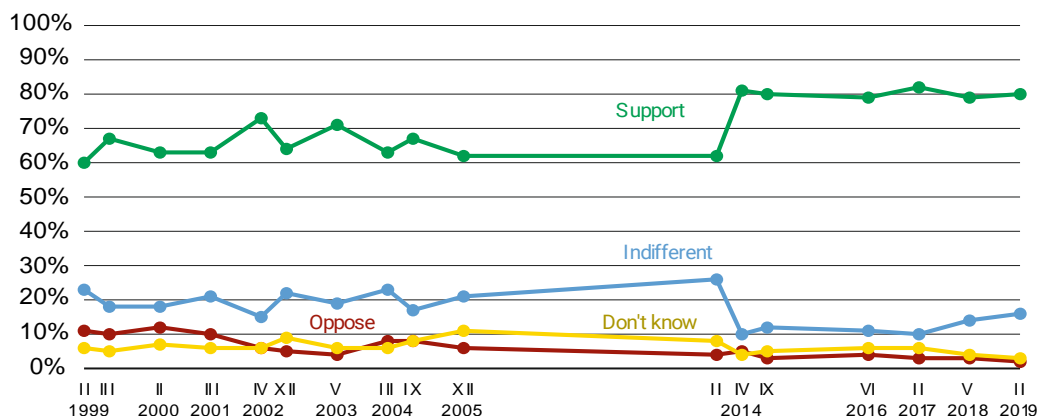


20 years of Poland's membership in NATO

On March 12, 1999, Poland became a member of NATO. This event was accepted and approved of by the majority of Polish society. Currently, after two decades of NATO membership, 80% of Poles declare support for the presence of our country in the alliance. The Russian aggression towards Ukraine in 2014 contributed to the strengthening of support for NATO membership.

Do you support Poland's NATO membership?

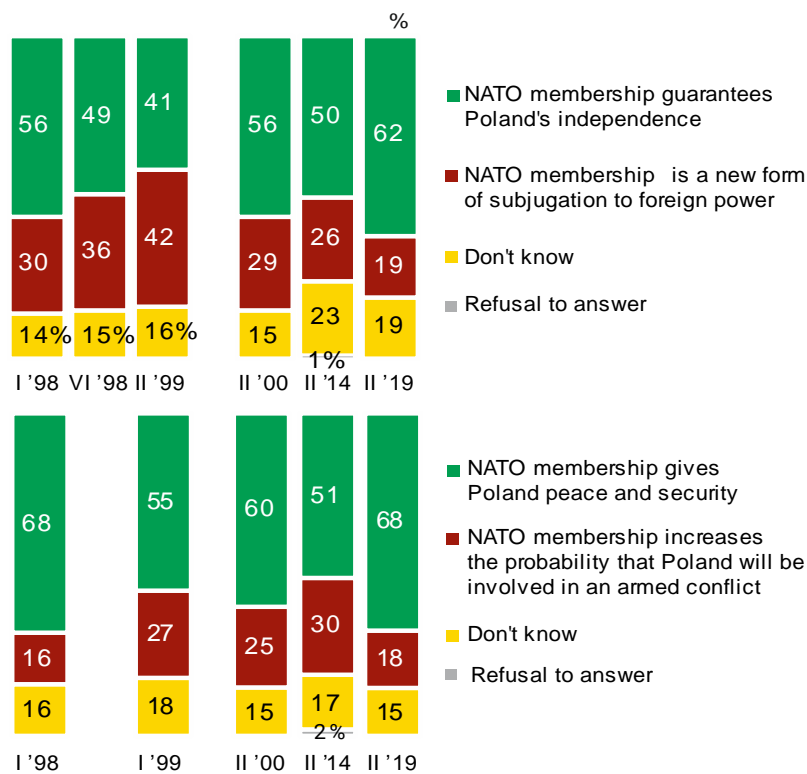


Membership in NATO meets the expectations of Poles regarding the provision of sovereignty and security to our country. The fear that joining the alliance would be a new form of subordinating Poland to a foreign power was not confirmed: less than one-fifth of

respondents think this way about joining NATO (19%). In the opinion of the majority (62%), membership in the alliance is a guarantee of Poland's independence.

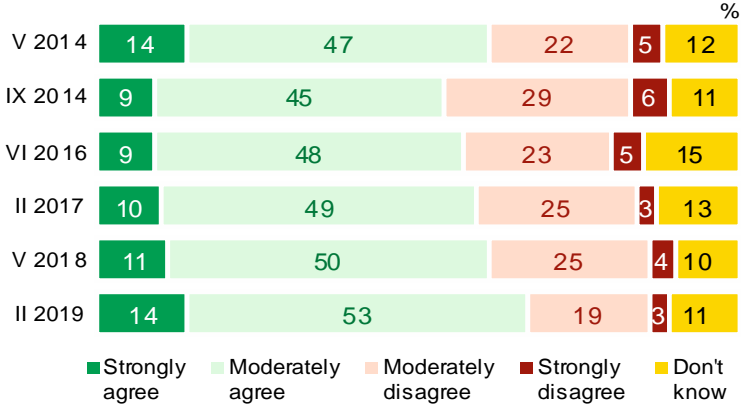
Over two-thirds of respondents (68%) believe that presence in NATO provides Poland with peace and security. Only one-fifth (18%) think the opposite, that membership in this organization increases the possibility of Poland's involvement in armed conflict. Perceiving the presence in NATO as a guarantee of independence and as a factor contributing to ensuring peace and security for Poland strengthened after the outbreak of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict.

Which opinion is closer to your own view?



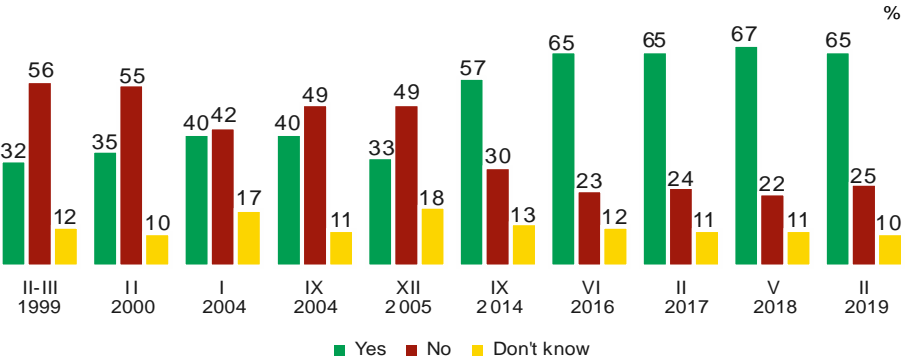
The percentage of people convinced that Poland can be sure of involvement of NATO allies in the possible defence of our borders is currently the highest recorded in CBOS surveys. Almost 67% of respondents believe in assistance from other NATO members (6 points more than in May 2018) whereas 22% have their doubts about this (7 points less than before).

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



Since June 2016, the percentage of supporters of stationing the troops of other NATO members in Poland has remained stable and high (65%). Opinions in this matter have changed dramatically after Russian aggression in Ukraine.

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



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "20 Years of Poland's Membership in NATO", March 2019. Fieldwork for national sample: February 2019, N=968. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.