

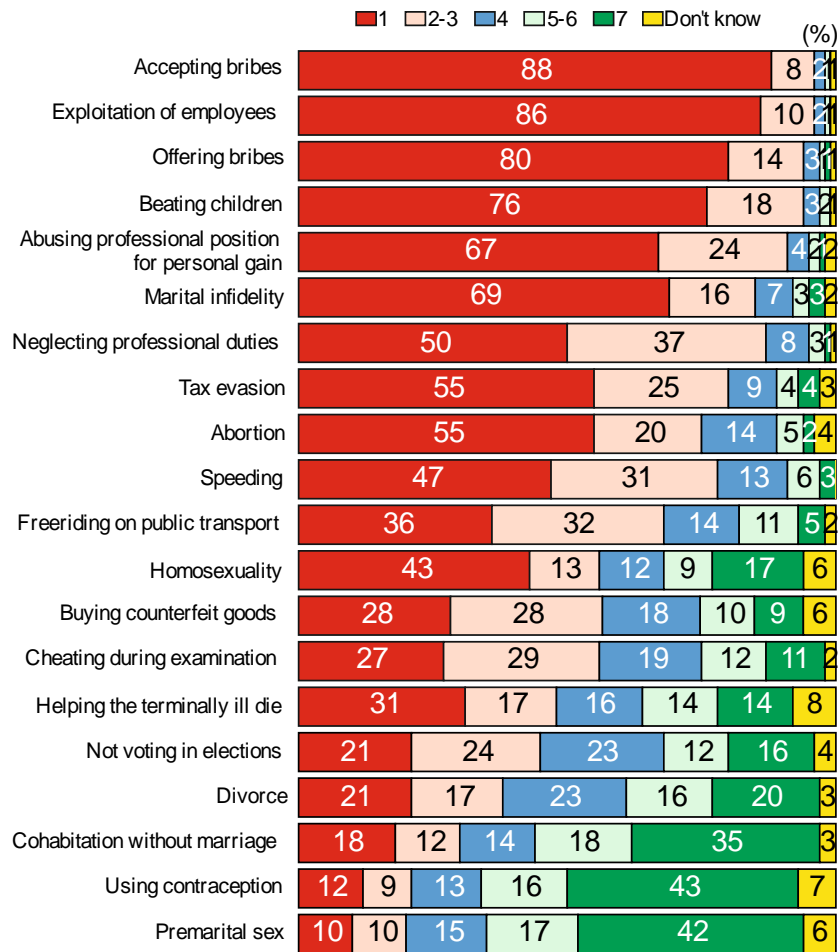
ATTITUDE TO ETHICAL NORMS AND DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES

Some forms of behaviour are evaluated negatively by social or religious morality, in addition to being sometimes illegal, and yet are quite common in everyday life. Such activities may be controversial for some people, but accepted by others.

Respondents were asked to evaluate different activities. The most widely condemned are: accepting and offering bribes, exploitation of employees by employers and beating children. A vast majority of respondents disapprove of such actions as: abusing professional position for personal gain, marital infidelity, neglecting duties at work, making fictitious donations and underreporting earnings in order to pay lower taxes, speeding, free-riding on public transport and abortion. More than half disapprove of homosexuality, conscious purchase of counterfeit goods and cheating during an examination. Almost half reject ending the life of a terminally ill person at his or her request and electoral absence. Divorce is accepted and rejected equally frequently. Acceptance prevails in case of behaviour such as: cohabitation without marriage, using contraception and premarital sex.

EVALUATED ACTIVITIES

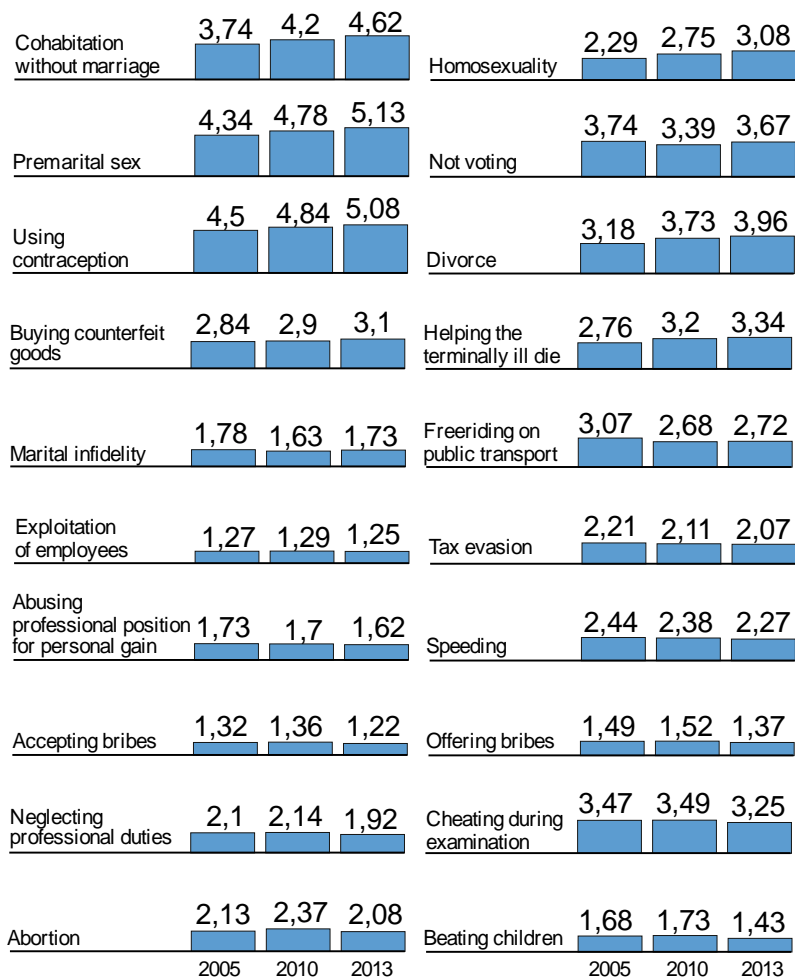
Answers on a 7-point scale, where 1 – always wrong, 7 – nothing wrong with this activity



The moral evaluation of the listed activities changes in time. First of all, there is continuous liberalization of the attitude to sexuality. In recent years, there is increasing acceptance of relationships between non-married people, premarital sex, homosexuality and divorce. Since 2005, disapproval of euthanasia has also declined. On the other hand, there is increasing disapproval of abortion, beating children, corruption, neglect of professional duties, cheating during exams and freeriding.

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Average score in years 2005-2013. Answers on a 7-point scale, where 1 – always wrong, 7 – nothing wrong with this activity



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: *"Norms and values"*, August 2013. Fieldwork for national sample: July 2013, N=1005. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.