

## Decoding Sarcasm: Political Dynamics of Erdoğan and Kılıçdaroğlu in Ekşi Sözlük

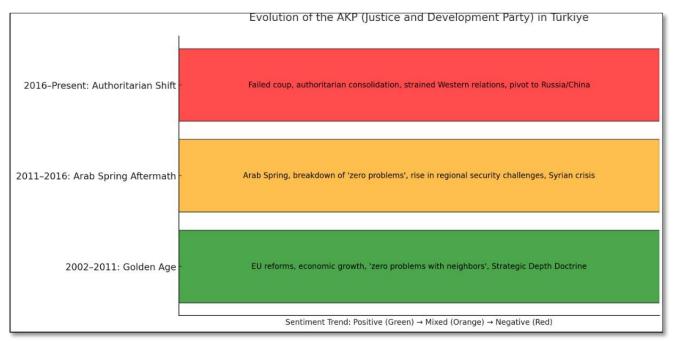
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## Introduction

## Why Sarcasm?

- Political Landscape in Türkiye: Transitioning toward a hybrid democracy with authoritarian tendencies.
- Risk of Open Criticism: Increased suppression of dissent and imprisonment for political speech.
- Irony as a Tool: Sarcasm and irony provide a safer way to critique political leaders and policies.
- **Public Discontent**: Sarcasm uncovers hidden patterns of criticism and public sentiment.
- Freedom of Expression: Reflects how citizens adapt to constraints on free speech in challenging sociopolitical conditions.





## **Research Design**

## **Data Scrapping & BERT**

#### 1.Data Collection:

- Scraped 100,000 entries from Ekşi Sözlük.
- Focused on Erdoğan and Kılıçdaroğlu.

#### 2.Preprocessing:

- Cleaned and normalized text.
- Very short & long entries, contains URL, authors with so many entries

#### 3. Annotation and Semi-Supervised Training:

- Annotated 2,5k entries approx. for sarcasm detection.
- Trained the model on this annotated dataset.
- Used the trained model to predict sarcasm on the remaining data.
- Validated the predictions by comparing them with the annotated data to assess model performance.

#### 4. Model Training:

Fine-tuned BERT for sarcasm detection.

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Yes: 20% No: 80%

**Embedding** 

## **Model Results**

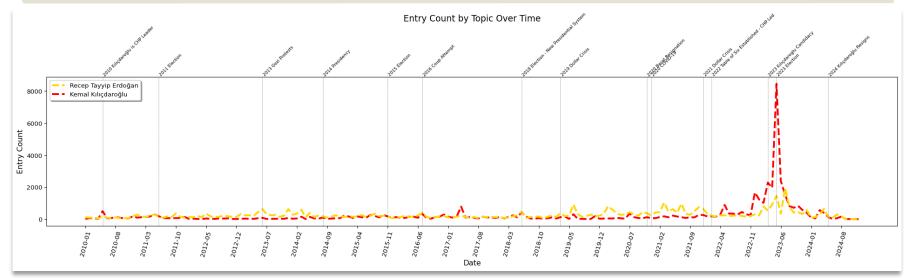
### Improvement in Sarcasm Detection After Re-annotation and Balanced Training

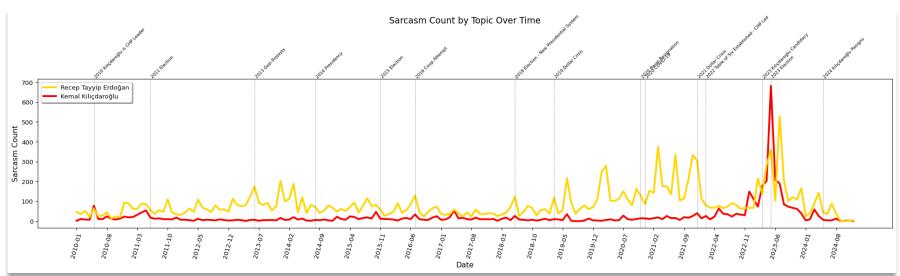




## **Sarcasm Trends Over Time**

## Erdoğan vs Kılıçdaroğlu







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