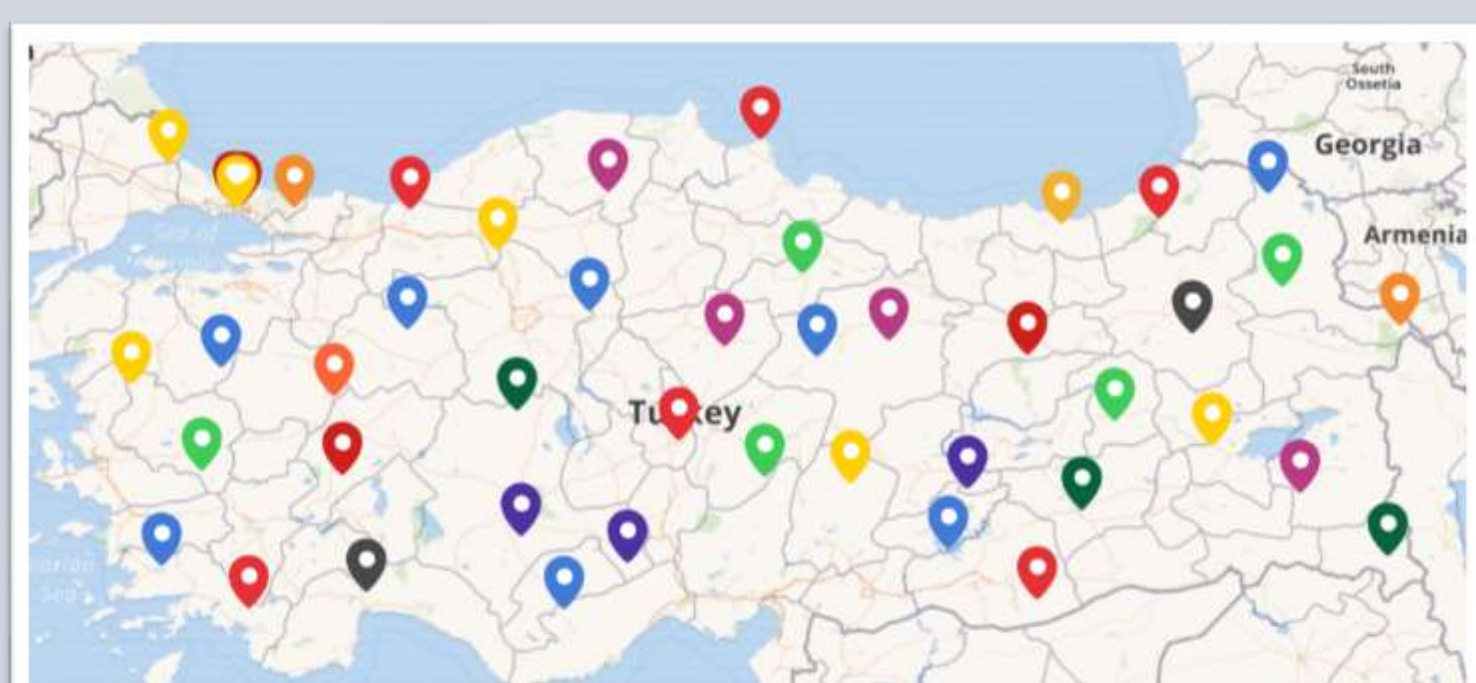
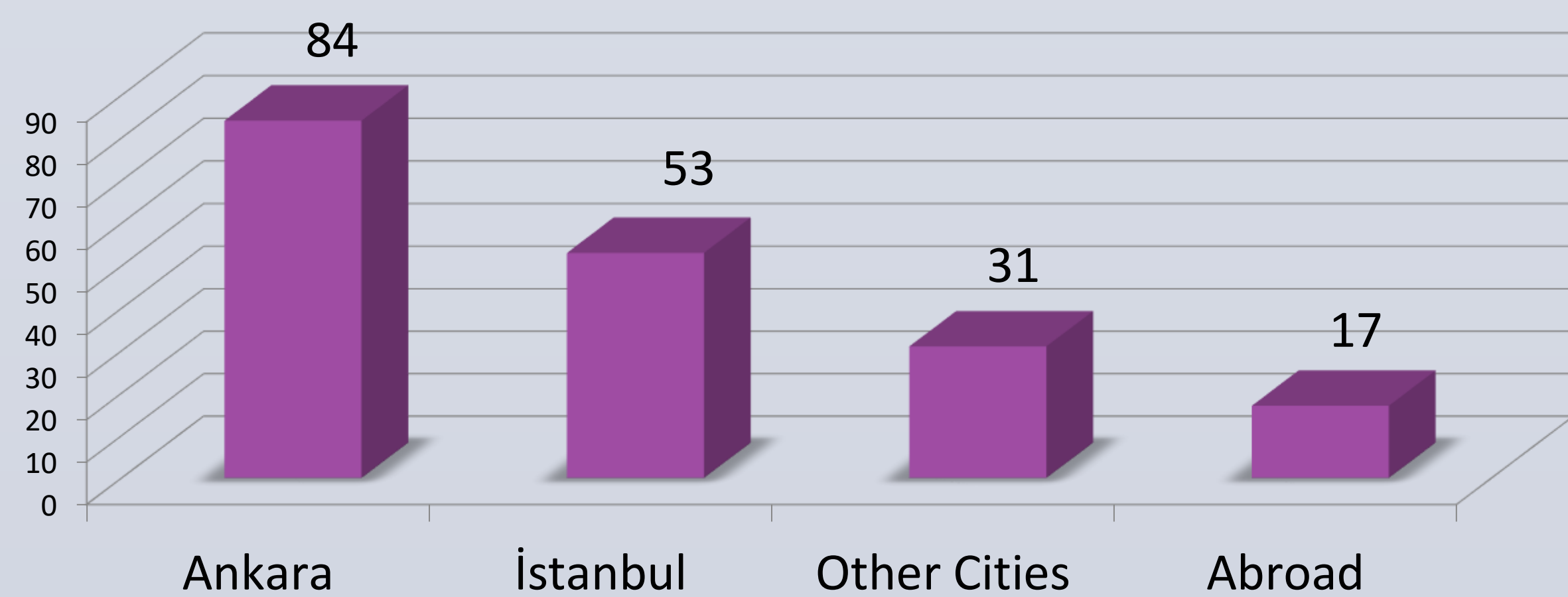


OBJECTIVES

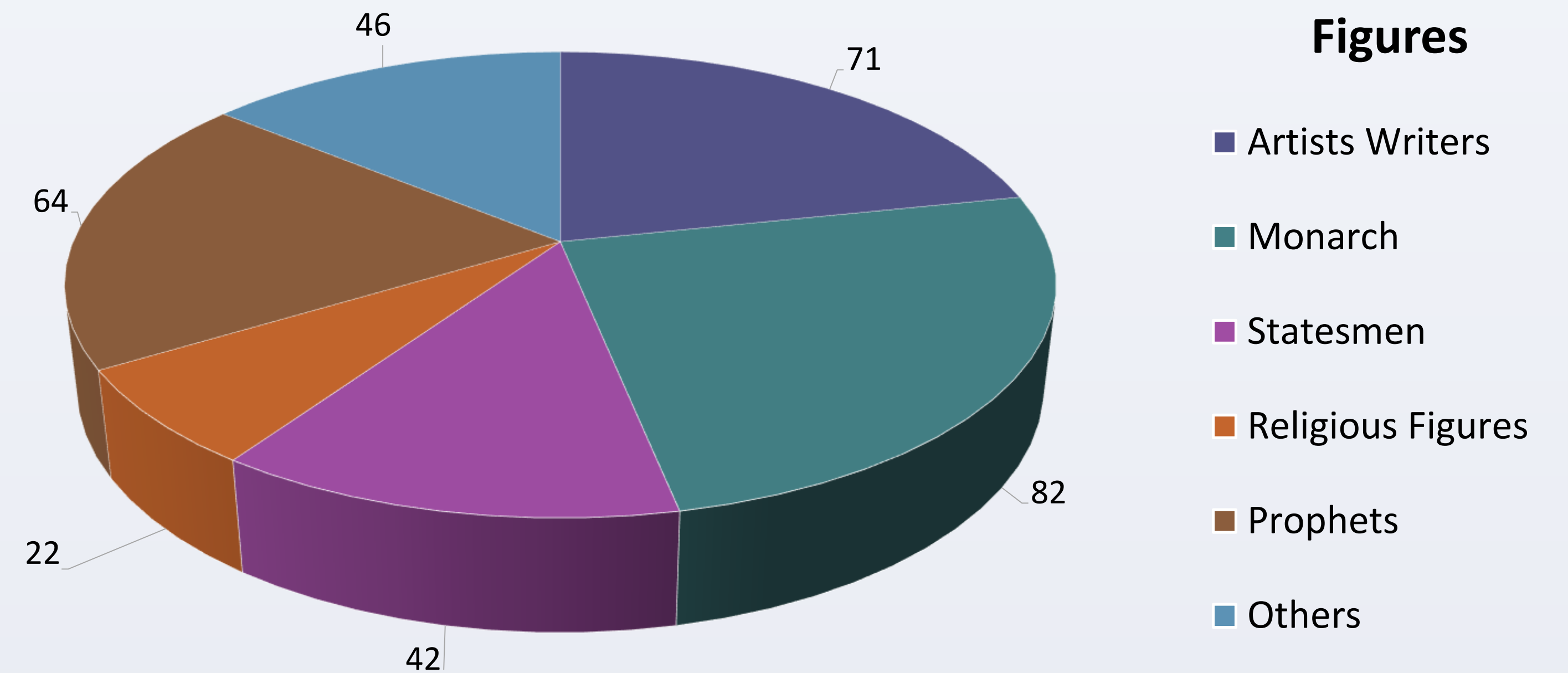
- To find key political leaders' tendencies to use historical figures in their speeches,
- To indicate their choices of those figures in accordance with their ideological preferences,
- To show how and in which context they use historical figures,
- To understand how different media sources reflect these political speeches,

PROJECT DETAILS

Locations of Speeches



PROJECT DETAILS II



- We made a literature review in order to shape project process,
- analyzed different media sources to see what speeches political leaders made,
- decided to work on the project step by step, the first step is to focus on President Erdogan,
- used specifically the official presidential web-site to find his speeches,
- created a Google Form to enter the data from the speeches, this form includes:
 - The date of the speech
 - Location
 - Name of Event
 - Speaker (president, prime minister or opposition leaders)
 - Type of Speech (first or answer)
 - Context (national/international meetings, opening ceremonies, etc.)
 - Historical Figure(s)
 - Title of the Figure(s)
 - Quotation from Related Part of Speech
 - Link of the Text
 - Date of the News
 - Source of the News
 - Notes
- created two interactive maps that show the location and the context of the speeches

CONCLUSIONS

- Historical figures depend on the cities which the speech is made
 - Malatya-Battal Gazi, Amasya-Aksemseddin, Saniurfa-Prophet Abraham
- In opening ceremonies Ottoman sultans were mentioned
 - Mehmed II-Subway, Suleiman I-Health and Charitable Institutions
- In science related conferences, Muslim scholars were referred
 - Farabi, Avicenna, Ali Kuscü, İbn-i Khaldun, Biruni, Yunus Emre
- Prophet Muhammed:
 - In women related issues, he was referred to define women's position in society,
 - Against racial/national discrimination,
 - Against Islamophobia, mentions him as the true representative of Islam,
 - To emphasize solidarity and unity in the cases of terrorism, war, etc.
 - To encourage cooperation in national and international arena
 - After 15 July Coup Attempt, to signify martyrdom as the closest position to Prophet Muhammed's, in terms of life after death,
 - Mehmed II was referred when addressing youth on the education and political issues
- To emphasize independence, especially from Western hegemony, the power of the youth, unity; Mehmet Akif Ersoy was mentioned
- In specific periods, Atatürk's views of national unity was mentioned (especially in Kurdish Question)

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