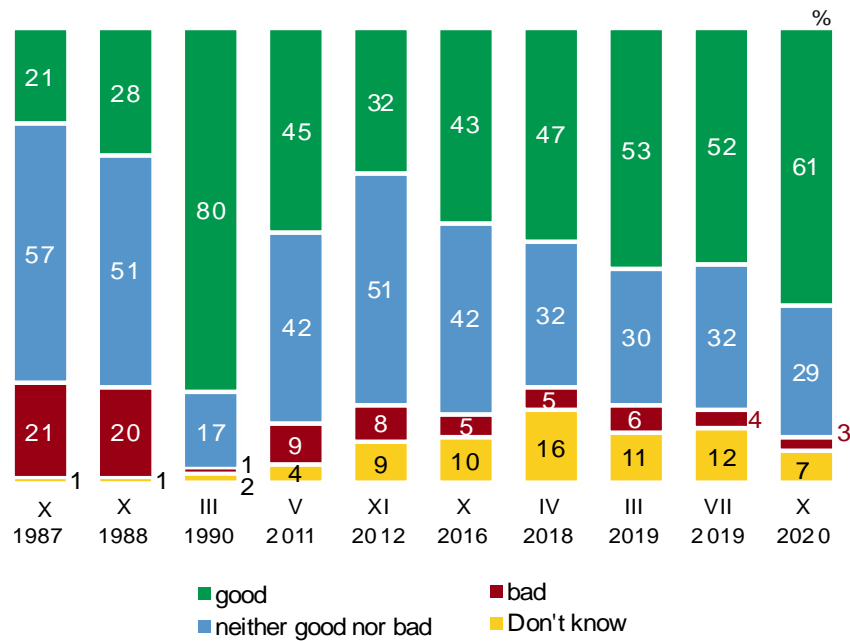


## **Opinions on the elections in the USA**

Recent years have been a period of deepening cooperation between Poland and the United States, primarily in the field of defence and energy. One of the goals of the Polish policy is strategic cooperation with the United States, which serves to strengthen the military and energy security of our country. The mutual will to develop these relations was demonstrated by numerous meetings at the highest level, including visits of the presidents of both countries, which were widely reported in the media. For the Polish public opinion, the long-awaited inclusion of Poland in the visa-free regime in November last year was also of great importance.

Overall, 61% of respondents assess Polish-American relations as good (including 14% who think they are very good). More than one-fourth (29%) believe that they are average: neither good nor bad, and only a few (3%) describe them as bad. Evaluations of Polish-American relations are now best since 1990, when as many as 80% of respondents described mutual relations as good. In the last decade, the assessments of Polish-American relations have changed dynamically: the worst opinions on this subject were recorded in November 2012, when a third (32%) considered them good. In the following years, they gradually improved.

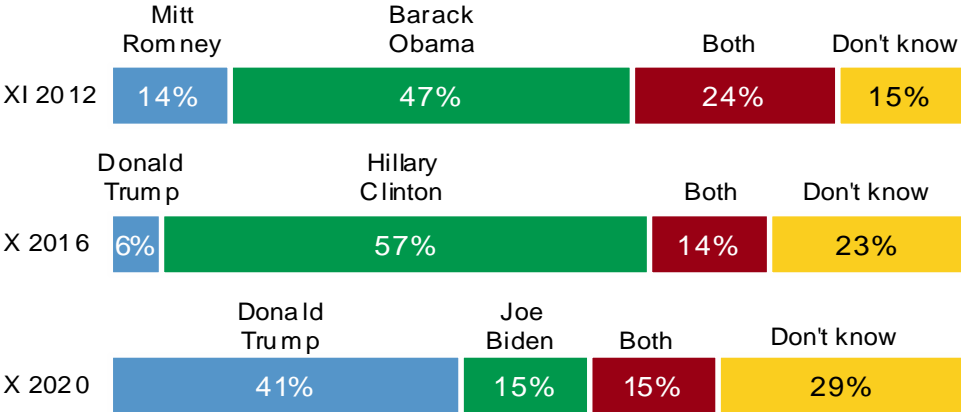
**How do you evaluate the current Polish-American relations? Are they:**



Poles feel that the result of the presidential election in the USA is very important. Almost three quarters (73% in total) believe that it is important for Poland who becomes the president of the United States, in which nearly one-fourth (24%) consider it very important.

Four years ago, when Hilary Clinton and Donald Trump were running for the office of the president of the United States, the majority of Poles (57%) were convinced that, from Poland's perspective, it would be better if the Democratic candidate won. Only a few (6%) preferred Donald Trump. Over the past four years, Poles have become largely convinced of the merits of the incumbent president. Over two-fifths (41%) believe that Donald Trump would be a better president than Joe Biden, representing the Democratic Party (15% of responses). A large group of respondents (29%) do not have an opinion on this matter, and 15% do not prefer either of the candidates. It seems that despite Joe Biden being Barack Obama's vice president for two terms, he is little known to the public in Poland.

**Which candidate would be, from Poland's perspective, a better president of the United States?**



Preferences regarding the outcome of the US elections largely depend on political orientation. Respondents identifying with the right have a clear-cut view on this matter: 70% of them believe that, from Poland's point of view, Donald Trump would be a better president of the United States. People declaring left-wing political views are more ambivalent: 38% think that Joe Biden would be a better president, and 21% choose the incumbent.

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More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Polish Public Opinion about Presidential Election in USA", November 2020. Fieldwork for national sample: September/October 2020, N=1133. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.