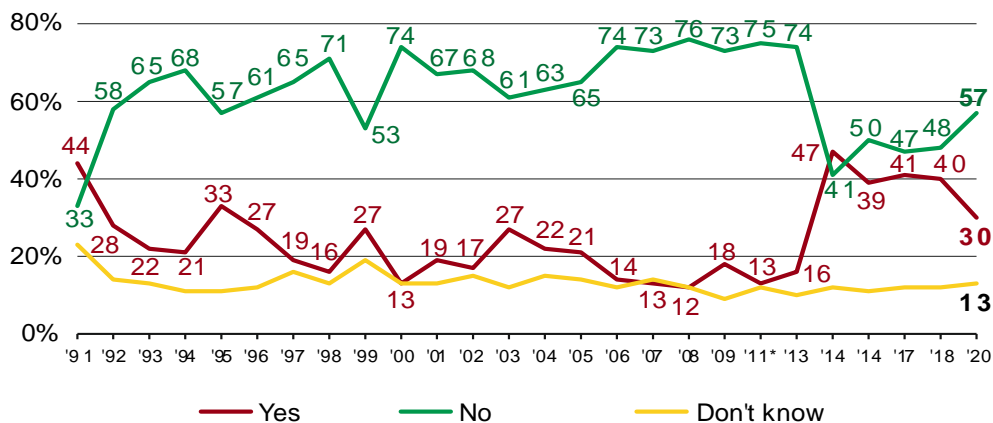


Perception of national security and attitude to NATO

The majority of adult Poles (57%) are of the opinion that at present there is no threat to Poland's independence (an increase of 9 percentage points since May 2018), while 30% are of the opposite opinion (a decrease of 10 points). Despite a significant improvement in security assessments since April 2014, i.e. the "referendum" in Crimea and the annexation of this peninsula by the Russian Federation, there has been a heightened level of concerns about Poland's independence.

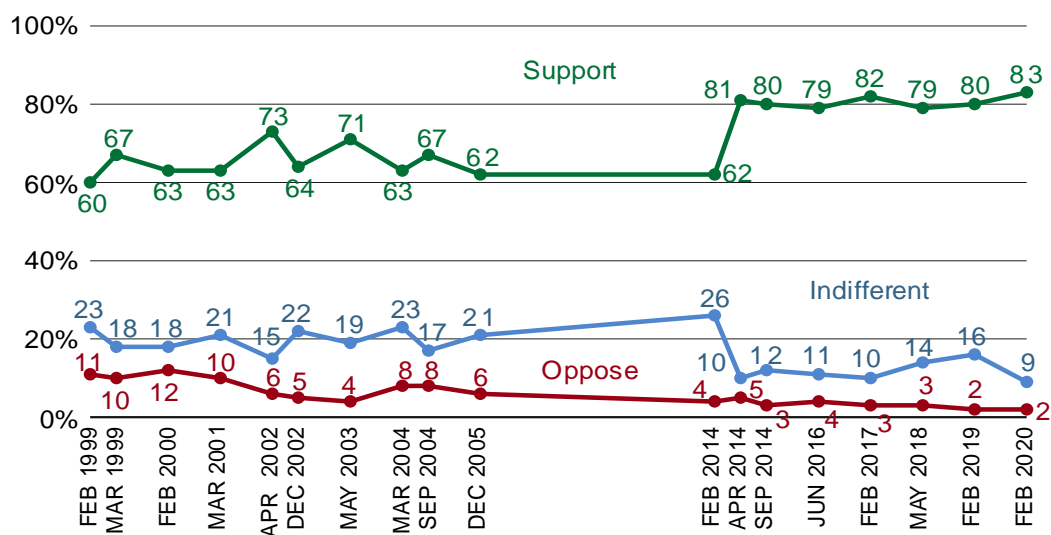
Is there at present a threat to Poland's independence?



Support for Poland's membership in NATO is currently the highest in the history of CBOS research: 83% of Poles support it, while opponents of membership in the alliance constitute only 2% of all respondents.

Although Poland's membership in NATO has been endorsed by most Poles from the beginning, the jump in support for membership in the alliance occurred between February and April 2014. Since then, acceptance of Poland's presence in NATO in Polish society has been stable and universal.

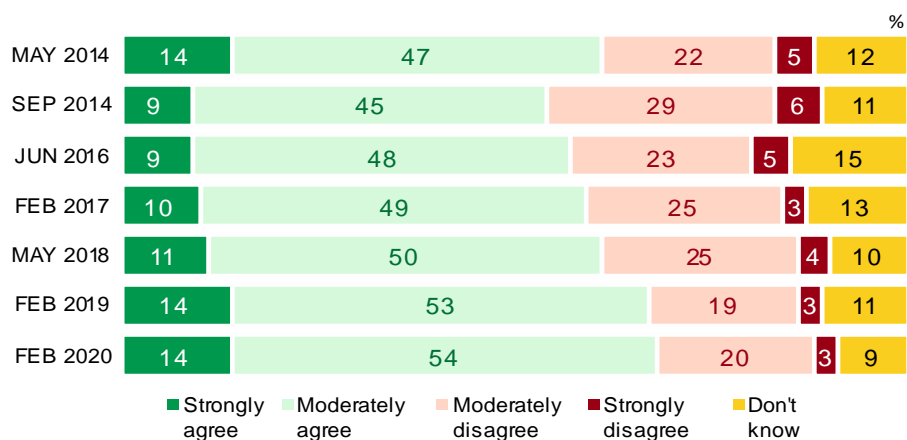
Do you support Poland's NATO membership?



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In total, 68% of respondents believe that at the moment Poland can be sure of allies' involvement in the possible defense of our borders, while less than one-fourth (23%) have doubts about it. The percentage of respondents convinced that Poland can be sure of the involvement of NATO allies in case there is a need to defend our borders is currently the highest since May 2014, when we first asked this question.

Do you agree that Poland can be sure that NATO allies would engage in case of a need to defend our borders?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Perception of National Safety and Attitude to NATO", March 2020. Fieldwork for national sample: February 2020, N=958. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.