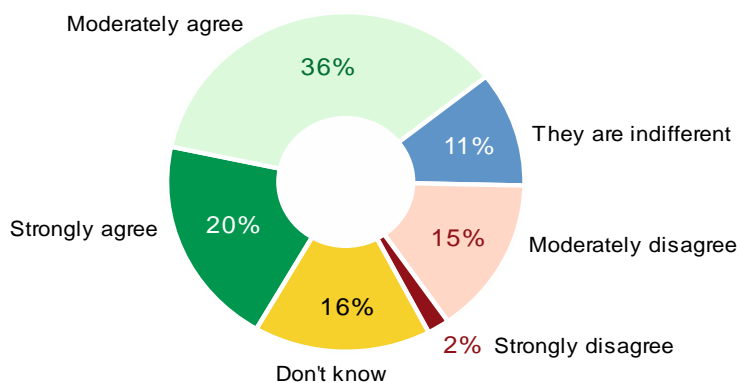


The war in Ukraine and attitude to Russians

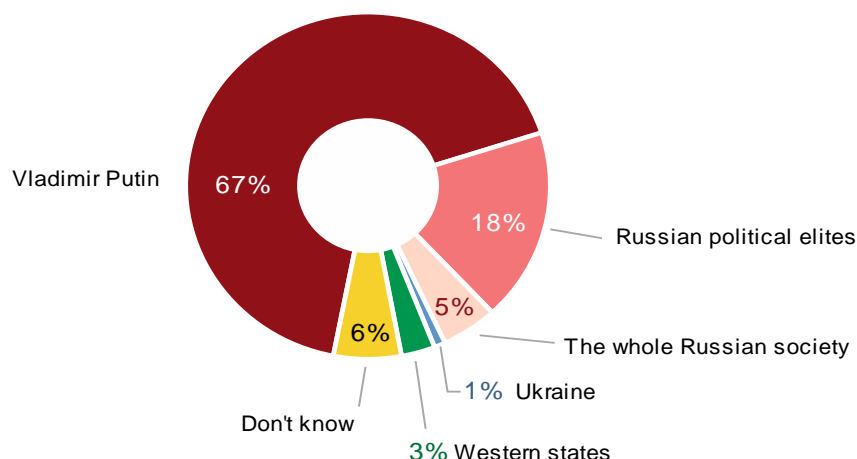
More than half of respondents (56%) believe that the majority of Russians support the invasion of Ukraine, while 17% are of the opposite opinion, and one-ninth (11%) think that the majority of Russians are indifferent to war.

Do you agree with the opinion that the majority of Russians support the invasion of Ukraine?



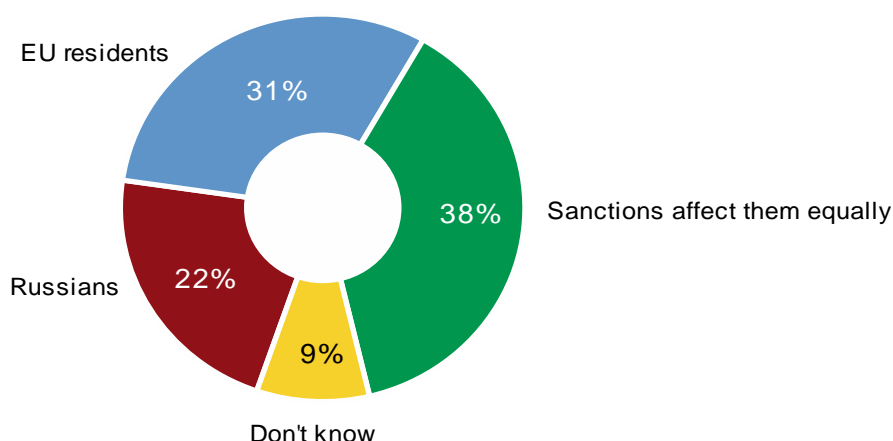
Despite the prevailing belief that Russian society supports the invasion, most Poles believe that one person is primarily responsible for the outbreak of the war, namely Vladimir Putin (67%). Almost one-fifth (18%) blame the Russian political elite in the first place, and only one-twentieth (5%) blame the entire Russian society. On the other hand, 3% of respondents assign the main part of responsibility to Western countries, and 1% blame the attacked Ukraine itself.

Who do you think is primarily responsible for the outbreak of the war in Ukraine?



In view of the energy crisis, the question arises whether the western sanctions imposed on Russia in connection with the invasion of Ukraine are more felt by Russians or for the inhabitants of the European Union countries. The most common belief in Polish society is that sanctions affect both parties equally (38%), but almost one-third (31%) believe that they are suffered more harshly by the inhabitants of European Union countries. Interestingly, the belief that the sanctions on Russia mainly hit Russians (i.e. those on whom they were imposed) is voiced least often (22%), if the "don't know" answers are omitted (9%).

In your opinions, do the western sanctions imposed on Russia affect Russians or the inhabitants of the European Union countries more?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Poles on War in Ukraine and Russians", September 2022. Fieldwork for national sample: August 2022, N=1043. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.