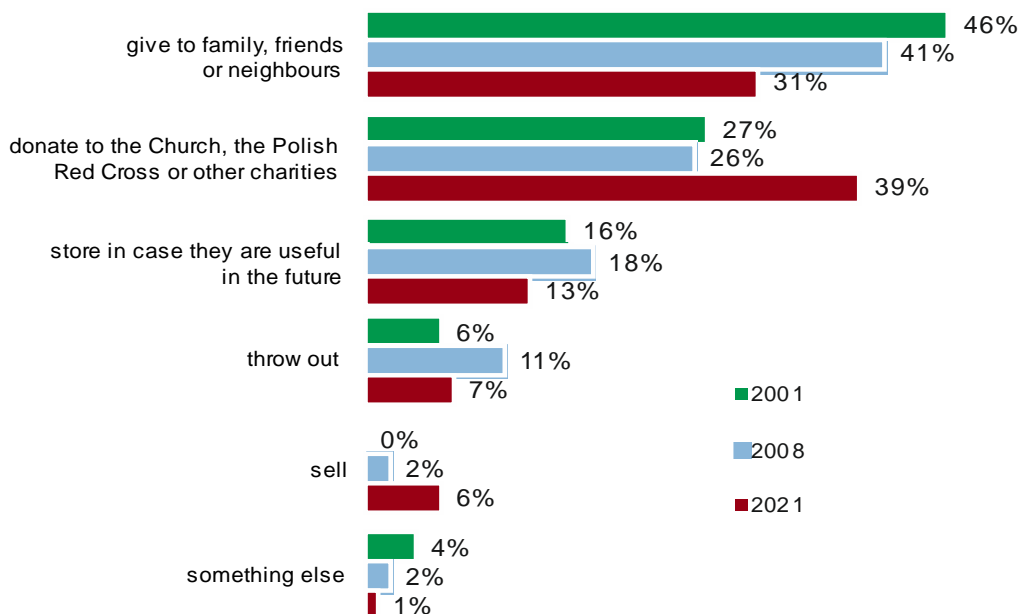


Use of second-hand goods

Poles usually donate unnecessary things that are still usable to the Church, Polish Red Cross or other charity organizations (39%). The second most popular solution is to give them to family, friends or neighbours (31%). Almost one-eighth (13%) keep unnecessary things that can be used in the future. Less commonly, they throw them away (7%) or sell (6%).

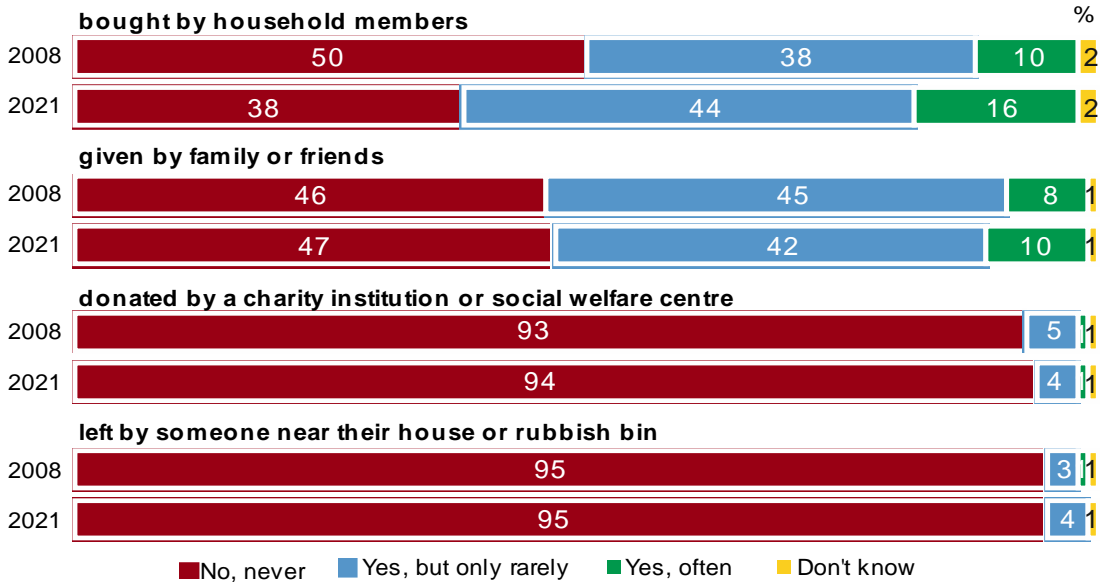
What do you usually do with things that are unnecessary in your household but still usable?



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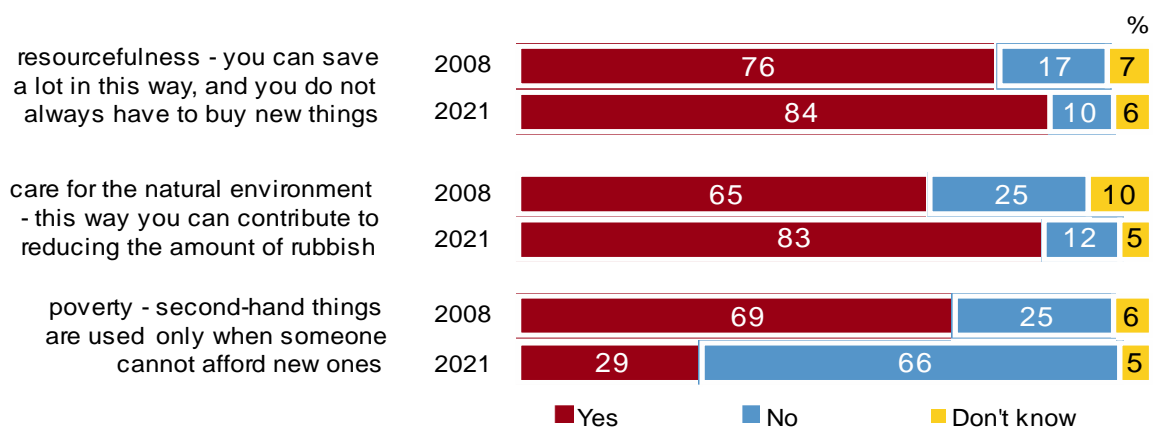
Overall, more than two-thirds of respondents (70%) use second-hand items. Most Poles (60%) declare that they buy second-hand goods at least from time to time. This is an increase by 12 percentage points compared to 2008. Most respondents also admit to using second-hand items given to them by family and friends (52%). Respondents still very rarely declare that they use second-hand items given by charities or social welfare centres (5%), or left by other people near their homes or rubbish bins (4%).

Does your household use second-hand things (e.g. furniture, clothes):



Since 2008, the way Poles think about using second-hand items has completely changed. The percentage of respondents who perceive the use of used things as a symptom of poverty decreased drastically from 69% to 29%. Since 2008, the belief has spread that the use of second-hand goods is a manifestation of concern for the environment (an increase by 18 points, from 65% to 83%). At the same time, the view that using things second-hand goods is indicative of resourcefulness has also strengthened (84%, an increase by 8 points).

Do you think that the use of things used by someone else and no longer needed (e.g. furniture, clothes) shows:



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Second-hand Goods", August 2021. Fieldwork for national sample: July 2021, N=1166. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.