Attitude towards homosexual people

Since 2008, the percentage of respondents who personally know someone with a homosexual orientation has been gradually increasing. In 2021, this percentage increased by 7 points compared to the previous study and reached a record level (43%). This is almost three times more than thirteen years ago, when the proportion was 15%.

Do you personally know a gay or a lesbian?

The increase in the percentage of people who personally know someone with a homosexual orientation is accompanied by a clear change in the attitude of Poles towards this group. In 2021, almost a quarter considered homosexuality as normal (23%), which is an increase by 9 percentage points compared to the survey from two years ago. The prevailing opinion is that homosexuality is a deviation from the norm, but should be tolerated - this view is
shared by about half of respondents (51%). On the other hand, there is a clear decrease in the number of respondents who believed that homosexuality is abnormal and should not be tolerated. Their number has fallen by 7 percentage points since 2019, and now they constitute 17% of Poles. In 2001, 41% of respondents had this opinion.

Which view is closest to your own opinion:

Public support for legalizing gay and lesbian partnerships is growing. Currently, 43% of Poles are in favour of the possibility of same-sex couples entering into formal partnerships (compared to 35% in 2019), while the plurality are against it (49%, a decrease by 11 points).

Do you agree that two people of the same sex living together should be able to enter into formal partnerships?

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: “Improvement of Attitude towards Homosexuals”, October 2021. Fieldwork for national sample: September 2021, N=1218. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.