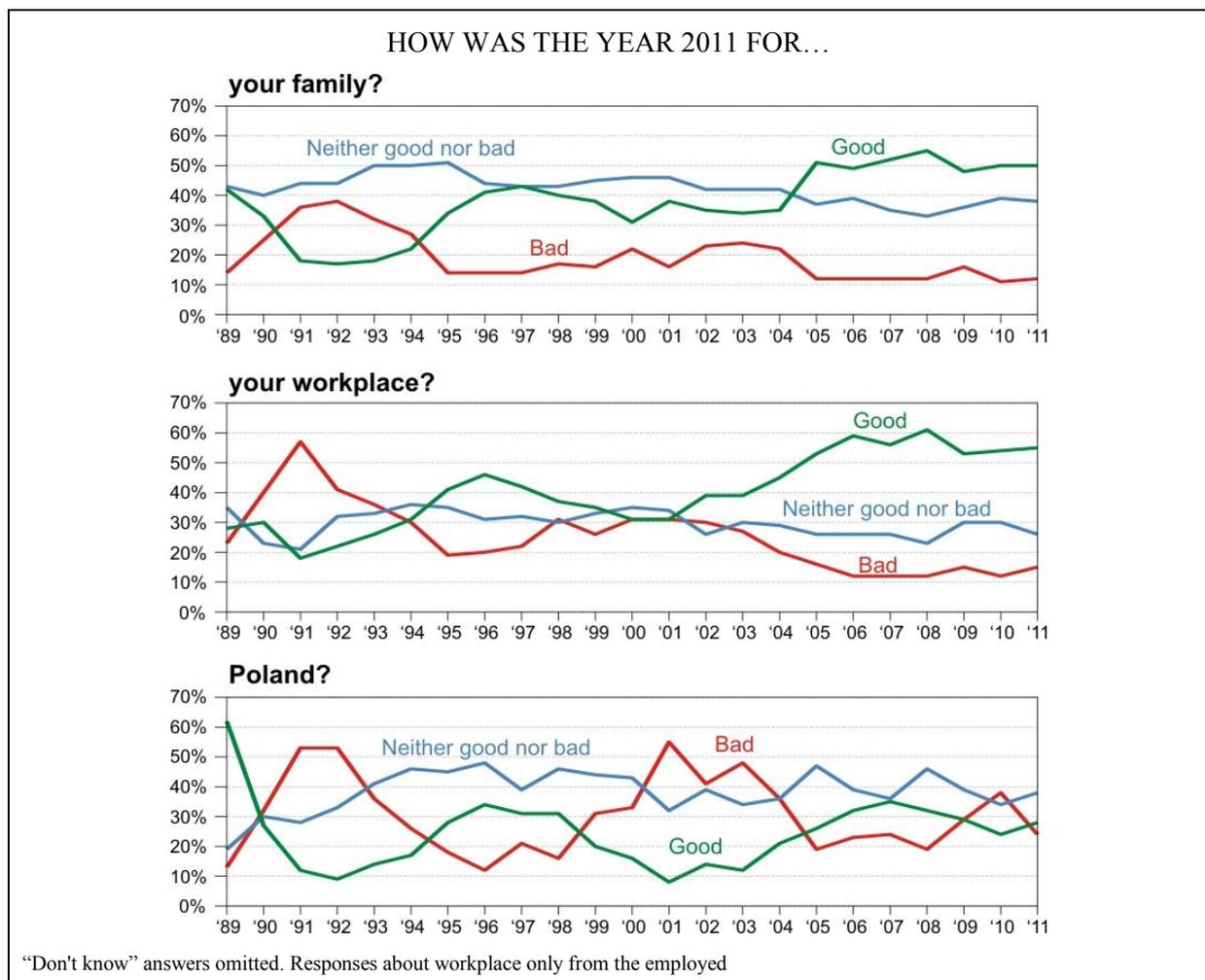


EVALUATIONS OF THE YEAR 2011 AND PREDICTIONS FOR 2012

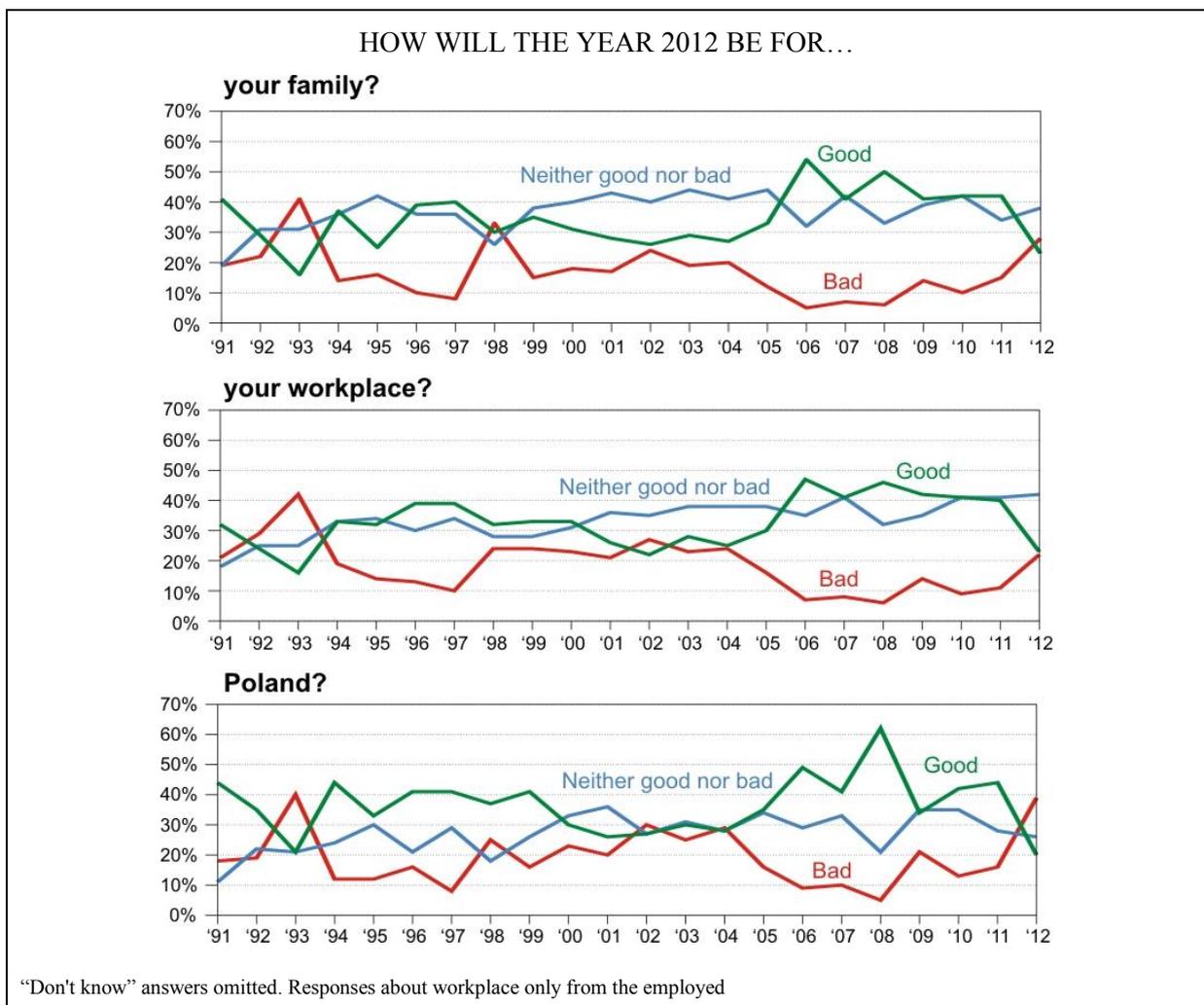
Poles evaluate the year 2011 as good or at least average for themselves and their families. From a long term 20-year perspective it is clear that, in the last years, Poles are satisfied with their professional and family life.



The evaluation of the year 2011 for Poland is slightly worse. In the prevailing opinion it was an average year for the country.

Positive evaluations of the past year are reflected in the macroeconomic data on GDP growth, industrial production and consumption. They show that the standard of living is relatively good.

Positive evaluations of the past year contrast with pessimistic predictions for 2012. It is clear that the new year was met with a high degree of uncertainty. Compared with the beginning of the previous year, we can see an increase in pessimism in predicting the future. This rise in pessimism concerns both private and public affairs. Last year, 42% expected improvement for the family, and this year only 23% are optimistic. Similar tendencies can be noted as far as the workplace is concerned: there is a drop in optimism from 40% to 23%. The biggest increase in pessimism concerns the situation in the country. According to 23% (as opposed to 44% a year ago) this year will be better for Poland than the previous one. A larger group (39%, as opposed to 16% a year ago) are afraid of deterioration. The predictions for the country are among the worst in the last 20 years.



The deterioration is almost certainly related to the financial crisis in the eurozone, the situation of the other countries of the EU, and with the fear that the crisis will eventually affect Poland as well.

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Evaluations of the year 2011 and predictions for 2012", January 2012. Fieldwork for national sample: December 2011 (N=950). The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.