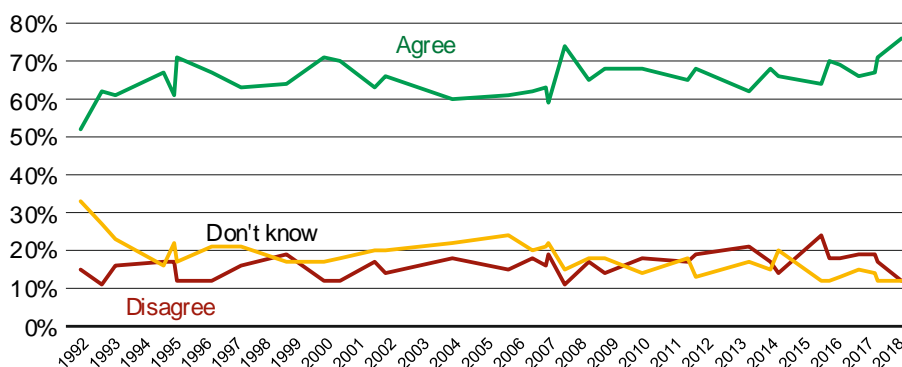


Opinions about democracy

In democracy research, the two-and-a-half-year period after the last parliamentary elections won by the Law and Justice (PiS) is characterized by high level of declared attachment to the democratic system.

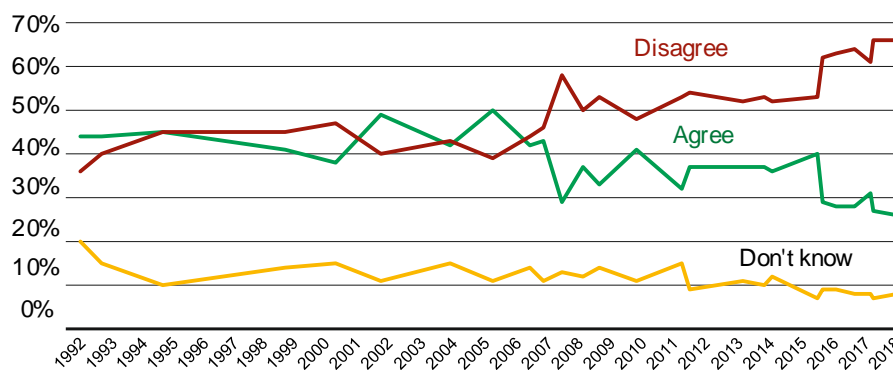
Three-quarters of Poles agree with the statement that democracy has an advantage over all other forms of government (76%), while one in eight (12%) has the opposite opinion. Currently, the level of approval of democracy is not only higher than in August last year (an increase of 5 percentage points), but also the highest in the history of CBOS research, i.e. since 1992.

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



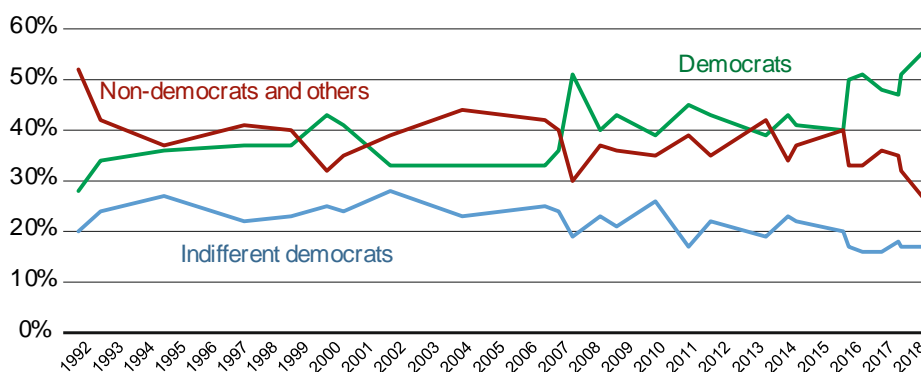
Since the beginning of last year, the level of political alienation has been lowest in the last quarter century. Respondents claiming that it does not matter to them whether the government in the country is democratic or undemocratic represent more than a quarter (26%), while those who declare that it does matter to them constitute two-thirds of Poles (66%).

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



After separating from the group approving democracy as the best form of government those who declare that the political system is indifferent to them (and those having no opinion in this matter), we obtain "net" support for democracy. Such a "pure" pro-democratic attitude characterizes more than half of Poles (56%), and its range is currently the largest in the history of CBOS research.

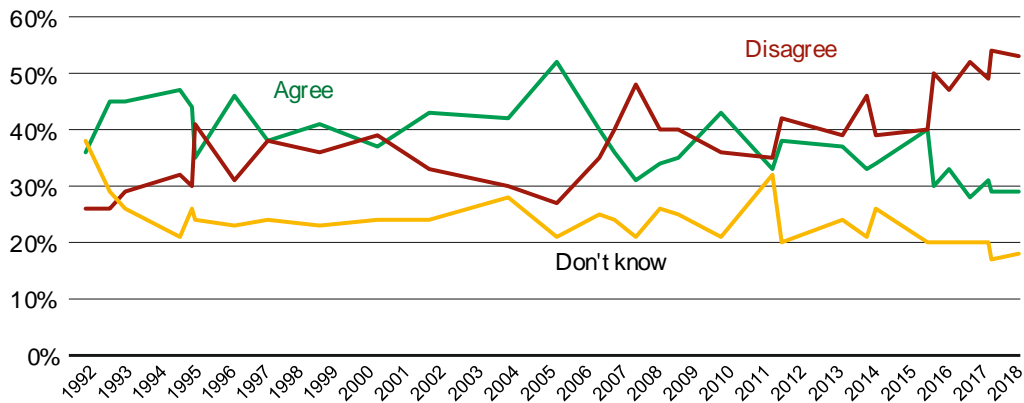
Attitude to democracy



After the recent parliamentary elections, there has been an increase in criticism of undemocratic political solutions. The current results are similar to those from nine months ago, in which we observed a record high level of disapproval of non-democratic rule. Almost

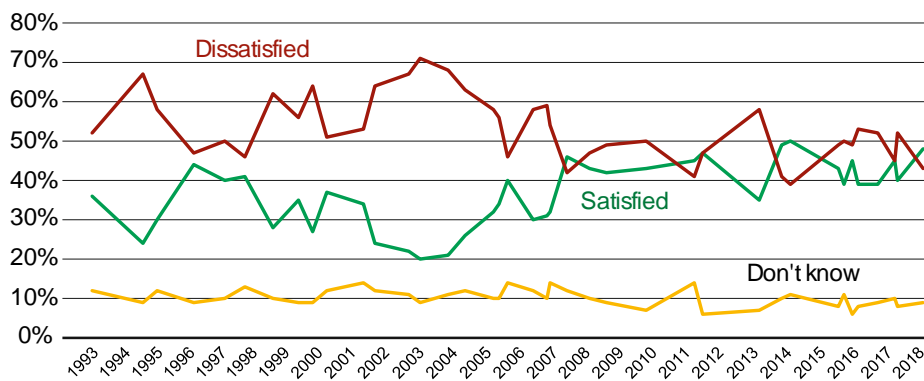
one-third of respondents agree with the statement that in some situations undemocratic governments are better than democracies (29%), and more than half (53%) question it.

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



Opinions about the quality of democracy in Poland have been very diverse, but in general negative opinions have prevailed over approval. Currently, the first time since the last parliamentary election, respondents satisfied with the functioning of democracy in our country (48%, an increase of 8 percentage points since August 2017) prevail numerically over the dissatisfied (43%, decrease by 9 points).

Evaluation of functioning of democracy in Poland



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Opinions on Democracy", June 2018. Fieldwork for national sample: May 2018, N=1121. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.