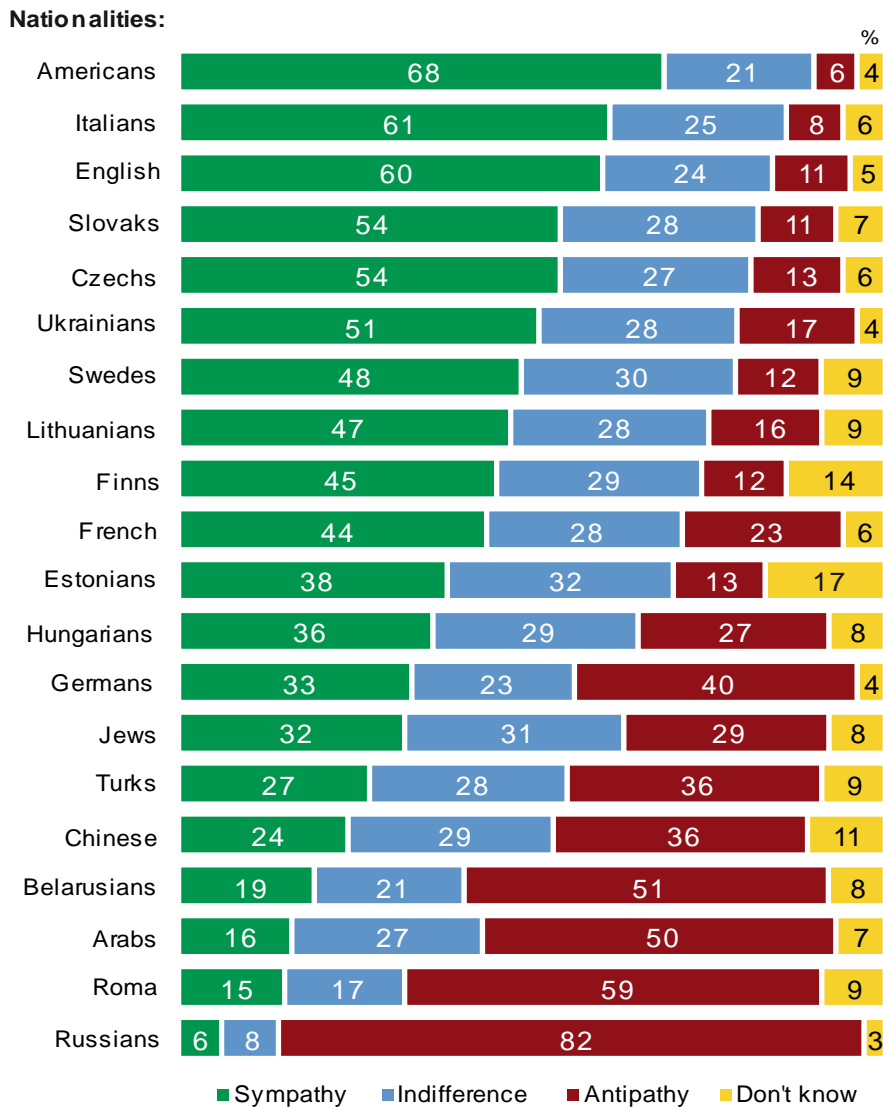


Attitude to nationalities one year after the outbreak of war

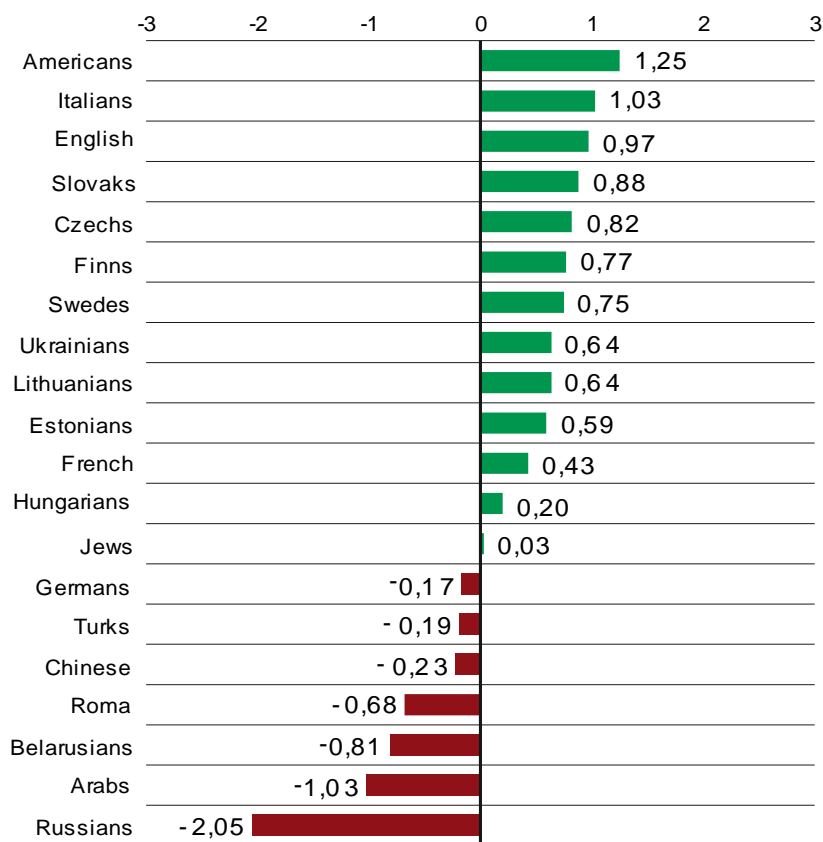
This year's ranking of favourite nationalities is headed by the Americans, who are liked by more than two-thirds of respondents. Slightly fewer people have a friendly attitude towards Italians and the English, and more than half speak with sympathy about Slovaks, Czechs and Ukrainians. Nearly half have a positive attitude towards Swedes, Lithuanians and Finns. Aversion to the nations mentioned above is expressed by relatively few respondents. The French, Estonians and Hungarians also attract sympathy more often than dislike. Positive attitude slightly outweighs the negative also in the case of Jews. For the other nationalities included in the survey, dislike prevails. This effect is relatively small in relation to Germans, and greater in the case of Turks and the Chinese. There is a very clear, numerical prevalence of antipathy in relation to Belarusians, Roma and Arabs. The worst attitude is towards Russians, who are widely disliked.

Attitude to other nationalities



Attitude to other nationalities

Average values on the scale from -3 (max. antipathy) to +3 (max. sympathy)



Compared to last year's survey, conducted in January 2022, before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, attitudes towards Russians have dramatically deteriorated. Over the last year, the percentage of people declaring their dislike towards Russians has increased from 38% to 82%, and the share of those who have a positive attitude has decreased from 29% to 6%. Never in the last three decades, when we ask these questions, has the attitude towards any nation changed so much in one year. The level of antipathy towards Russians is currently at a record high and the level of sympathy is at a record low. We also note the lowest level of sympathy and at the same time the highest level of dislike in the last thirty years in relation to Hungarians. Compared to the previous year, the level of dislike towards this nationality increased by 18 percentage points, while the level of sympathy fell by 21 points. Compared to the previous year, the attitude towards Belarusians has clearly deteriorated (an increase in dislike by 22 percentage points, with a simultaneous decrease in liking by 16 points), Germans (an increase in dislike by 16 points, a decrease in liking by 11 points) and the Chinese (an increase in dislike by 13 percentage points, with a corresponding decrease in

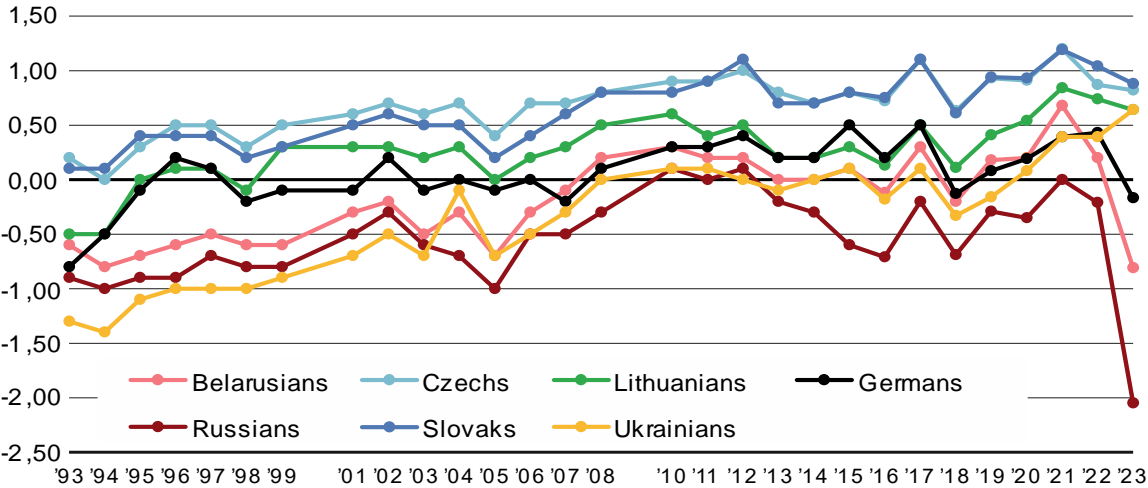
sympathy by 11 points). The unfavourable changes towards these nations were influenced - as it seems - by the war taking place beyond our eastern border and the assessment of actions undertaken by individual states.

At the same time, this year there is a very clear improvement in the attitude towards Ukrainians (a 10-point increase in sympathy with a simultaneous 8-point decrease in dislike), Americans (a 10-point increase in sympathy, a 4-point decrease in dislike) and the English (an increase in sympathy by 9 points, a decrease in antipathy by 2 points). Attitudes towards them are currently at a record high, the best in the entire history of our research.

Thus, the war in Ukraine influenced the perception of most nations neighbouring Poland.

Changes in attitude to Poland's neighbours.

Average values on the scale from -3 (max. antipathy) to +3 (max. sympathy).



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Attitudes towards Other Nations One Year After the War Outbreak in Ukraine", March 2023. Fieldwork for national sample: February 2023, N=982. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.