

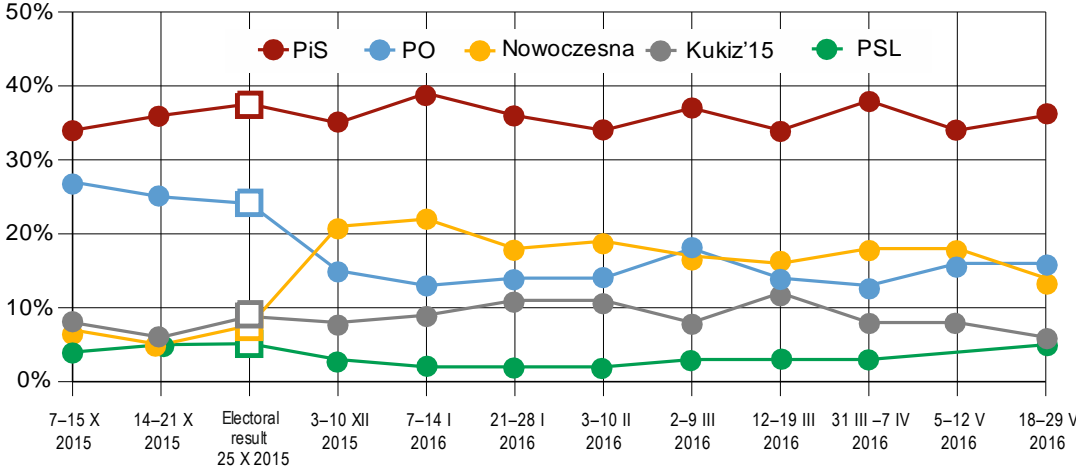
## **Political party preferences in May**

If parliamentary elections were held in the second half of May, all five political groupings now represented in the Sejm would re-enter it. Law and Justice (PiS) remains the leader in the ranking of support, with 36% of potential voters declaring the intention to vote for this party. The second is Civic Platform (PO), with 16% of declared vote. A slightly smaller proportion (14%) would like to vote for the candidates of the Modern Party (Nowoczesna – Ryszard Petru), which means that its support is now at the lowest level since the elections. The fourth in ranking is the committee named Kukiz'15, supported by 6% of potential voters. The last party above the electoral threshold is the Polish Peasant Party (PSL), with 5%. The other groupings are below the threshold. Alliance of the Democratic Left (SLD) would be supported by 4% of the electorate, while Together (Razem) and KORWiN each get 3%. A sizeable group (11% of declared voters) do not have clear party preferences.

Recent declarations of a vote in hypothetical elections indicated that, in general, the distribution of preferences determined after last elections remains stable. Support for the governing party remains at the level it received in last year's vote. In spite of many controversies generated by the actions of PiS (e.g. related to the Constitutional Tribunal), Poles appreciate the fulfilment of electoral promises, such as the Family 500+ program started in April 2016, which provides financial support for families with children in order to

increase the number of childbirths. The support for PO remains at a lower level than its last electoral result. On the other hand, Nowoczesna has a better rating. Kukiz'15 has recorded a decrease in support, while PSL has recovered from the post-electoral trough and it would have a chance to be represented in the Sejm again.

**Support for political parties**



*Responses of people who declare participation in hypothetical elections to the Sejm (N=537)*

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Party Preferences in the Second Half of May", May 2016. Fieldwork for national sample: May 2016, N=932. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.