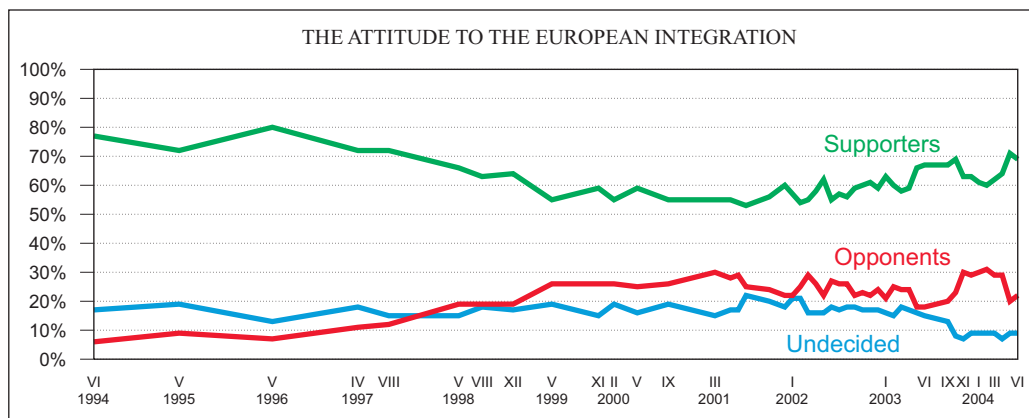


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## PERCEPTION OF THE POSITION OF POLAND IN UNITED EUROPE

After Poland's accession to the European Union, the social support for the integration has increased. The higher the respondents' education, income and satisfaction with their financial situation, the more likely they are to support the integration. A significant growth of the support for the integration among farmers should be also noted. In February 2004, only 32% of farmers supported Poland's membership in the EU and 67% were against it. In June, this proportion reversed and 68% of farmers supported the integration and only 28% still opposed it. Moreover, the accession contributed to a general improvement of social moods in Poland.



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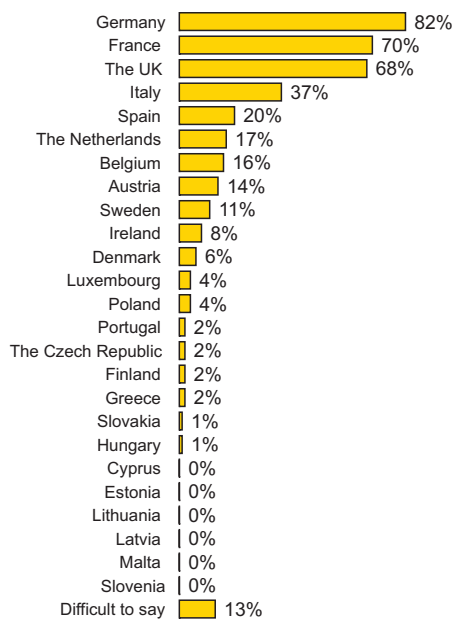
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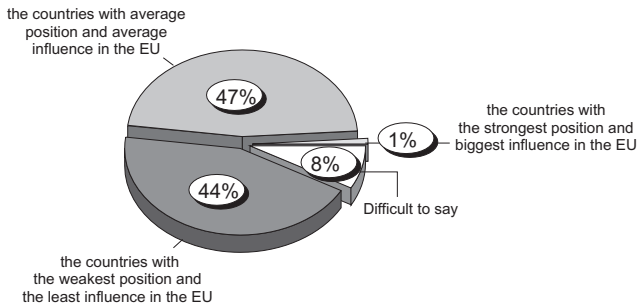
IN YOUR OPINION, WHICH EU MEMBER STATES HAVE THE STRONGEST POSITION, THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE IN THIS ORGANISATION?



*The percentages do not sum up to 100, because the respondents could indicate up to 5 countries*

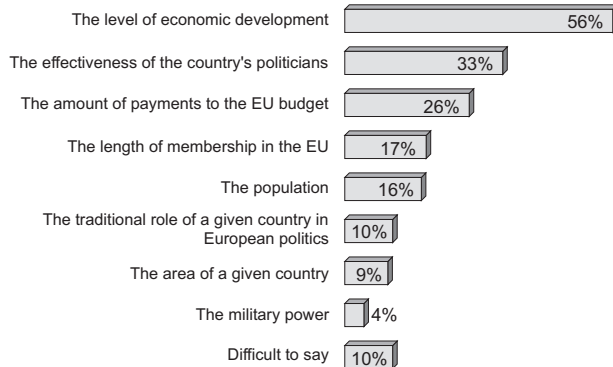
In the opinion of the Poles, Germany, France and the United Kingdom are the most influential countries in the European Union. Very few respondents believe that the new member states have a strong position in the European Union. However, Poland was a little more frequently mentioned in this context than the other new member states. Poland was described as influential as frequently as Luxembourg; among the old members states only Portugal, Finland and Greece were mentioned less frequently than Poland. In a separate question directly concerning the position of Poland in united Europe, almost equal proportions of the respondents placed Poland among the least influential countries and among the countries having average influence in the European Union. The supporters of the integration usually describe the position of Poland as average, whereas the opponents believe that Poland is one of the least influential countries in the EU.

### HOW DO YOU EVALUATE THE POSITION OF POLAND IN THE EUROPEAN UNION? IS POLAND ONE OF:



In the Poles' opinion, the position of a country in the European union mainly depends on its economic potential, the effectiveness of its politicians and the amount of its payments to the EU budget.

### IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS DECIDING ABOUT THE POSITION OF A PARTICULAR COUNTRY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION?

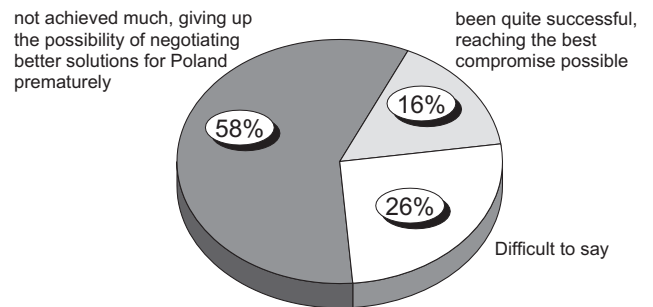


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## THE POLES ABOUT THE EUROPEAN CONSTITUTION

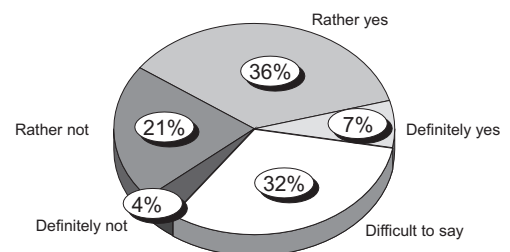
The Poles criticise the performance of the Polish government at the EU summit in Brussels, where the European Constitution was adopted. According to the prevailing opinion, the Polish government achieved very little and prematurely gave up the possibility of working out better solutions for Poland. Only 16% of the respondents believe that the government reached the best compromise that was possible, given the circumstances. The higher the respondents' education, the more likely they are to express a positive opinion on the performance of the Polish government at the Brussels summit. 7% of the respondents with primary education and 31% of those with tertiary education agree with the opinion that the government has negotiated the best compromise possible with regard to the European constitution.

### HOW DO YOU EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO THE EUROPEAN CONSTITUTION? HAS THE POLISH GOVERNMENT:

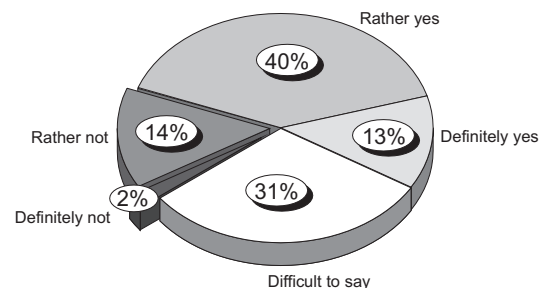


More than half of the Poles are afraid that the European Constitution will contribute to the hegemony of the strongest member states over weaker ones. At the same time, most respondents believe that the Constitution will improve the functioning of the entire European Union.

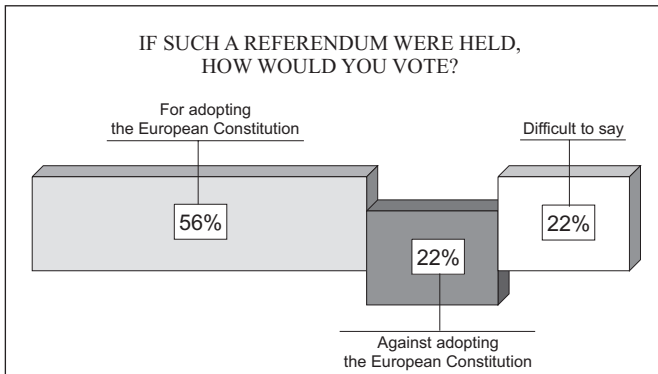
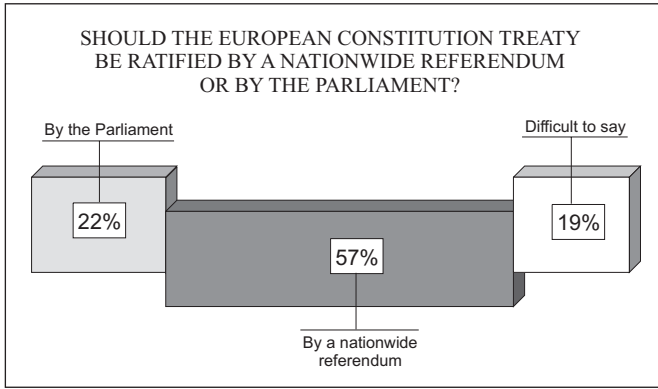
### IN YOUR OPINION, WILL THE ADOPTION OF THE EUROPEAN CONSTITUTION IMPROVE THE WAY THE WHOLE EUROPEAN UNION FUNCTIONS OR NOT?



### IN YOUR OPINION, WILL THE ADOPTION OF THE EUROPEAN CONSTITUTION CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEGEMONY OF THE STRONGEST MEMBER STATES OVER WEAKER ONES?



Most Poles believe that the Poles should decide about adopting the European Constitution in a nationwide referendum. Young people (up to 24 years of age) opt for such a referendum the most frequently. On the other hand, the higher the respondents' education, the more frequently they believe that this decision should be made by the Parliament. If such a referendum were held, most potential voters would vote for the European Constitution



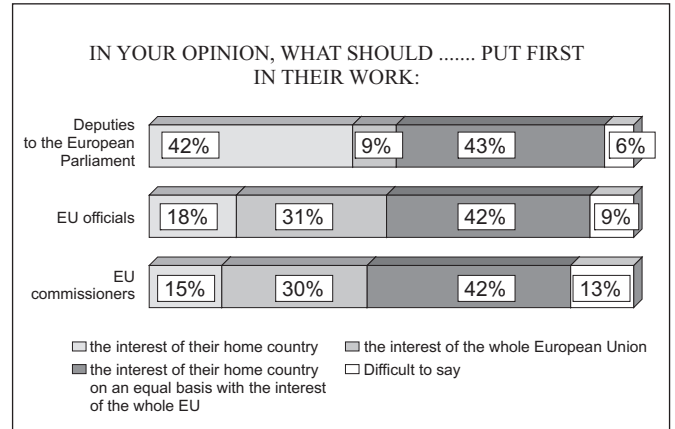
This question was addressed to those respondents who intend to take part in the referendum on the European Constitution.

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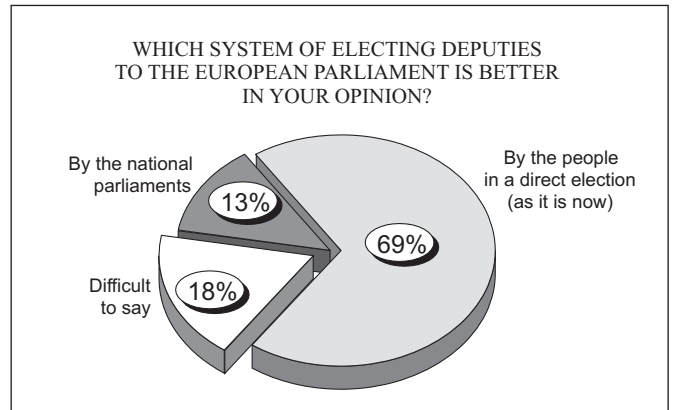
## WHOSE INTEREST SHOULD DEPUTIES TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT REPRESENT?

The Poles believe that the deputies to the European Parliament should take into account the interest of their home country to a bigger extent than the EU commissioners and other officials. Over two-fifths of the respondents are of the opinion that the deputies to the European Parliament should promote the interests of their country of origin. An almost equal proportion of the respondents believe that the interest of the whole European Union and the interest of their home country should be equally important for the deputies. In the opinion of below 10% of the respondents, they should put the interest of the whole European Union first.

On the other hand, as far as the commissioners and other EU officials are concerned, most respondents believe that they should treat the interests of their home countries on an equal basis with the interest of the European Union as a whole, although the opinion that they should put the interest of the whole European Union first is only slightly less popular.



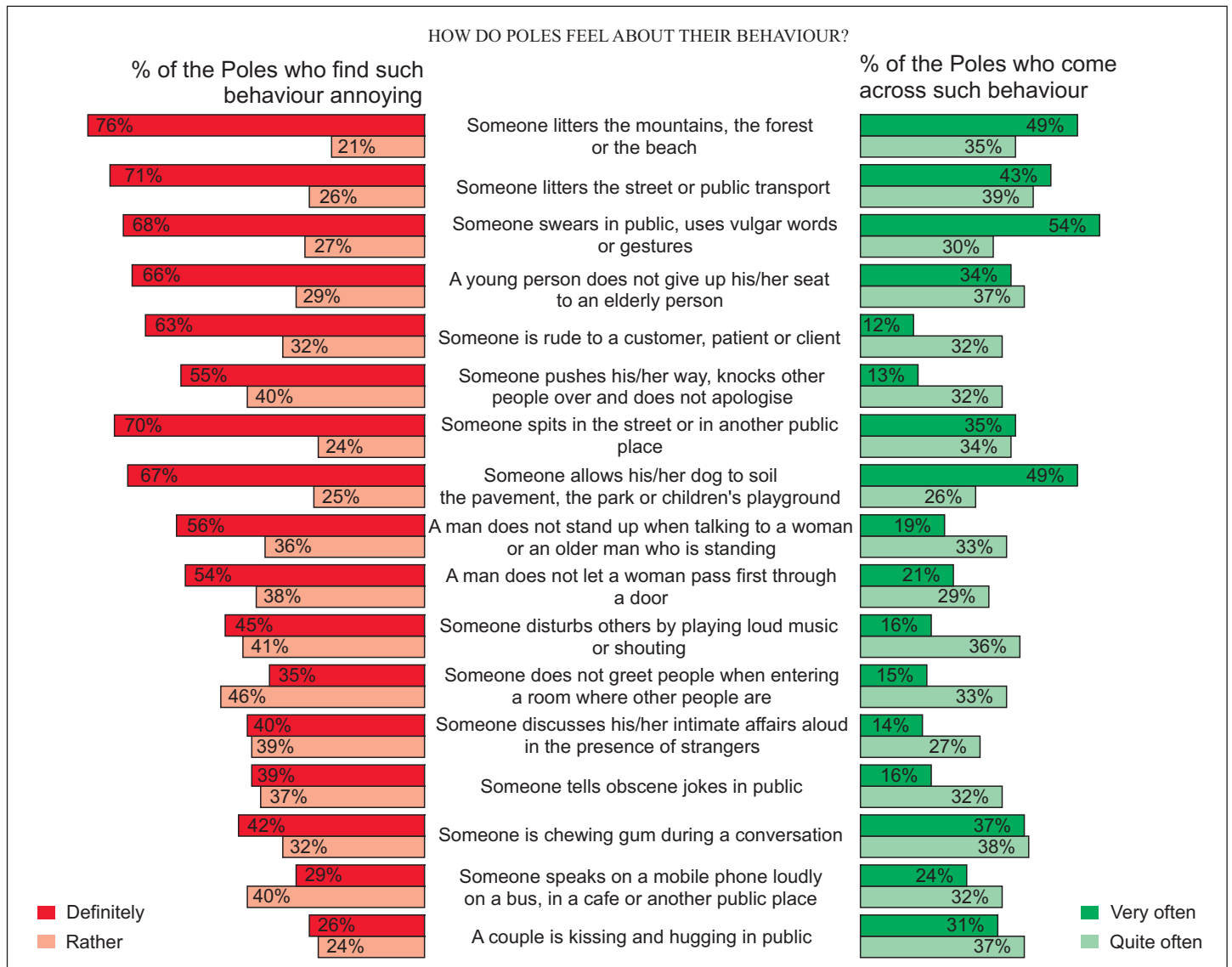
Despite little interest in the election to the European Parliament (the turnout in Poland was 21%), few respondents support the system where national parliaments would select their representatives to the European Parliament. A definite majority believe that direct popular election should be maintained.



More information about this subject can be found in the CBOS report (in Polish): *Representation of interests in the EU and election of Eurodeputies*, July 2004. Survey executed in June 2004. A representative random sample of adult Poles. N=961 persons.

## HOW OFTEN DO WE COME ACROSS BEHAVIOUR WE DO NOT APPROVE OF?

Everyday in public places we come across people's behaviour which we consider improper, bad, or which makes us feel uncomfortable. How often do we experience such discomfort? We showed our respondents a list of seventeen examples, asking them if they find them annoying and how often they come across such behaviour. The following questions were asked: „Sometimes other people's behaviour annoys us, sometimes it does not make any impression on us, whereas other types of behaviour we accept. Do you find it annoying when ...?” and „How often do you come across ...?”



More information about this subject can be found in the CBOS report (in Polish): *Reactions to bad manners in daily life*, July 2004. Survey executed in June 2004. A representative random sample of adult Poles. N=961 persons.

**In addition to the reports referred to above, the following have been published recently (in Polish):**

- ◆ Social moods in June
- ◆ Opinions on the work of public institutions
- ◆ Attitude to the politicians in June
- ◆ Voters and absentees about their decisions in the election to the European Parliament a post-election analysis
- ◆ Police actions in the neighbourhood. Acceptable use of arms and direct coercion measures
- ◆ Political party preferences in July
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