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## SEMINAR (2)

### CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER AGAINST RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA

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## CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

There is an organisation in European Council against racism. This organisation is called European Council against racism and Intolerance (ECRI). This unit firstly brought to the table in 1993 in the meeting of Heads of Governments and States in Wien as a proposition and accepted in the second meeting in Salzburg in 1997 with its own principles.

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

It stated in the Quran that;

**“ O mankind! Lo! We have created you male and female, and have made `you nations and tribes that ye may know one another. Lo! the noblest of you, in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct. Lo! Allah is Knower, Aware.**

**(Surah Hucurat 49/13)**

Islam removed artificial supremacy measurements in human relations and stated that only measurement of supremacy is knowledge and taqwa among people. All mankind has the same rights as their birth rights. Each person without any exception is prestigious. Each person comes from the same mother and father Adam and Eve. From this point of view, no race has supremacy on one other.

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

Prof. Dr. Hayrettin Karaman says in one interpretation of a verse:

A muslim is muslim before any nationality, ethnicity or tribe then he-she is belong to a nationality, ethnicity or tribe. This fits with the command that we have made you nations and tribes that you may know one another.

<http://www.hayrettinkaraman.net/>

## CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

According to science mankind does not derive from one race, ethnicity or culutrel background but in Islam believing that all mankind come from the same parents and due to different reasons different social, culturel and ethnic groups come to existence. Thus, in a saying in our culture ‘seventy two and half’ nationality existed. In Quran its called kavm, su,ub or kabail. <http://www.hayrettinkaraman.net/>

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

“In Quran it is stated:

**“The Believers are but a single Brotherhood:(49:28) So make peace and reconciliation between your two (contending) brothers; and fear Allah, that ye may receive mercy”. (Surah Hucurât 49/10)**

“One of the main laws in the society is generalizing the love and respect among people. People who love each other continues to live happily. Unity and mixture could be validated with this way.

## CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

“Quran:

**“O ye who believe! Let not a folk deride a folk who may be better than they (are), nor let women (deride) women who may be better than they are; neither defame one another, nor insult one another by nicknames. Bad is the name of lewdness after faith. And whoso turneth not in repentance, such are evil doers”.** (Surah Hucurât 49/11)

According to Islam everyone is equal. People commanded to love each other in Islam. Underrating and humiliating others is forbidden.



## CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

Hz. Muhammed (p.u.h);

***“Who calls for nationalizm is not from us. Who fights for nationalizm is not from us. Who dies fighting for nationalizm is not from (muslims) us. ”*** (Müslim, İmâre 53, 57, hadis no: 1850)

Hz. Muhammed (p.u.h) stated:

**«The most valuable for Allah (swt) among you is who has the most taqwa. Arabs doesn't have supremacy over who are not Arab. Who are not Arab doesn't have the supremacy over Arabs. Neither blacks have supremacy over whites nor whites have supremacy over blacks.**

***Supremacy comes only but only with the taqwa.*** (Cem'u'l-Fevâid, 1/510, hadis no: 3632)

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

Someone asked to Muhammed (p.u.h.): **«If someone loves his race, tribe or nationality, does this person become racist?»** Hz. Muhammed (p.u.h) has given this answer:

**«No. However, if he/she helps them in cruelty then he/she becomes racist.»** (Ahmed bin Hanbel, 4/107, 160; İbn Mâce, Fiten 7, hadis no: 3949)

## CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

One day Ebu Zer ra pissed off at Bilal Habesi ra and called him the ' son of the black women'. Bilal ra told this to Hz. Muhammed (p.u.h).

Hz. Muhammed (p.u.h) told Ebu Zerr ra that:

- ***"Did you blamed him with his mothers' color? You are such a man that one could smeel the scent of days of ignorance on you. Look! If you are no better then on taqwa compared to others, you are not better than whites or blacks."*** (Ahmed ibn Hanbel, el- Müsned, Mısır 1313, V, 158.)

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

«We created mankind in the most beautiful way.» Surah Tin 95/4

Yunus Emre;

«We love the created due to the creator.» says and accepts every nationality in most possible way.

Mevlana says;

“Come, whoever you are come! Our dervish lodge is not a place for hoplessness. Come, even if you have broken your pledge hundred times.

## CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

One of the main moral architects of Kars Ebu'l Hasan Harakani follows same path with Mevlana Celaleddin-i Rumi about human beings:

“Whoever comes to this door, share your bread and do not ask his-her religion. Because if he deserved to be gifted with a soul from Allah, he deserves to eat on Ebu'l Hasan's table.”  
(Harakâni s.19)

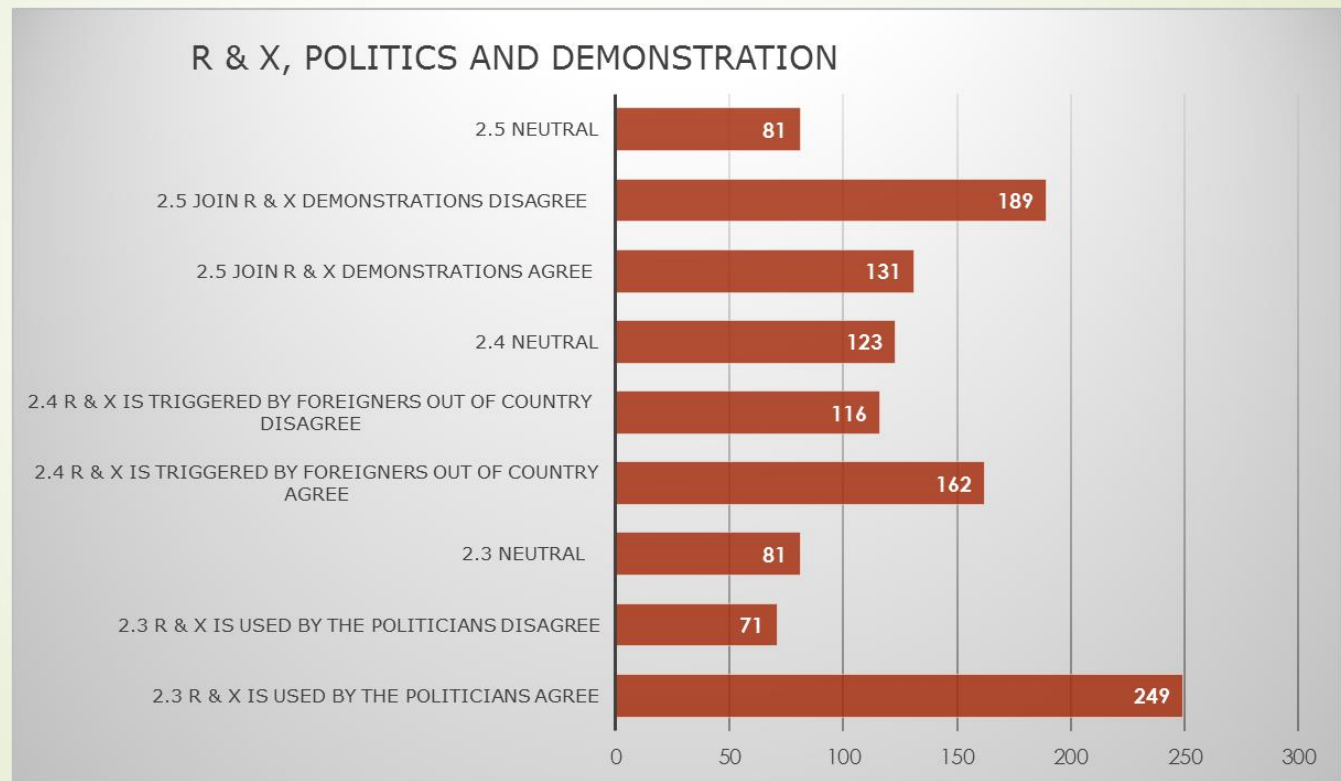
# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

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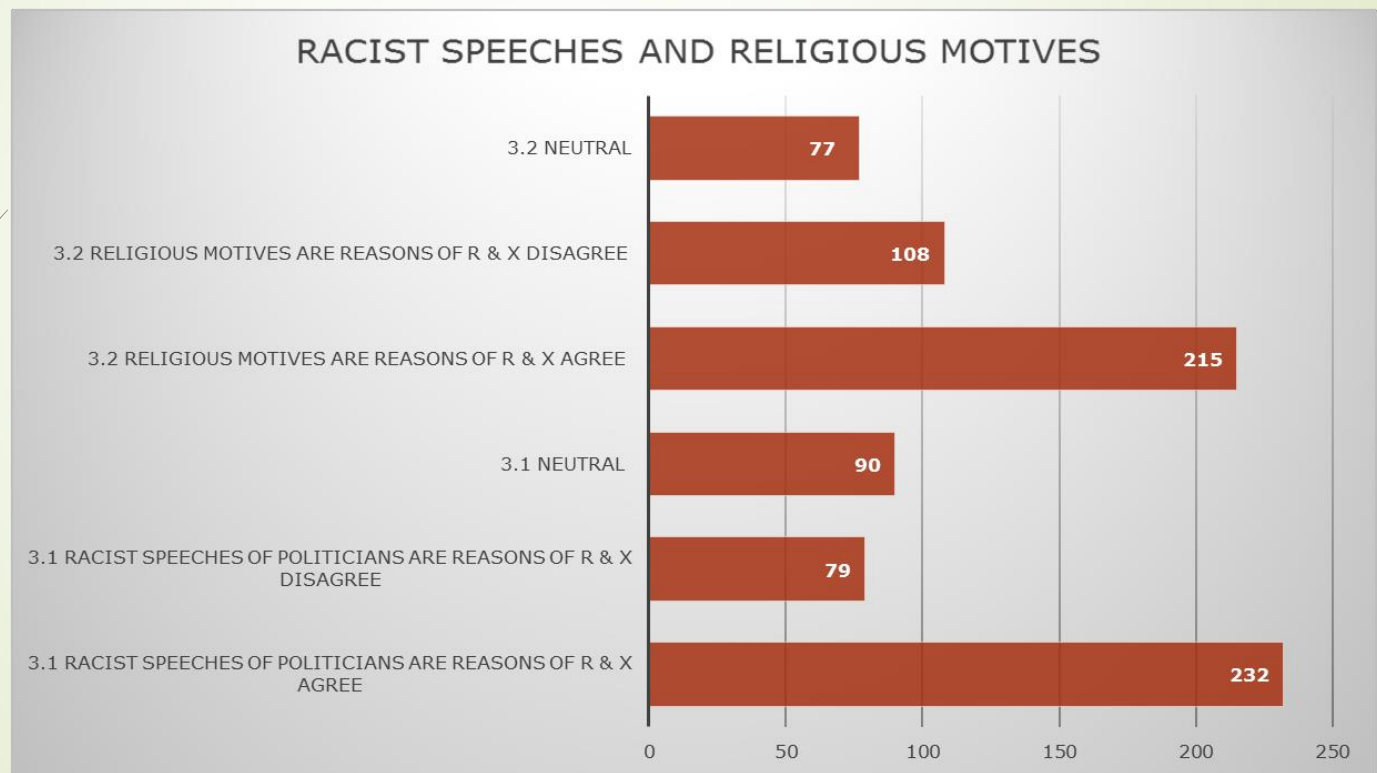
The project of “Improving the Culture of Living Together” reserves a considerable in our main project. Societies which could not succed to live together encounter countless problems in our days.

In the 21. century every one of us lives in a society that has many different nationalities. This is the outcome of globalization. This is why we have to live together. So, let’s quit fighting with differences and embrace them.

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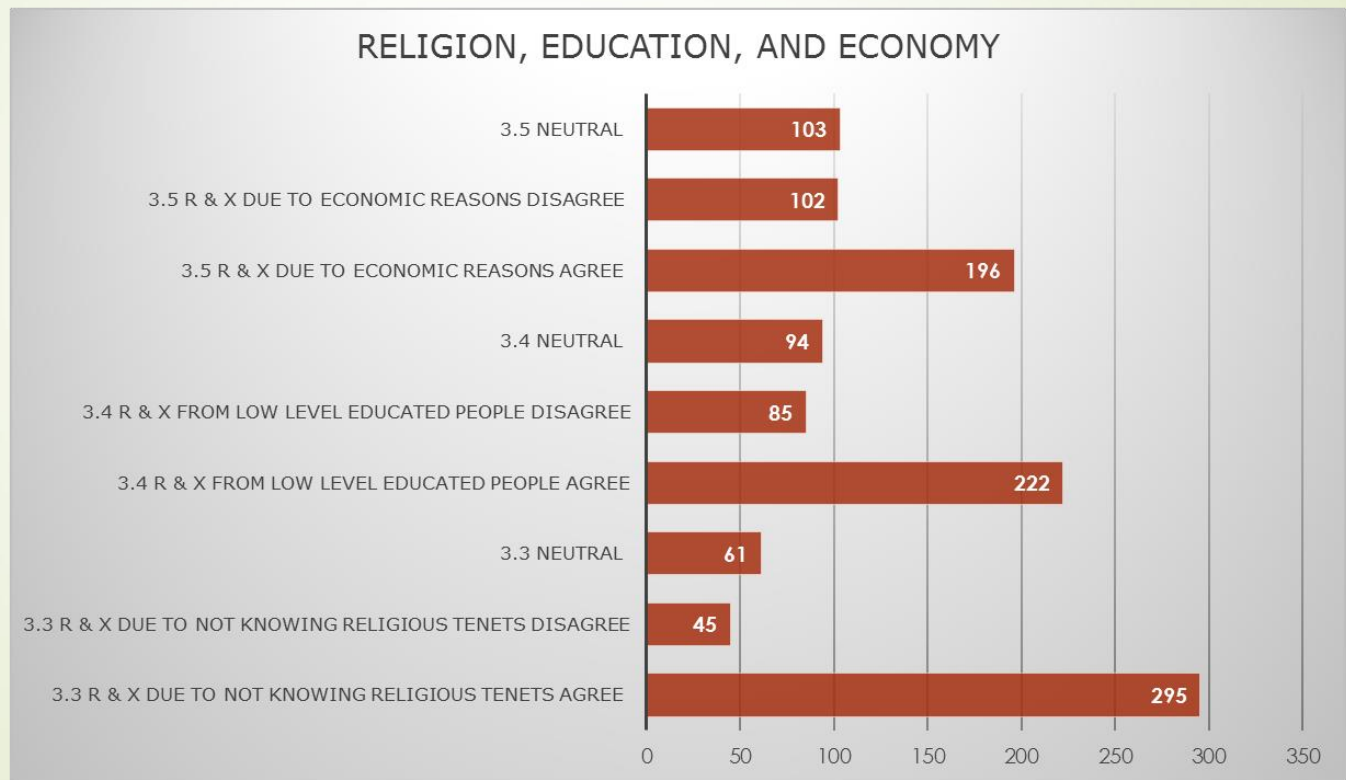


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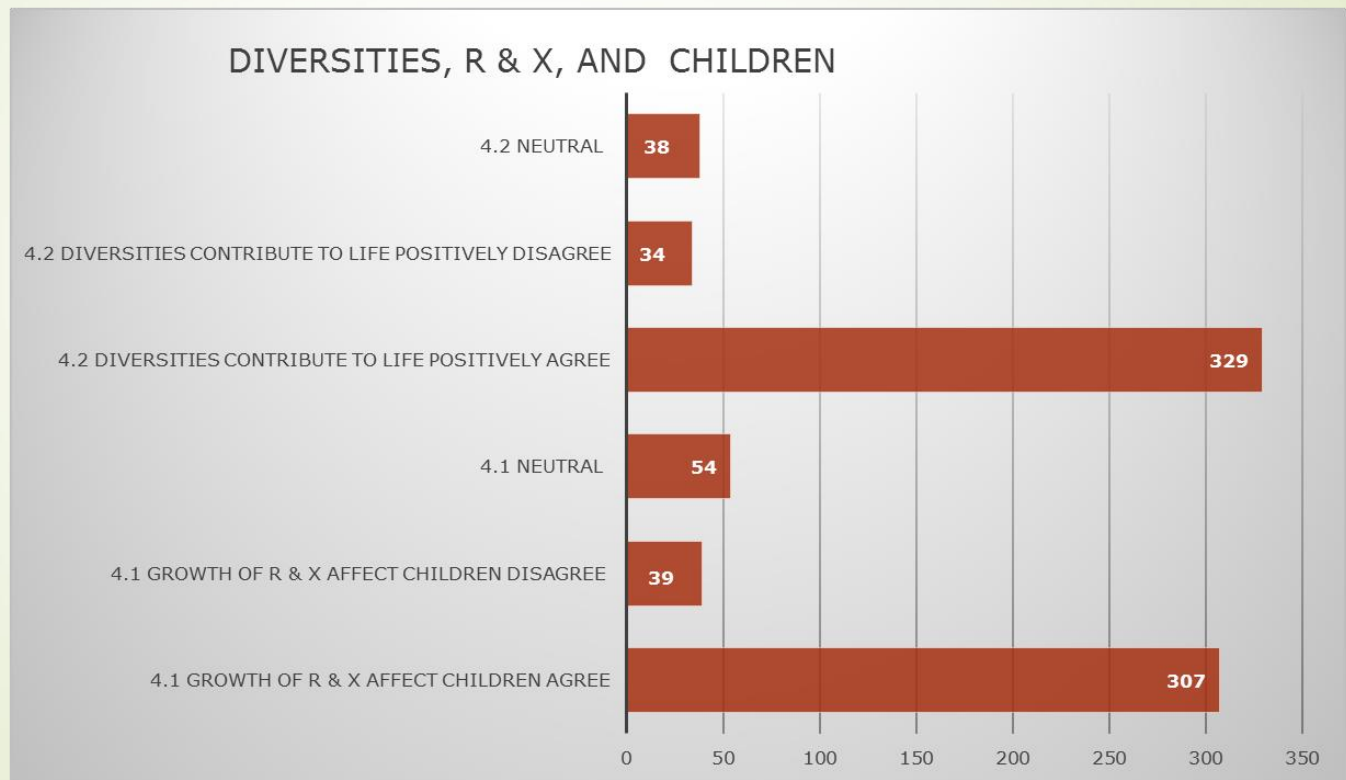




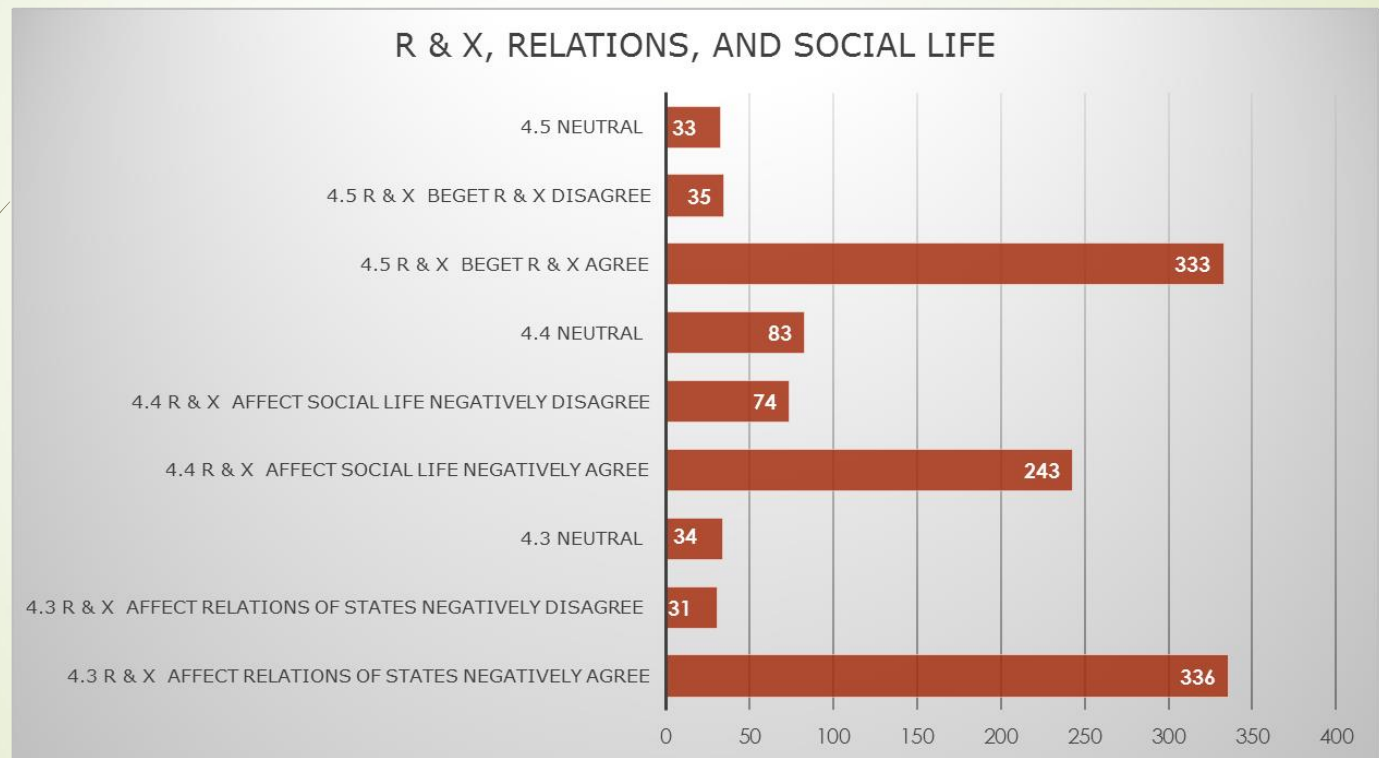
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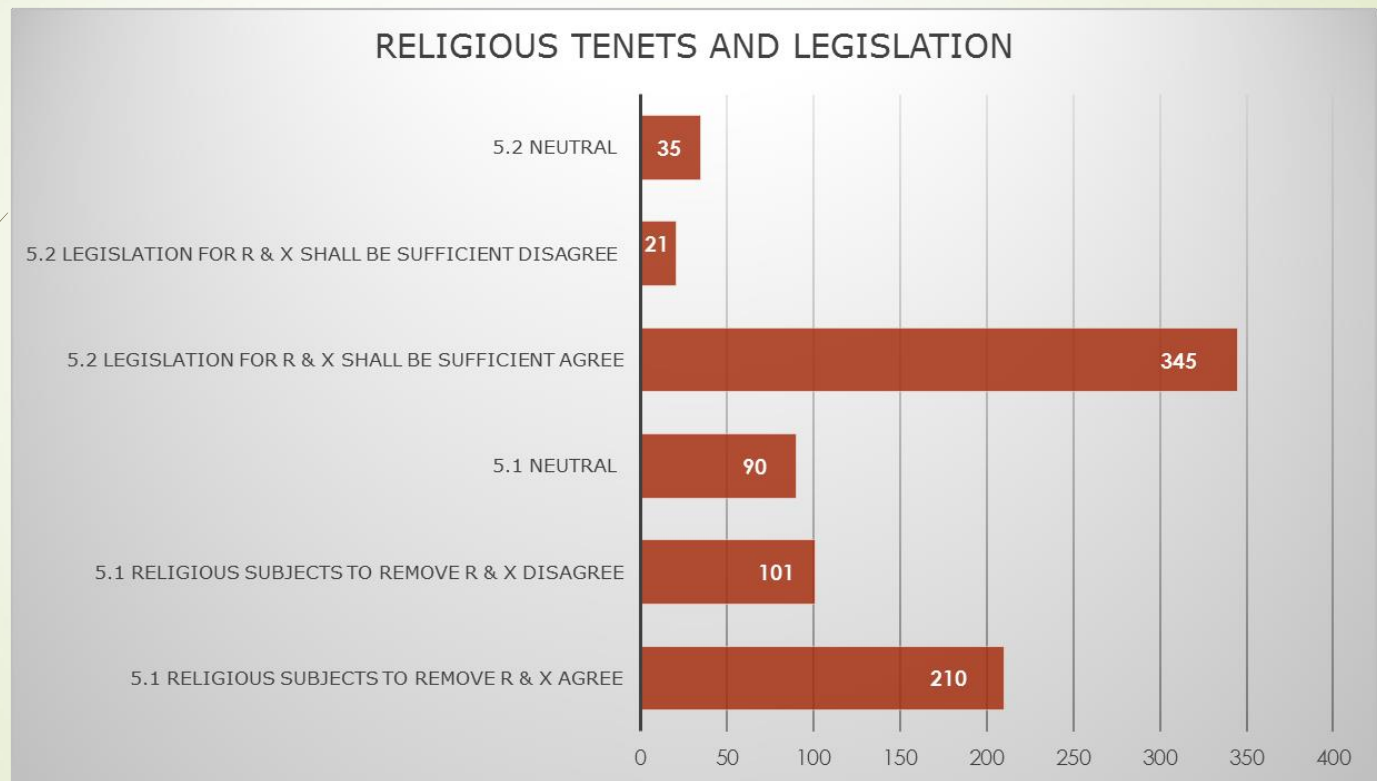
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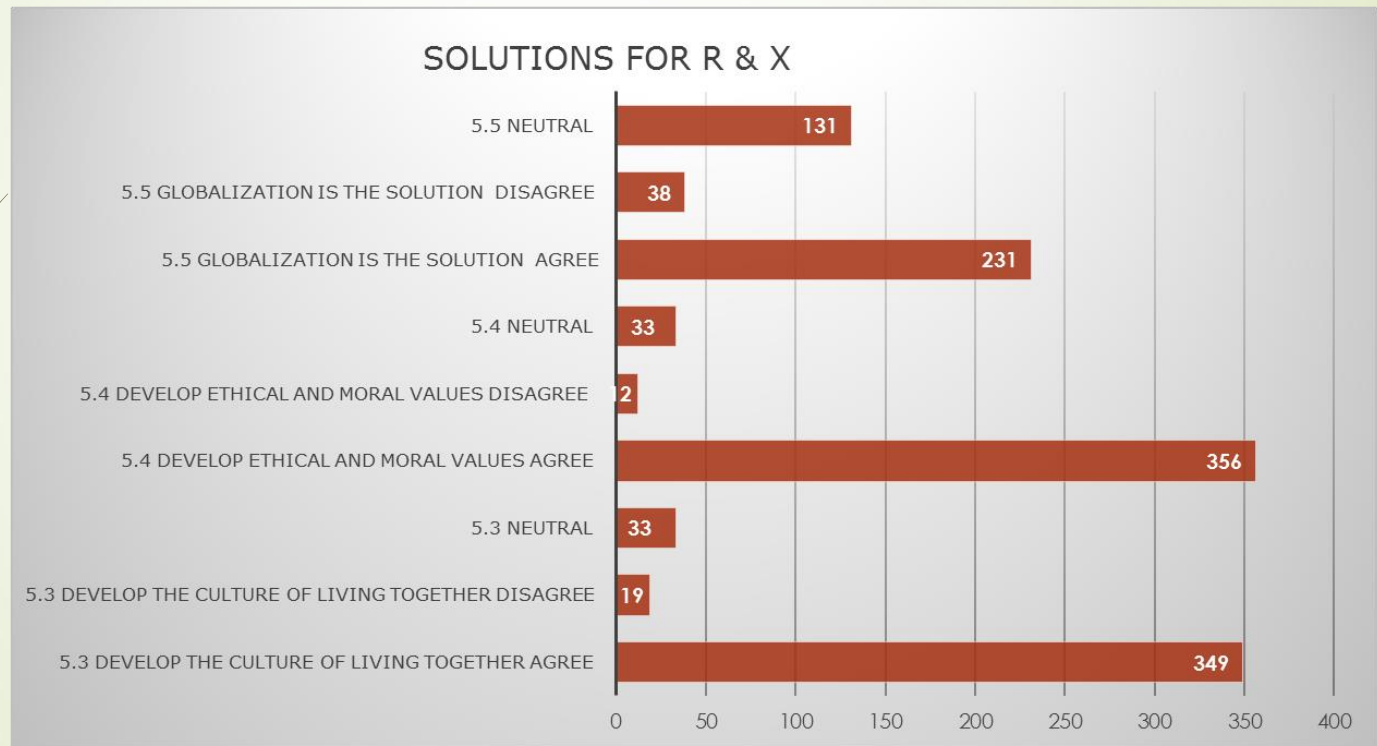
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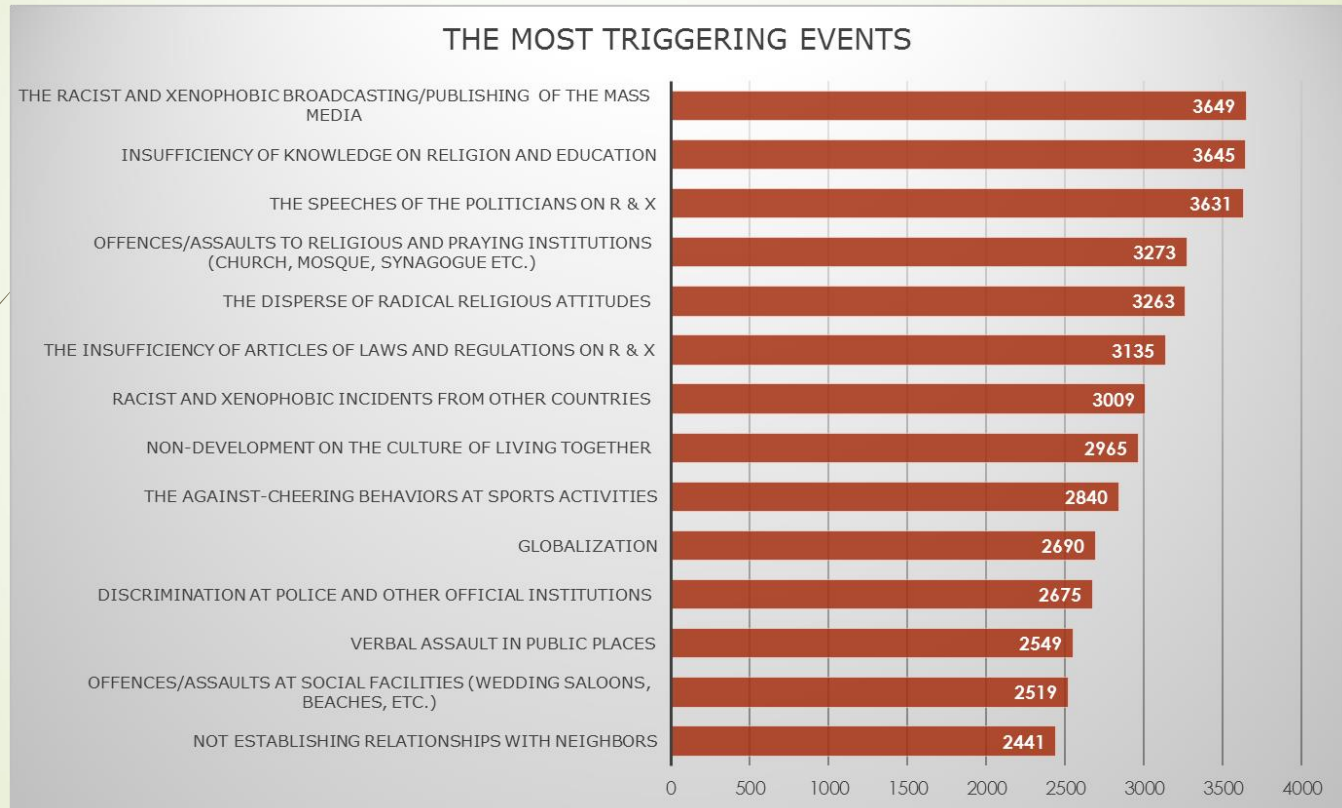
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# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

*Our ancestors say;*

*“One brick cannot be a wall”*

This explains that human beings should understand that humans should live together to help each other and how one brick cannot be wall, people also cannot live alone as they cannot handle their needs, they have to contribute and communicate with each other to have a better life.

## CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

*“Neighbors might need even the ashes of the neighbors.”*

This saying underlines that the conditions of life push people to live together and assistance is required by everyone from time to time.

*“Right of the neighbors’ is the right of God”*

Neighbors should hurt each other but help. If they fulfill these duties, they will also fulfill their duties to the God.



## CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

**“And serve Allah. Ascribe no thing as partner unto Him. (Show) kindness unto parents, and unto near kindred, and orphans, and the needy, and into the neighbour who is of kin (unto you) and the neighbor who is not of kin and the fellow traveller and the wayfarer and (the slaves) whom your right hands possess. Lo! Allah loveth not such as are proud and boastful, (Surah Nisa 4/36)**

**“Main reason of financial sharing is to cover the needs of needy so, they can lose the burdens of their economical situation and join to society to grow up the will of life.”  
(Prof.Dr.Mustafa Çağrıcı)**

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Main Rules of Living Together

It is inevitable in our days to not to be in contact with the members of other religions' followers in our days that world citizenship is being argued. Today people are able to make intercontinental phone calls or travels thanks to technology and this due to their jobs people encounter with different nationalities now more than ever. This also brings the chance to meet with different societies and created a culture.

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Main Rules of Living Together

Imam Gazzali says in his book İhya that;

“speak good with people” (Surah Bakara 2/83) in the interpretation of the verse says that Ibn Abbas has delivered this that take the greetings whoever gives because Allah swt stated in the Quran;

**“When ye are greeted with a greeting, greet ye with a better than it or return it. Lo! Allah taketh count of all things.”** (Surah Nisa 4/86)

The main dynamic of living together in accordance with the man of wisdom based on earning the sake of Allah swt. Because loving the created due to the creator requires this view.

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Hadiths from Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h.)

*Ebû Hüreyre radiyallahu anh delivered that Muammed (p.u.h) sat with a group of his companions and*

– “**Do you want me to tell you who is the beneficent and who is the worst among you?** His companions said nothing.

Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h) repeated his question for three times.  
**Then one of them told that Yes! Please tell us who is the beneficent and who is the worst among us.**

Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h):

**“The beneficent among you is who is hoped for good and sured of no evil. Worst of you is who is not hoped any good from and who cannot be trusted from his evil.”** ( Tirmizi, Fiten,76)

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Hadiths from Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h.)

Ebû Hüreyre *radiyallahu anh'* delivered that Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h) stated:

- **“I swear to Allah you are not believers . I swear to Allah you are not believers I swear to Allah you are not believers.** His companions asked:- O Rasulallah who is not believing?
- **“Who’s neighbor is not safe due to his possible evil.**  
(Riyazüs Salihin, C.2, S.397;Buhârî, Edeb 29)

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

- Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h) has said that I love «Fel» while sitting among his companions. They asked what is Fel Rasulallah?

Responding;

«Fel is optimism» he says.

We should look to the people in a positive way instead of looking at in a negative way to create a good environment.

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Hadiths from Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h.)

In according to Abdullah b. Ömer (ra), Prophhet Muhammed (p.u.h) was on his way for a war. On the the road:

**"Today we have no room for those who were torment their neighbors,«** he stated. One person told:

«I urinated my closest neighbors wall's. Rasûlullah (p.u.h)has said:

«Do not join us today". (Y. Kandehlevi, Hadislerle Müslümanlık, III, 1068).

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Hadiths from Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h.)

Once Prophet Muhammet (p.u.h) was told;

**“O Rasulallah! A women fasts during the day and performs salah during the night but she torments her neighbor with her tongue and says bad things.**

Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h.) stated:

**- There is no good seeds from her and her place will be hell fire.**(Terğib vet Terhib, C.5, S.186)

**“If your neighbors state that you are good person then you are good person. If they neighbors think you are a bad person then you are a bad person.”**

**(Ramuz-ul Ehadis 256)**



# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Hadirhs from Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h)

«Those who goes to sleep whilst knowing his neighbor hungry cannot be considered as believer.» (Heysemi Darü'l-Fikr,c.8 s.306)

«Muslim is that person that people are safe from his hands and his tongue.» (Buhari iman 4-5)

«Those who does not mercy to the people, cannot see the mercy of Allah swt.» (Buhari Tevhid 2. )

«Its not halal to a muslim to stay angry with one of the muslims more than three days.» (Müslim Birr 26)

«Do not underestimate any favour such as smiling at your brother.» (Tirmizi Birr 45)

«Smiling is a dole.» (Tirmizi Birr 36)

«Good word is a dole.» (Ebu Davud Tatavvu 12)

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Main Rules of Living Together

Zarurat-1 Hamse constitutes the main subjects of living together. These are;

Security of life, security of property, security of honor, security of dignity and freedom of thought.

### **1. Trust**

To make sure people from different race, culture or color live safely in the same environment, security of life, property, honor, dignity and freedom of thought should be constituted. In this topic scholars of Islam underline the importance of “Zarurat-1 Hamse” as the main conditions for peace in a society.

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Main Rules of Living Together

### 2. Constituting belief, ethics and culture of living together

Constitutional regulations are not effective enough for peace in a society that people from different race, culture, beliefs and religions. For this reason;

- a) Belief in living together should be improved
- b) Rules should be applied on how to live together  
(Respect, tolerance, mercy etc.)
- c) Otherin and marginalization should be kept away
- d) These should be internalized by the people.

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Main Rules of Living Together

### 3. Law Regulations

a) For individuals

b) For society

In Islam Prophet Muhammed's (p.u.h) hadiths and lifestyle constitute a peaceful environment to live. Madina agreement and last speech have extreme importance on constituting the culture of living together.

There are 47 articles in Madina agreement. It is its first constitution of the rules of living together in Islam. Prof. Hamidullah accepts this is the first written constitution of the State of Islam.

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

Applications of Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h.)

## MADINA AGGREEMENT

**Bismillâhirrahmânirrahîm.**

1) This book has regulated for Muslims from Yesrib (Madina) and Kureys and those who tied to them and those who join them later for jihad

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Applications from Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h)

*In his last speech Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h) has stated that:*

"O People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as Sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust.

**The way he started his speech by O people shows that he was addressing everyone in the world believers or non-believers.**

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Examples from Torah

**A similar sentence could be found in Torah 19/33:**

**“Do not behave badly to strangers living in your country with you.”**

**Another order takes place in 9/14 for the same topic:**

**“Apply the same rules for indigenous and strangers.»**

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Examples from Bible

**New Testament,**

**Works of messengers 10/34-35**

**“34-35. Then Petrus has taken the word and said: “I understand that God does not discriminate among his servants but he accepts without looking into any race whoever fears and does the right.”**



# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Examples from Bible

**New Testament,**

**Luka 17/3-4**

**3. Avoid!, if your brother commits crime, scold him, if he repents, forgive him.**

**4. If he sins seven times per day and comes back saying “I repent”, you will forgive him.**

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

- In conclusion, our problem with living together is due to;**
- lack of dialogue, tolerance and indulgence among people.**
  - Intolerance against differences.**
  - That we do not accept our differences are our wealth.**
  - We do not give enough consideration to the verse in Quran explains we have been created as tribes to meet and love each other.**
  - Jealousy among us.**

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

**Our problem with living together;**

- We do the sharing for show off instead of doing it from our hearts.**
- We do not love people as we should.**
- We are not aware that humankind are honored due to their kind.**
- We do not love people for the sake of Allah.**
- We value people in accordance with their wealth, color etc. Instead of their taqwa.**

## CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

**We should be aware of that considering each person as a good person will help to solve our problems.**

**We should smile people knowing that we are earning the good seed by doing it.**

**We should love for Allah.**

**Prophet Muhammed (p.u.h) has once told that if your brother does not know that you love him go and tell you love him. We should make sure this tradition lives.**

**Even we cannot realize, we earn a good seed for every good thought. Let's not forget this.**

## CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

«Those who have believed and whose hearts are assured by the remembrance of Allah . Unquestionably, by the remembrance of Allah hearts are assured.» (Surah Rad /28)

**We could only find the real peace of living together by following Quran and Prophet Muhammed's (p.u.h) path.**

**Hearts find peace only with Allah.**

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Erasmus+ Examples from Adult Education Projects

Name of the Project: Different Generations& Different Cultures

Name of the Programme :Erasmus+ Adult Education

Activity / Name of the Action :Work groups

Society of Elderly Care Technicians - SO-ECT has carried out a project in Antalya between 15-24 November in 2010.

# CULTURE OF LIVING TOGETHER

## Erasmus+ Examples from Adult Education Projects

Name of the Project : Commitment to Society

Name of the Programme : Erasmus+ Adult Education

Activity / Action Name : Voluntary Projects

Summary : In Poland, Wrocław we have realized an exchange for 5 volunteers with New Family Association. In the project 5 volunteers sent to Poland as we accept 5 volunteers from them.

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## Erasmus+ Examples from Adult Education Projects

Name of the Project :Project of Mevlana tolerance and love in the relations between Europe and Turkey

Name of the Programme :Erasmus+ Youth

Activity / Action Name: Sub-Activity 1.2 Youth Initiatives

Summary : We have looked for the answer of « How to use tolerance on solving existed problems throughout Europe?» in cooperation with France.



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