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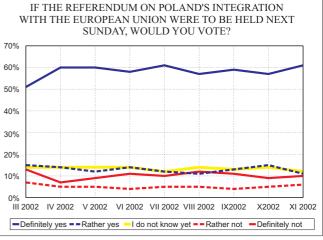
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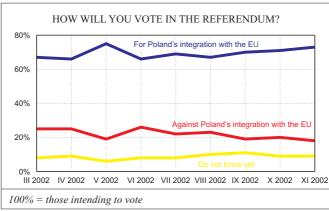
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ATTITUDES TO POLAND'S INTEGRATION WITH THE EU

The number of all those who declare voting in the accession referendum has not changed for a few months, but the number of those who declare that they will certainly vote has increased recently. The better the respondents' education, the more frequently they declare an intention to vote in the referendum on Poland's access to the European Union.

Looking back a few months, an increase in the

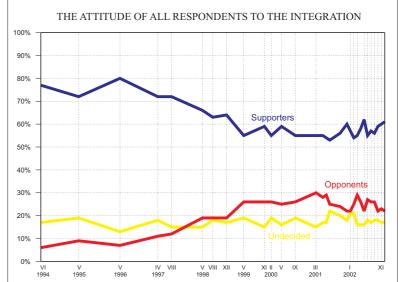


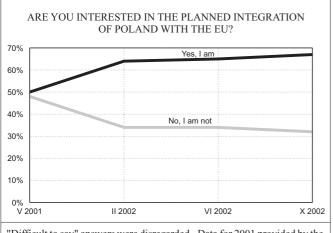


support for Poland's membership in the EU can be noticed among those who declare an intention to vote in the referendum. At the same time the number of opponents of the integration slightly exceeds the number of supporters among those who are not going to vote in the referendum. It means that the support for the integration in

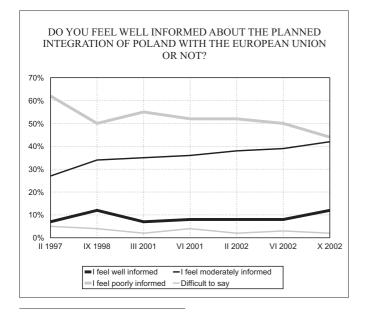
the society as a whole is lower than among those who most probably will vote.

The interest in the issues related to the European integration is much higher than in the previous years, but it is not growing any more. At the same time, the respondents feel that their knowledge of those issues has improved in the last six months.





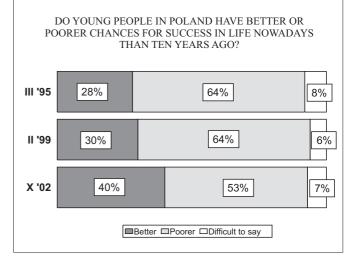
"Difficult to say" answers were disregarded. Data for 2001 provided by the Institute of Public Affairs



More information on this subject can be found in the CBOS reports (in Polish): "Poland's integration with the European Union interest and knowledge", November 2002. Survey executed in October 2002. A representative random-address sample of the general adult population of Poland N=1231 and "Gradual growth of the support for the integration with the European Union", November 2002. Survey executed in November 2002. A representative random-address sample of the general adult population of Poland. N=1042.

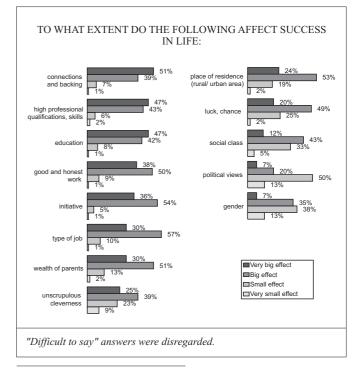
EVALUATION OF THE PROSPECTS OF THE YOUNG GENERATION OF POLES

As compared with the mid 1990s., much more respondents believe that young people have better chances for success in life nowadays than ten years ago. However, the opinions about poorer chances of the current young generation still prevail.



It is commonly believed that a high social standing of the parents greatly increases the chances of the children for similar success. According to 85% of the respondents, the children of well-off people, owners of big businesses or high government officials, are privileged as far as the chances for achieving a high position in the society are concerned. The peasant children are believed to have the poorest chances for success.

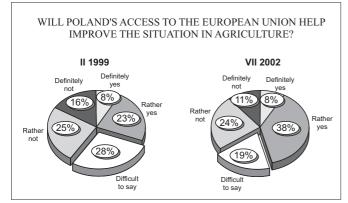
In the respondents' opinion, success in life is achieved mainly through social network and backing, professional qualifications, hard work and initiative.



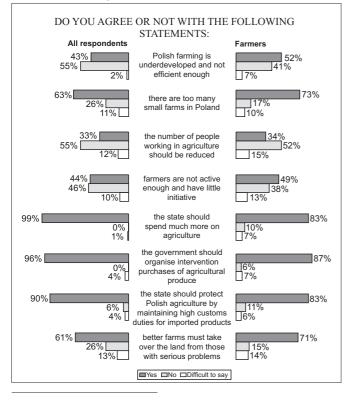
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POLISH AGRICULTURE AND THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

The number of people who believe that the condition of the Polish agriculture will improve as a result of Poland's integration with the European Union has grown during the last three and a half years. The farmers, however, remain sceptical. Less than a quarter of them (23%) expect that the integration will have a positive effect on agriculture.



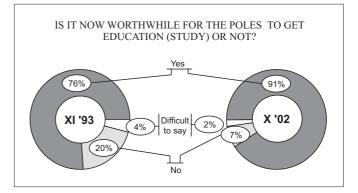
In general, the Poles express critical opinions on the situation in agriculture.



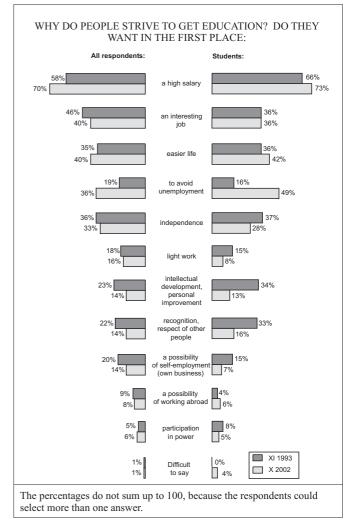
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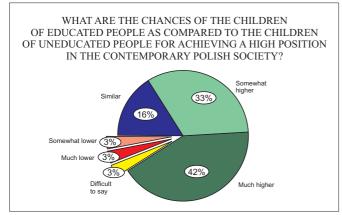
DO POLES VALUE EDUCATION?

The number of the Poles who believe that education pays off is much bigger now than ten years ago.

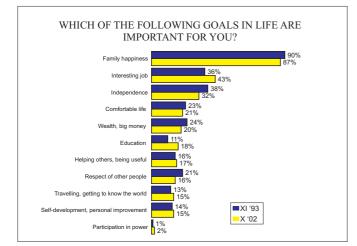


During the last ten years, the percentage of people who appreciate the importance of education increased equally in all socio-demographic groups. There is one significant exception: this increase was much bigger among the unemployed than in other social groups (from 64% to 91%).





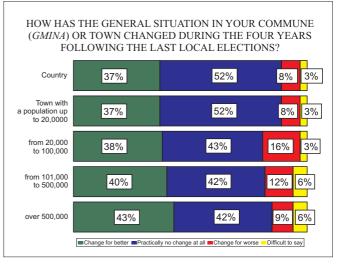
The position of education among the goals in life declared by the Poles has increased in the last decade. In 1993, education was the tenth most important goal in life (out of eleven). Now it is the sixth.



More information on this subject can be found in the CBOS report (in Polish): "Do Poles value education?", November 2002. Survey executed in October 2002. A representative random-address sample of the general adult population of Poland. N=1231.

CHANGES BEFORE LOCAL ELECTIONS

Nearly half of the respondents (47%) say that the situation in their place of residence did not change much during the previous term of the local government. Residents of big cities are relatively the most satisfied with the changes and those who live in the country or small towns the least.



The changes related to the appearance of the town, cleanliness in the streets and public places and the condition of public buildings were appreciated the most. The worst opinions concerned the welfare institutions and the health service.

More information on this subject can be found in the CBOS report (in Polish): "What has changed in my town/ village? The effects of the work of the local administration at the end of the term.", November 2002. Survey executed in October 2002. A representative random-address sample of the general adult population of Poland. N=1231.

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