

The Maps Used in Turkish Newspapers

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SUMMARY

Over the years maps of various purposes have reached people in different ways. Written and visual media have very easily reached almost all people all over the world. At times, when written media technology was not so advanced newspapers and magazines had the main access to the people. So, the newspapers were one of the easiest ways to convey the maps to people. Therefore, the maps are very powerful visual factors in the newspapers. They make the contents more comprehensible for the readers. The aim of this study is collecting, classifying and archiving maps' contents of 12 newspapers, which were published since the Alphabet Revolution of Turkish Republic to today. These newspapers were chosen according to their political situations and prevalence in the period. The study is being carried out using newspaper archives. One of the biggest and most important one is Atatürk Kitaplığı; in Istanbul. The newspapers have been examined one by one according to a programme. The maps in the newspapers have been recorded by taking their photos. The maps have been examined and classified by the cartographic techniques and their theme. Also thematic maps have been classified by their subjects and purposes. The primary purpose of study is to archive the maps of the newspapers and to analyze their cartographic situations and to determine their roles in the news. Meteorology, natural disasters, elections, traffic, propaganda, vital statistics, divorce rates, violence to women etc. are good examples for the subjects of the maps in the newspapers. The basic purpose of the study is to prove the importance of Cartography to spread knowledge with maps in the news.