Will Poles participate in the referendum?

A referendum is planned along with the parliamentary elections, which will take place on October 15. Poles are to answer four questions regarding the sale of state property to foreign entities, the retirement age, the barrier on the Polish-Belarusian border and the relocation of migrants within the EU. Some opposition groups are calling for a boycott of the referendum, treating it as part of the ruling party's election campaign. This has had an impact on declarations regarding participation in the referendum. The percentage of people interested in voting in the referendum is almost half of the number of people willing to participate in the elections to the Sejm and Senate (43% and 80%, respectively).

Declarations of intention to vote in the referendum and in the elections to the Sejm and Senate

- **Referendum**
  - I definitely won't vote: 26%
  - I don't know yet if I will vote: 31%
  - I will definitely vote: 43%

- **Elections to the Sejm and Senate**
  - I definitely won't vote: 7%
  - I don't know yet if I will vote: 13%
  - I will definitely vote: 80%
The vast majority of supporters of the ruling camp, which proposed the referendum, declare their participation in it (77%). However, such declarations are also clearly prevalent among supporters of the Confederation (53%), as well as among those undecided who to vote for in the Sejm elections (52%). Among supporters of other opposition parties, the percentage interested in voting is much lower (from 20% to 30%).

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: “Will Poles Participate in the Referendum?”, September 2023. Fieldwork for national sample: August 2023, N=1024, mixed-mode interviews. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.