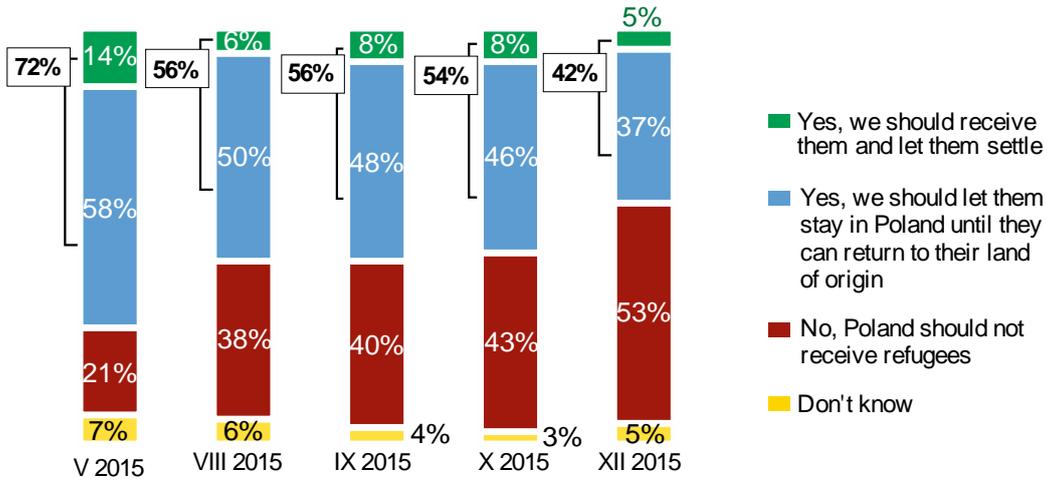


Attitude to refugees after terrorist attacks in Paris

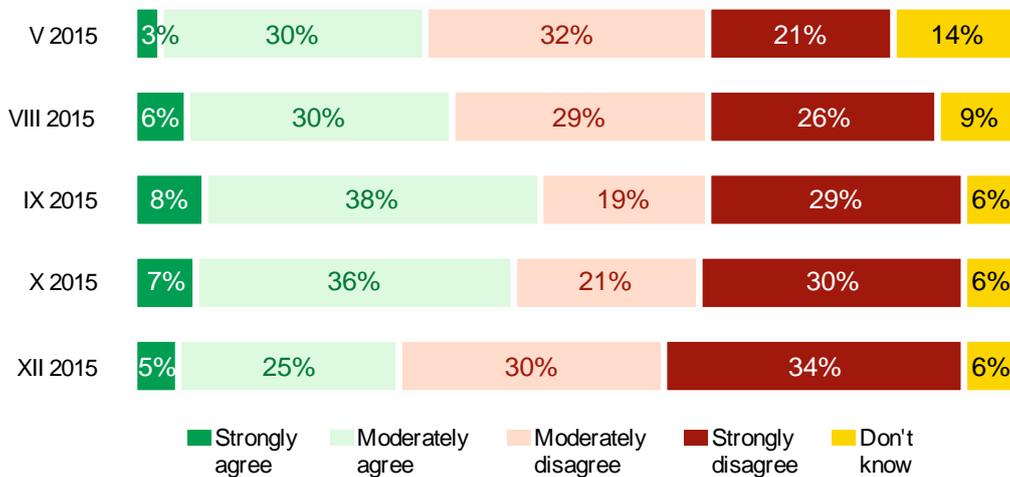
In May, when the media still covered the aftermath of the disasters in the Mediterranean Sea, in which hundreds of refugees and migrants attempting to reach Europe died, the majority of Poles supported giving international protection to refugees from countries affected by armed conflicts. Most respondents supported giving them temporary asylum. Since August, when the huge scale of immigration from Africa and the Middle East became known, the proportion of people convinced that Poland should not accept refugees has started to grow. In December the number of opponents of accepting refugees (53%) exceeded the percentage of respondents willing to give them at least temporary asylum (42%). At present only 5% of respondents share the opinion that we should accept refugees from countries affected by war and allow them to settle. Almost two-fifths (37%) are willing to give them asylum until they can return to their own countries. The recent increase in the number of opponents of accepting refugees is probably partially caused by the Paris attacks inspired by the Islamic State.

Should Poland accept refugees from countries affected by military conflict?



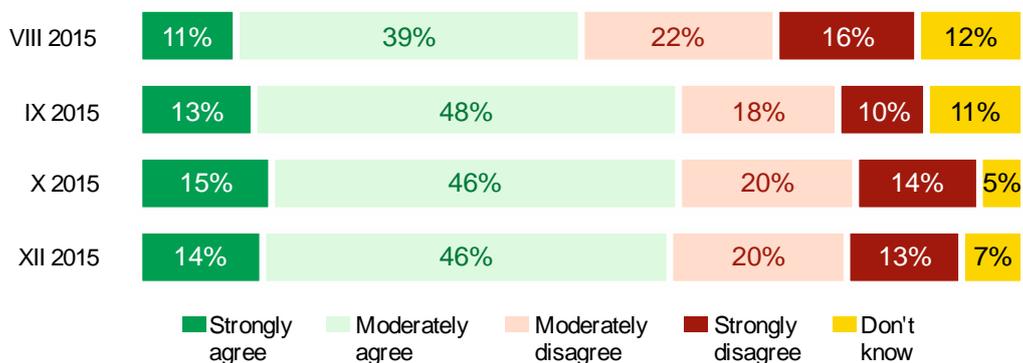
Almost from the beginning the majority of Poles opposed the obligatory resettlement into Poland of some refugees arriving in Europe from the Middle East and Africa. In December the rejection intensified. At present almost two-third of Poles (64%) oppose resettlement of a part of refugees, while one-third (30%) support such actions.

Do you agree that Poland should receive a part of refugees arriving in Europe from the Middle East and Africa?



The attitude to Ukrainian refugees from areas of armed conflict has not changed. They have always enjoyed higher support than refugees from Africa and the Middle East. At present three-fifths of Poles (60%) support giving asylum to refugees from Ukraine. This proportion has remained practically unchanged since September. A third of respondents (33%) oppose this policy.

Do you agree that Poland should receive Ukrainian refugees from the armed conflict areas?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Attitudes towards Refugees after Paris Terrorist Attacks", December 2015. Fieldwork for national sample: December 2015, N=989. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.