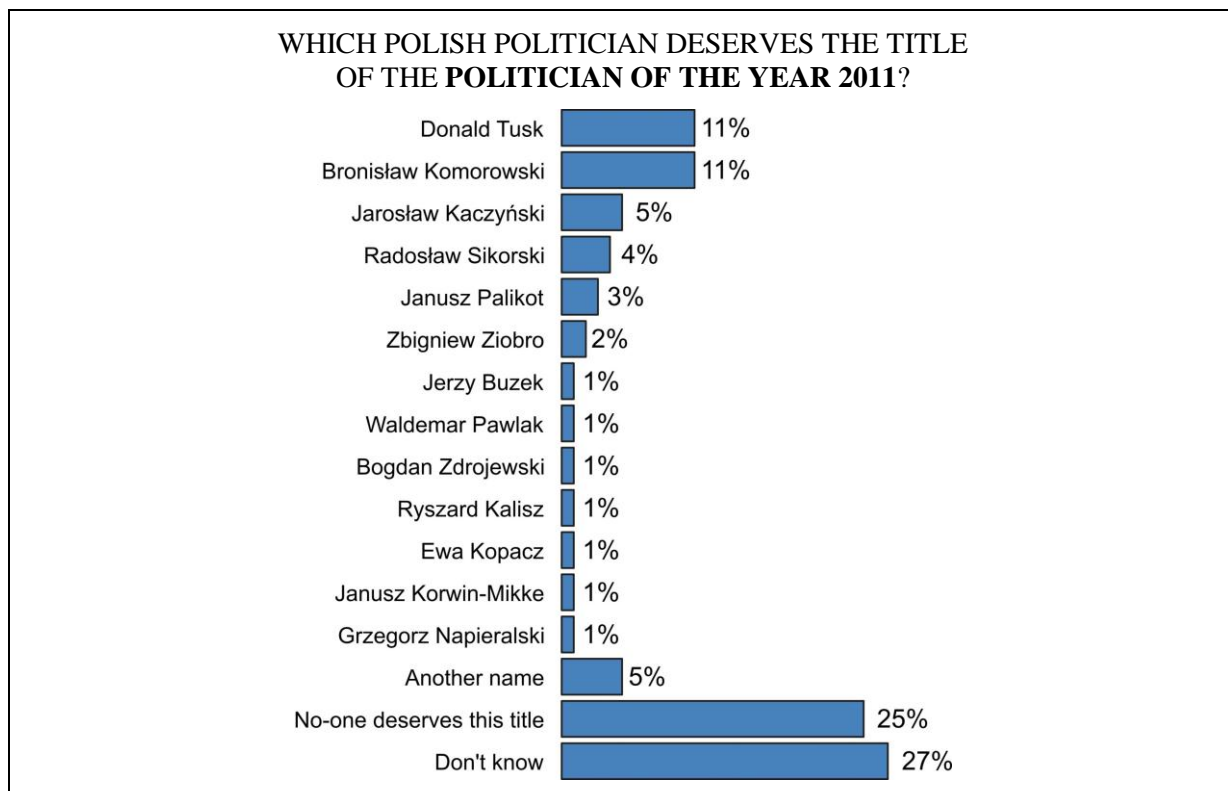


POLITICIAN OF THE YEAR IN POLAND AND ABROAD

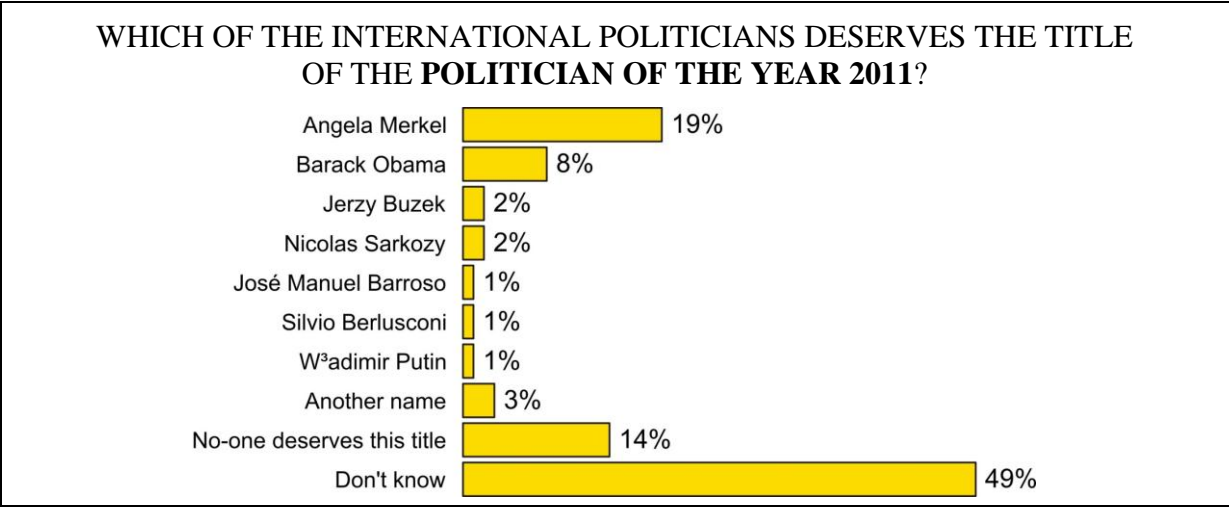
The title of the politician of the year has been awarded by our respondents to the Prime Minister, Donald Tusk, and president Bronisław Komorowski (11% each). These two politicians received markedly better ratings than any competitor. Next in line is Jarosław Kaczyński, the leader of PiS (Law and Justice), who was mentioned by 5% of respondents. He is followed by Radosław Sikorski, the Foreign Minister (4%), and by Janusz Palikot (3%), the leader and mastermind of the success of the party which unexpectedly was third in the Sejm elections.

Over half of respondents (52%) did not mention any politician. Among them, some answered that they cannot mention any politician because no name comes to mind (27%), while others (25%) think that no politician deserves this title.



The choice of a politician from the international political scene was even more difficult. Almost half of respondents (49%) had a problem mentioning someone, and about one in seven (14%) believe that none of the known international politicians deserves this title.

The international politician of the year 2011 is, for the Poles, the German Chancellor Angela Merkel, nominated by 19% of respondents. Second is the US president Barack Obama (8%), with much lower result. Next in line are Jerzy Buzek, the speaker of the European Parliament (who appeared also in the national context), and Nicolas Sarkozy, the French president. Both of them were mentioned by 2% of respondents.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: *“Politician of the year in Poland and abroad”*, December 2011. Fieldwork for national sample: December 2011 (N=950). The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.