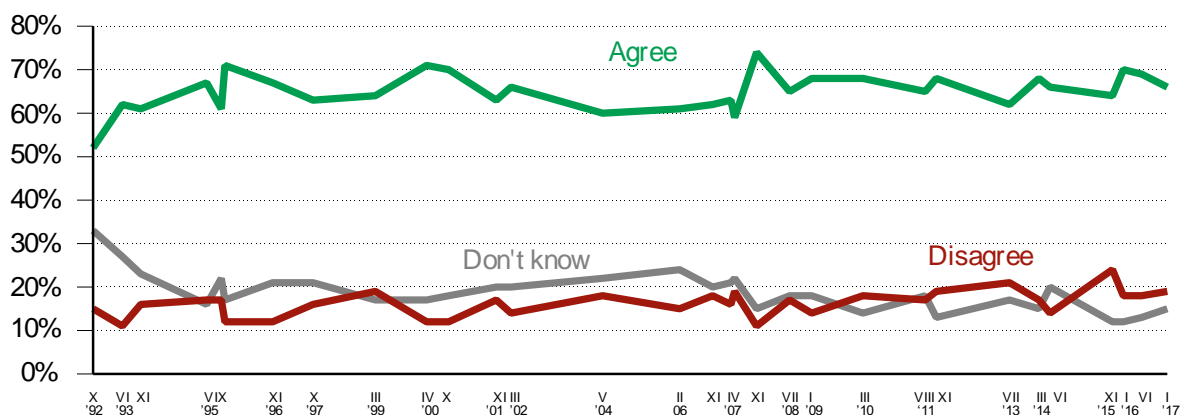


## Opinions about democracy

The political changes that took place in Poland after the parliamentary elections in 2015 noticeably influenced the attitude of Poles towards democratic and undemocratic governance and a general identification with the political system.

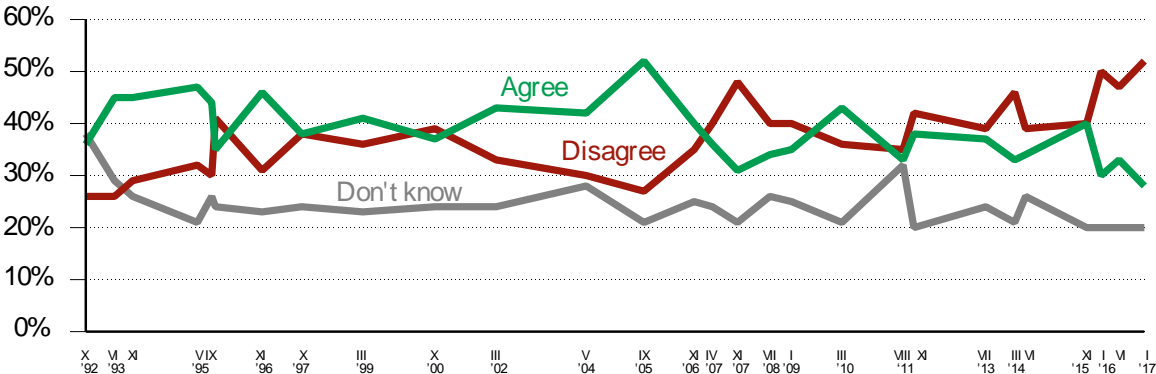
Approval of democracy expressed in the statement that it has an advantage over other forms of government is declared by two-thirds of Poles (66%). While there has been a slight decline in support for democracy since last year, generally speaking it can be said that pro-democratic attitude is firmly rooted in Polish society and fluctuations of opinion observed in the last 25 years are relatively small.

### Do you agree that democracy is superior to all other forms of government?



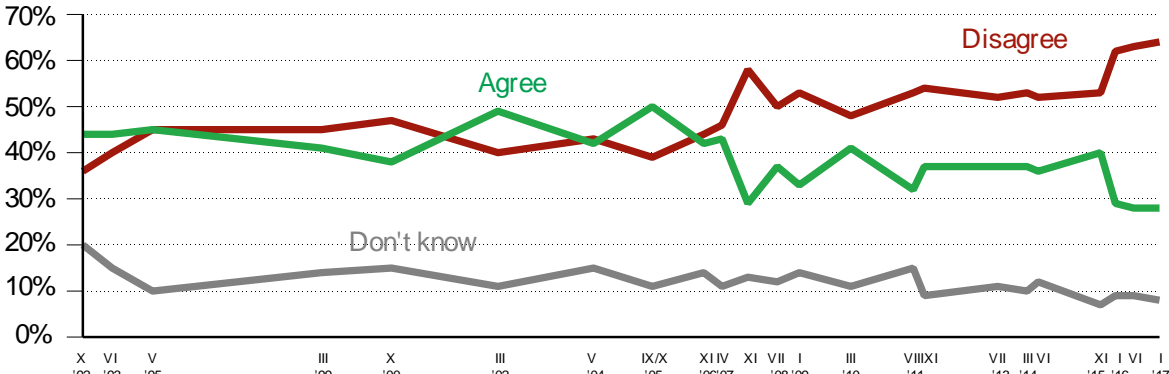
More than a quarter of respondents (28%) agree with the statement that, in some cases, non-democratic government is more desirable than democratic, and over half (52%) believe the opposite. A noticeable increase in criticism of undemocratic political solutions followed the recent parliamentary elections and was reflected in last year's surveys. This year, the level is not only higher than in 2016, but also the highest on record, i.e. since 1992.

**Do you agree that undemocratic government can sometimes be better than democratic?**



The level of political alienation has remained the lowest in the history of CBOS surveys since last year. The percentage of Poles indifferent as to whether the government is democratic or undemocratic comprises more than one-quarter of all adults (28%), while almost two thirds (64%) are concerned about it.

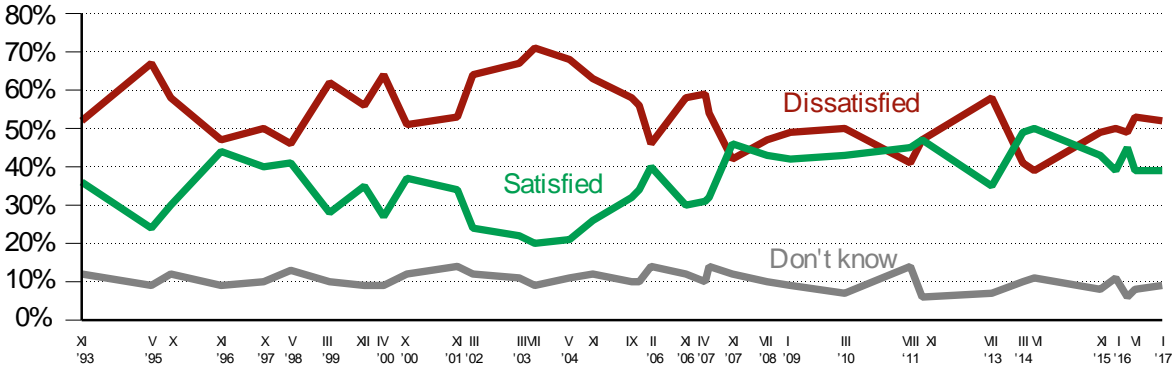
**Do you agree that, for people like you, it does not really matter whether the government is democratic or undemocratic?**



The functioning of democracy in Poland is negatively evaluated by more than half of respondents (52%), while two-fifths (39%) have a positive view. Distribution of opinions on this subject is similar to results recorded at the beginning and in the middle of last year.

Since 1993, when CBOS started the assessment of the functioning of democracy in Poland, criticism is in general more common than approval.

**Do you agree that, for people like you, it does not really matter whether the government is democratic or undemocratic?**



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Opinions on Democracy", February 2017. Fieldwork for national sample: January 2017, N=1045. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.