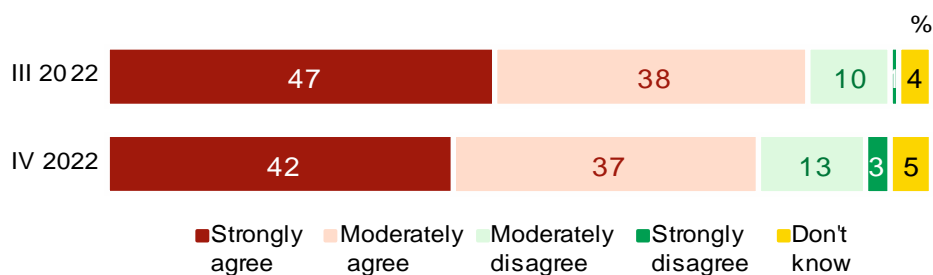


Opinions of Poles about support for the fight in Ukraine

Since March, the sense of threat related to the Russian attack on Ukraine has diminished somewhat. Still, the vast majority of Poles (79%, 6 points less than last month) believe that the war in Ukraine threatens the security of our country.

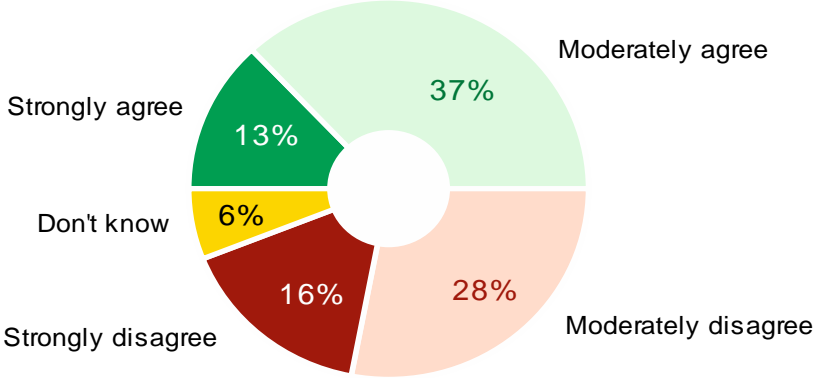
Do you agree that the war in Ukraine a threat to the security of Poland?



The international community reacted to the outbreak of the war in Ukraine in a more decisive manner than in the case of earlier conflicts caused by Putin's Russia. Western countries support Ukraine, incl. preparing and implementing subsequent packages of sanctions, providing it with weapons and various types of assistance. However, many politicians consider the measures to be insufficient. Public opinion in Poland is divided in the assessments of the scale of international support for Ukraine. Half of respondents

believe that the international community is doing enough to help Ukraine, but a slightly smaller percentage (44%) is of the opposite opinion.

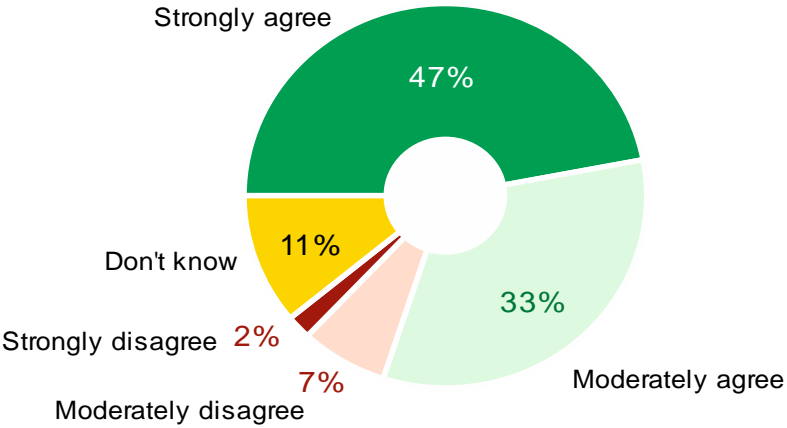
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The perception of the scale of support for Ukraine is to some extent conditioned by fears of the spread of the conflict to Poland. Respondents strongly expressing the conviction that the war threatens the security of our country more than others criticize the insufficiency, in their opinion, of the aid provided to Ukraine (in total 54% of them judge it as insufficient).

The embargo on energy resources is one of the most severe sanctions against Russia. For now, the European Union has approved a ban on the import of Russian coal (from mid-August 2022). The demand for an embargo on Russian oil and gas is much more controversial among the Member States. However, this move meets with an almost unequivocally favourable attitude of the public opinion in Poland. Overall, four-fifths of respondents (80%) support the ban of Russian gas and oil imports, whereas only 9% are against it. The overwhelming majority (93%) of those in favour of the EU's imposition of an embargo on Russian oil and gas declare that they maintain their support for this move, even if it is associated with an increase in the prices of these commodities. This means that among all respondents, the percentage of those in favour of blocking the import of Russian gas and oil by the EU, even if it causes their prices to rise, is 76%.

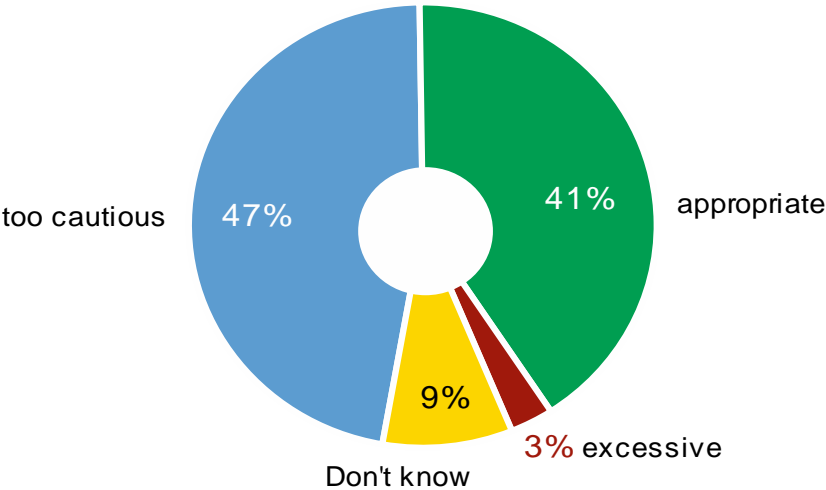
Do you agree that the European Union should ban the import of gas and oil from Russia?



The Member States of the North Atlantic Alliance have been supplying Ukraine with weapons since the beginning of the invasion, but at the same time NATO firmly rejects the possibility of direct involvement in the war. Due to fears of an escalation of the conflict, the closure of the airspace over Ukraine was refused. President Zelensky continually reiterates calls to supply Ukraine with weapons: air defence systems, aircraft, tanks, other armoured vehicles, artillery systems and ammunition.

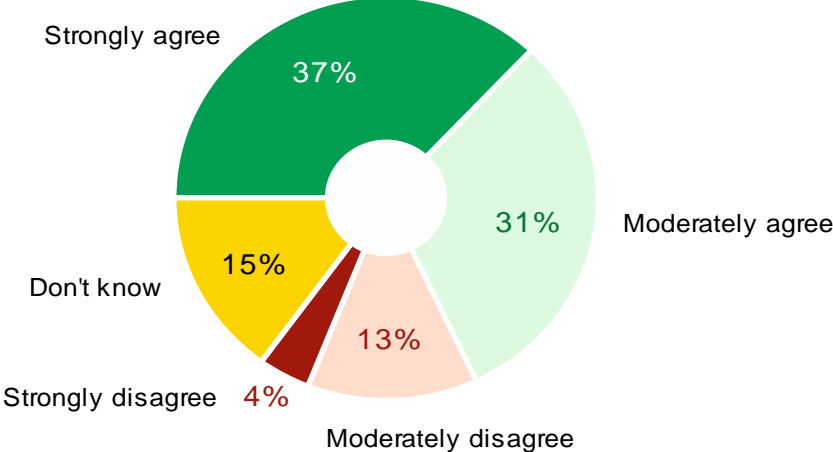
Public assessment of NATO's actions in relation to the war in Ukraine is ambiguous. Nearly half of respondents (47%) consider them as too cautious. However, a slightly smaller group (41%) believe the actions of the alliance to be appropriate. Only very few (3%) assess them as excessive.

Are NATO's actions in the war in Ukraine:



Overall, more than two-thirds of respondents (68%) support the transfer by NATO of offensive weapons to Ukraine, such as tanks and combat aircraft.

Do you agree that NATO should give Ukraine offensive weapons (e.g. tanks, combat aircraft)?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Poles about Support for Fighting Ukraine", April 2022. Fieldwork for national sample: April 2022, N=1030. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.