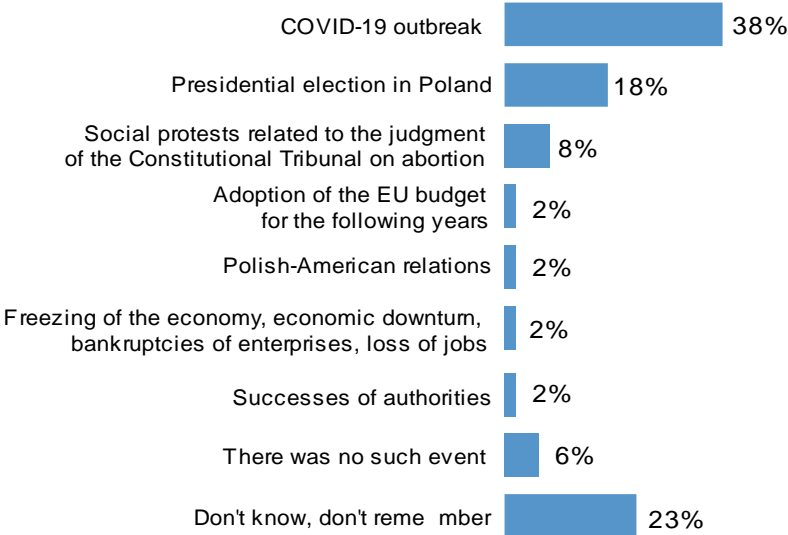


## **Event of the year 2020**

The year 2020, both internationally and nationally, was dominated by the coronavirus pandemic. In terms of national events, almost two-fifths of adult Poles (38%) spoke about the coronavirus epidemic as the most important event of 2020 when answering an open question. An important aspect of the epidemic, indicated by a further 2% of Poles, were its economic consequences. Respondents referred to economic problems, the economic downturn, loss of jobs, bankruptcies of enterprises in some industries, as well as the increase in Poland's debt and strikes by entrepreneurs. The second most commonly mentioned event was the presidential election (18%), also described in terms of political effects as a continuation or strengthening of the power of Law and Justice (PiS). Some people mentioned high turnout in the election. The third event of 2020 was the wave of protests and strikes related to the ruling of the Constitutional Tribunal and the change in the law on the legality of abortion, most often referred to as women's strike (8%). Two out of a hundred respondents (2%) considered the adoption of the European Union budget for the coming years, including funds to fight the effects of the coronavirus epidemic, as the event of the year. Also, 2% considered various aspects of Polish-American relations, their improvement or strengthening, to be important in 2020. Respondents indicated the abolition of visas for Poles when traveling to the US, the increase of the size of the contingent of American soldiers in Poland, the purchase of F-16 planes, the election defeat

of President Donald Trump and the victory of the Democratic candidate Joe Biden. A similar percentage of respondents (2%) pointed to various other events or quoted opinions proving the success of the current authorities in various fields.

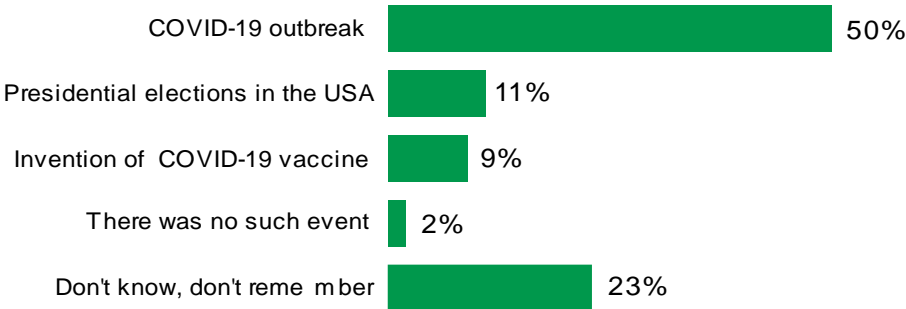
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*Responses given by less than 2% were omitted.*

Half of respondents considered the coronavirus pandemic as the most important global event of 2020 (50%). One in eleven believed the invention and production of coronavirus vaccines (9%) to be the main event of the year. Among the important international events of last year, the presidential election in the United States (11%) was also important for Poles.

**Which event of the year 2020 can be considered the most important for the world?**



*Responses given by less than 2% were omitted*

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: “Year 2020 Marked by Pandemic”, February 2021. Fieldwork for national samples: January 2021, N=1150. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.