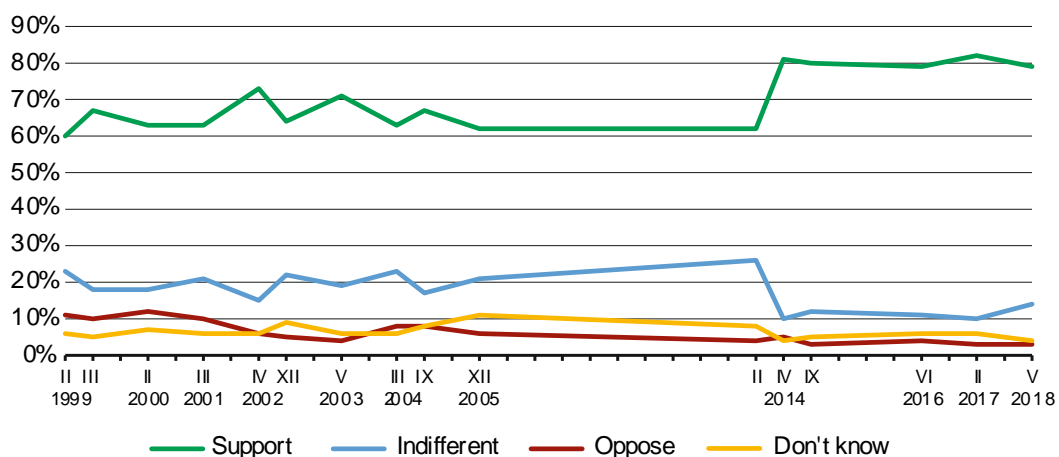


Opinions about NATO

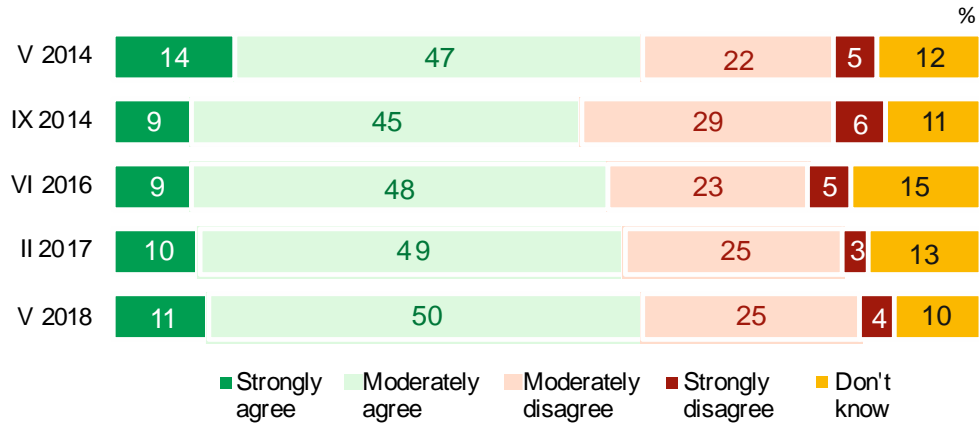
In the last twenty years, the majority of Poles have supported Poland's membership in NATO. Attitudes supportive of the Treaty strengthened in Polish society after the "referendum" in the Crimea and the annexation of this peninsula by the Russian Federation. From February to April 2014, the proportion of Poles supporting Poland's membership in NATO increased by as much as 19 percentage points (from 62 to 81%). Very high level of support for membership was noted in successive years. Currently, Poland's membership in NATO is supported by 79%, and only three out of a hundred Poles are against it.

Do you personally support Poland's membership in NATO?



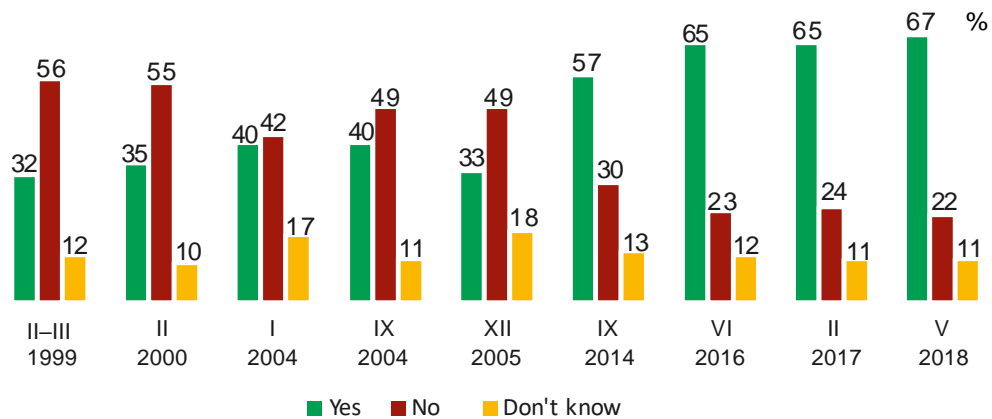
Most respondents (61%) are convinced that Poland can be sure of NATO allies' engagement in case of the need to defend our borders. Doubts about this are expressed by 29% of respondents.

Do you agree that Poland can be sure that NATO allies would engage in case of a need to defend our borders?



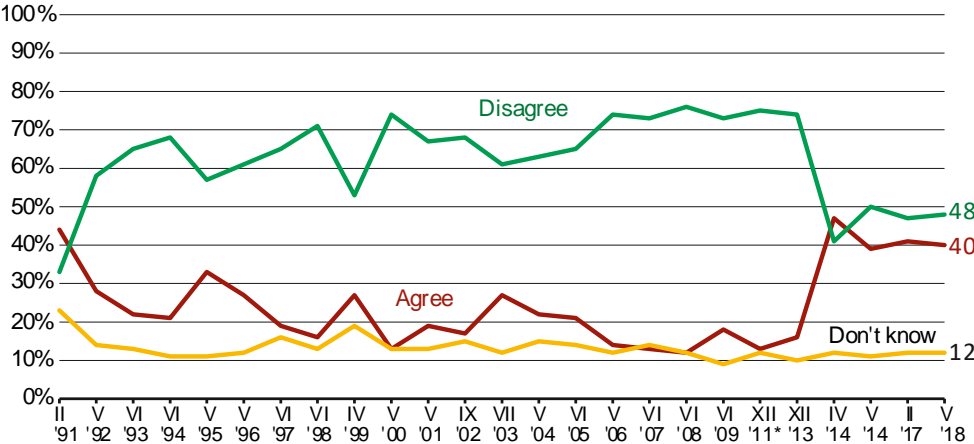
Initially, despite the support for joining NATO, Poles were rather reluctant to approve of troops of other alliance member states to be stationed in Poland. The Russian-Ukrainian conflict and the annexation of the Crimea by the Russian Federation contributed to the change of attitudes on this issue. In September 2014, supporters of the permanent presence of allied troops for the first time gained numerical advantage over opponents. In subsequent years, support for the stationing of troops from other NATO countries in Poland has grown. Currently, the percentage of supporters of the presence of allied troops in Poland is the highest so far recorded by CBOS. The conviction that troops of other NATO states should be stationed in Poland is expressed by two-thirds of respondents (67%) while 22% are against this.

Do you agree that armed forces of other NATO member states should be stationed in Poland?



Since April 2014, there has persisted a heightened, previously unrecorded level of concerns about Poland's independence. The results from the last four years strongly contrast with those recorded in 1992-2013, when the vast majority claimed that there was no threat to Poland's independence. The security concerns were highest in April 2014, when as many as 47% of respondents believed that there was a threat to Poland's independence, and 41% did not see it. At present, almost half of people in Poland (48%) are convinced that there is no threat to the independence of our country, but a group only slightly less numerous (40%) do perceive such a danger.

Do you agree that at present there is a real threat to Poland's independence?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Poles about NATO and International Security", May 2018. Fieldwork for national sample: May 2018, N=1121. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.