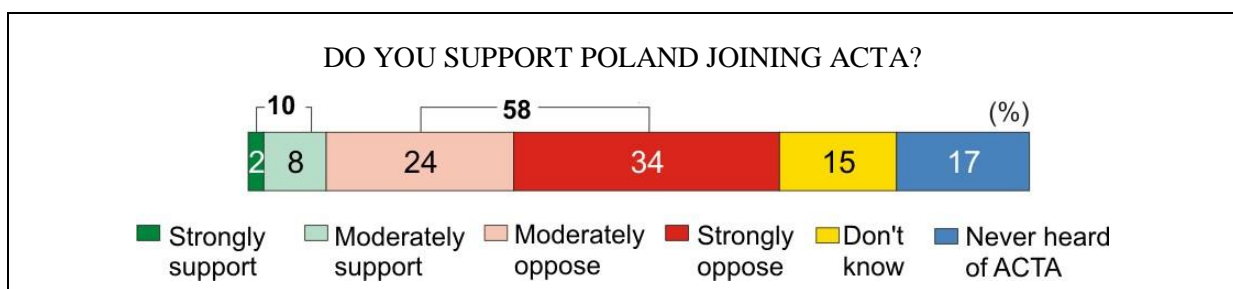


## PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT ACTA

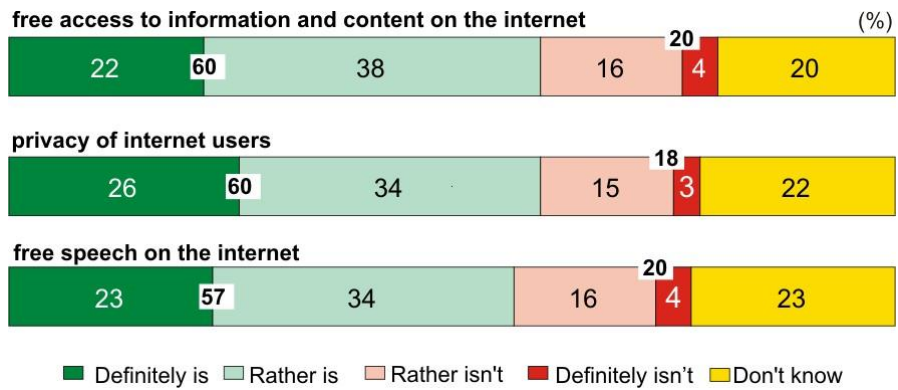
On 26th January, Poland and 21 other member states of the European Union signed Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA), an international agreement whose goal is to fight trade in counterfeit goods and copyright infringement. After a wave of criticism and protest against secrecy of negotiations, potential threats to freedom of speech, reduced access to information, threats to security of personal data, and impediments to technological innovation, some countries have stopped the ratification of the document. Poland is one of them.

The government's decision to halt the ratification process is in tune with the public attitude to this issue, which is critical and hostile. The majority of Poles (58%) are against ratifying ACTA.



Three-fifths of respondents who claim some knowledge of ACTA (60%) believe that this agreement could hamper access to some content on the internet. The same proportion (60%) are afraid that ACTA could endanger the privacy of web users, while a slightly smaller number (57%) believe it would be a threat to free speech on the internet.

DO YOU THINK THAT ACTA IS A THREAT TO...



Responses of people who claim some knowledge of ACTA

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: *“Public opinion about ACTA”*, March 2012. Fieldwork for national sample: February 2012 (N=999). The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.