

## **Young Turkish diaspora members' supportive narratives about the rise of the populist radical-right party in the Netherlands**

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### **ABSTRACT**

As populist far-right parties (PRRP) gain support worldwide, scholars identify their core electorate as economically insecure, lower-educated male voters from the working and lowermiddle classes. However, recent studies indicate that these parties increasingly attract votes from immigrants and diaspora communities. Despite the expectation that immigrants and diaspora communities would not support PRRP, our recent observations reveal the thirdgeneration Turkish diaspora's positive attitudes toward these parties in the Netherlands. This research examines the positive and supportive narratives of the young generation Turkish diaspora in the Netherlands towards the Party for Freedom (PVV), the PRRP in the Netherlands, and its leader Geert Wilders. Specifically, this research focuses on understanding the positive and supportive narratives of third-generation Turkish diaspora members. Using qualitative methodology approach and narrative research, this study analyzes interviews with thirdgeneration Turkish diaspora members in the Netherlands aged 18-35, collected between October 2023 and April 2024. And then we analyzed our data through thematic content analysis to uncover the underlying reasons for participants' positive narratives toward the PVV and Wilders. As a result of the data analysis, three issues stand out in the positive narratives of young generation Turkish diaspora members in the Netherlands towards PVV and Wilders: (1) supporting economic policies, (2) trust in Dutch constitutional safeguards, and (3) ideological affinity shaped by shared values on social issues. This study highlights the normalization of PRRP in Western democracies and their increasing appeal beyond traditional right-wing constituencies. As a result of our qualitative study, contrary to the literature, we show that religious identity significantly influences the Turkish diaspora's voting behavior for the PVV.

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