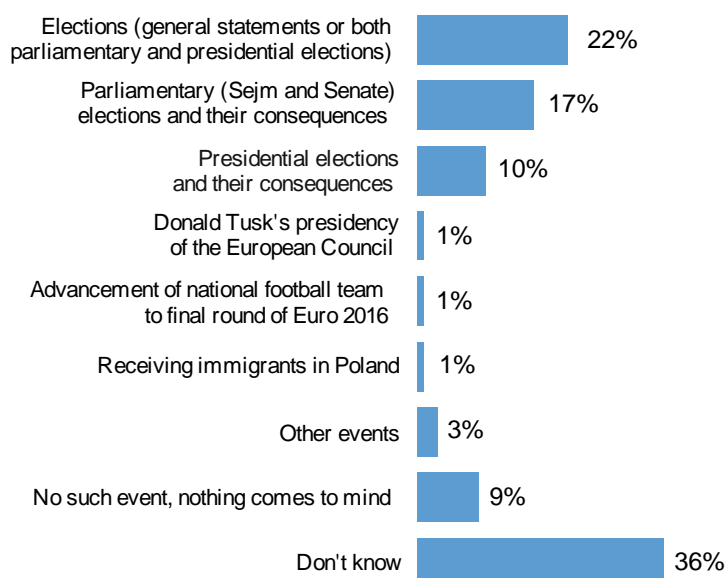


Most important event in 2015 for Poland and for the world

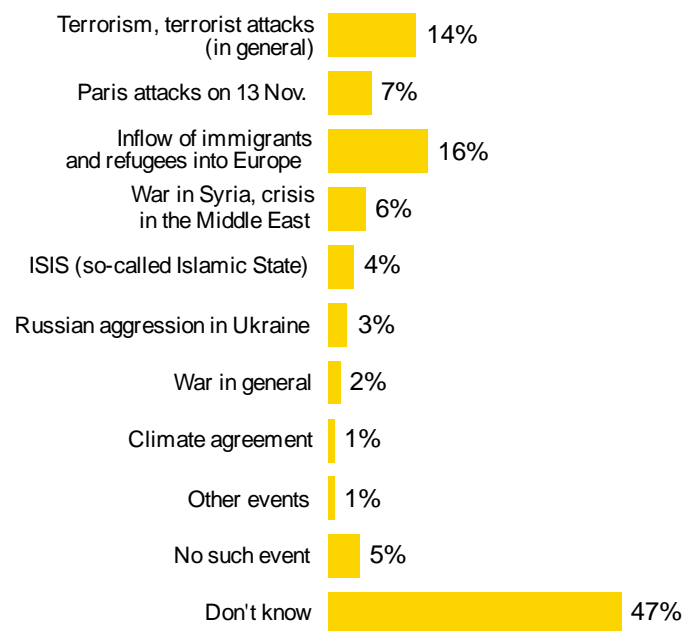
The most important national events in 2015 were, in public opinion, the elections and their aftermath. Almost half of respondents, using different formulations, considered last year's votes as the most important events of the past year. Poles usually mentioned presidential and parliamentary elections in one breath, or they used a general term "elections" without specifying which ones they meant. Those who did differentiate between the votes considered parliamentary poll as the more important rather than presidential by a ratio of two to one. Other events were mentioned far less frequently. A large part of respondents had difficulties determining the most important event for Poland in the past year.

Most important event in 2015 for Poland



Islamic terrorism was considered as the most important event in the world in the past year. Respondents talked about terrorist attacks, terrorism in general or mentioned the attacks on 13 Nov. in Paris. The other international problem in 2015, less commonly mentioned by the public opinion, was mass inflow of migrants and refugees to Europe. This flow was the result, among others, of the war in Syria which continued for another year, and which was also mentioned as the most important global event. Terrorism and war in Syria are also associated with the problem of the so-called Islamic State (ISIS), founded by Jihadis in the parts of Iraq and Syria under their control, which extended its activity into other Arab countries (e.g. a part of Libya). Another international event commonly mentioned was the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. There were also general statements referring to war and global conflicts. Some people stressed the importance of the climate agreement signed by world leaders, whose goal is reducing temperature increase in the world.

Most important event in 2015 for the world



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Event of the Year 2015 in Poland and in the World", January 2016. Fieldwork for national sample: December 2015, N=989. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.