Marked with low female labor market participation rates and strong patriarchal relations, Turkey ranks low in gender equality. In recent years, with more and more women entering the labor force, comes the question of ‘second shift’ and the problem of high total work load of women. How free are women in Turkey in using their time and what are the gender differences in temporal autonomy? These questions are addressed in this research by measuring and analyzing women’s and men’s ‘discretionary time’, that is the time left after the necessities of life (personal care, unpaid work, paid work) are met. This framework is also used to understand the effects of different policies on gender differences in discretionary time.

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