Polish opinions about the war in Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees

The percentage of respondents who feel that the war in Ukraine threatens Poland's security is quite stable and has been in the range of 70% to 79% since April last year. January's result (79%) falls within this range, at its upper limit – such a high level of concern was last noted in April 2022, shortly after the outbreak of war. Compared to the previous survey, we also observe a clear, 7-point increase in the number of “definitely agree” answers.

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

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Since June last year, Poles' optimism about the outcome of the war in Ukraine gradually increased. At the end of 2022, most respondents predicted a scenario favourable to Ukraine. The current January measurement breaks this trend. Now, the most common view is again that Ukraine will have to give up part of its territory (31%, an increase of 8 points since December). The percentage of people who believe that Russia will withdraw from the attacked territories of Ukraine (28%, a decrease of 6 points) or that it will also withdraw from the territories it occupied in 2014 (13%, a decrease of 7 points) has declined. At the same time, few people still believe that Russia will subordinate all of Ukraine (2%).

**How do you think the war will end?**

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Most Poles (59%) feel that the international community is doing enough to help Ukraine. This opinion is now more common than in the first months of the war, i.e. in April 2022.

**Do you agree that the international community is doing enough to help Ukraine?**

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The vast majority of Poles (78%) still support the acceptance of Ukrainian refugees by our country. This percentage has remained relatively stable since June 2022, at around 80%. One-seventh (14%) are against accepting refugees and this result has also not changed significantly since June last year.
Do you agree that Poland should accept Ukrainian refugees from the areas affected by the conflict?

Since May 2022, about half of Poles consistently declared that they or their household members help refugees from Ukraine voluntarily and free of charge. In January 2023, the percentage of those declaring assistance to Ukrainian refugees dearly decreased by 11 percentage points, from 52% in December 2022 to 41% in January 2023. As the change is not accompanied by a decrease in support for accepting refugees, it can be assumed that it is rather related to high inflation which has forced Poles to economize.

Do you or someone in your household offer help to refugees from Ukraine voluntarily and free of charge?

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The January results also indicate a fairly clear deterioration in the perceived attitude of Poles towards Ukrainian refugees. Still, the majority of respondents believe that it is positive (62% vs. 82% in April 2022). One-fifth (21% vs. 11% earlier) believe that this attitude is mostly indifferent, and only one-ninth (11%) consider it negative.

**In your opinion, what is the general attitude of Poles towards refugees from Ukraine?**

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More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Poles about War in Ukraine and Ukrainian Refugees", January 2023. Fieldwork for national sample: January 2023, N=1028. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.