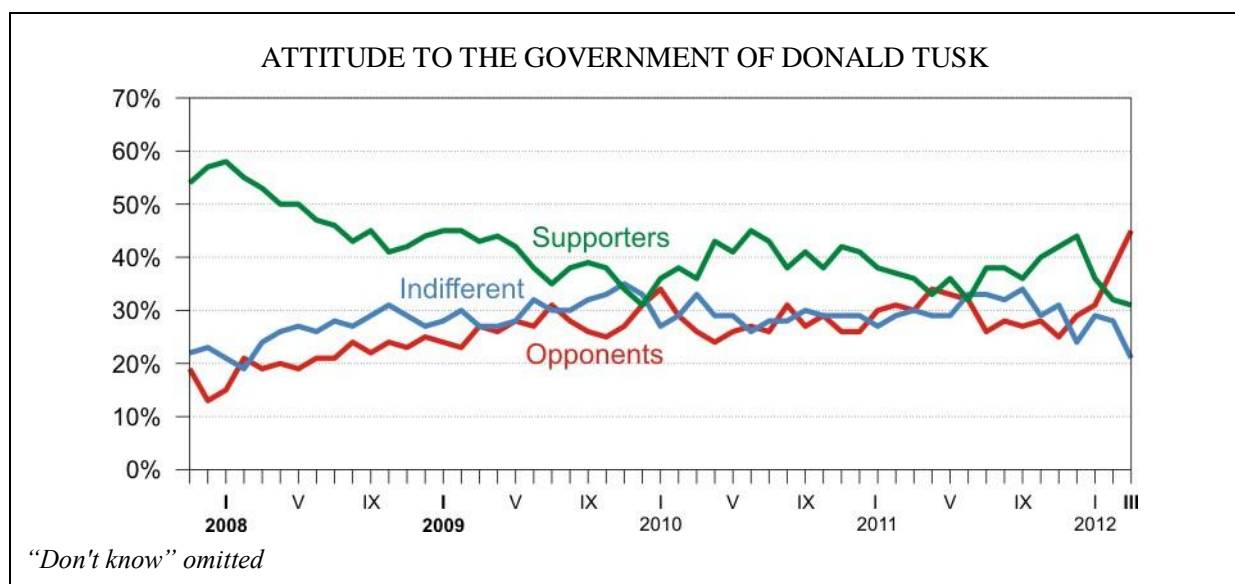
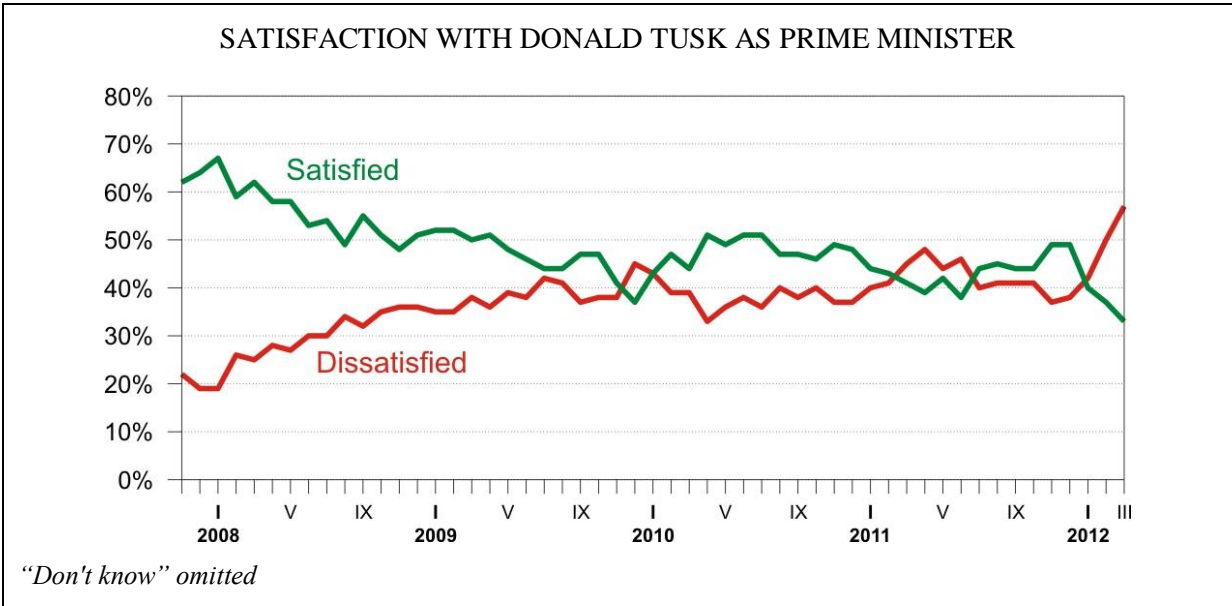


DECLINING SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT OF DONALD TUSK AND FOR CIVIC PLATFORM (PO)

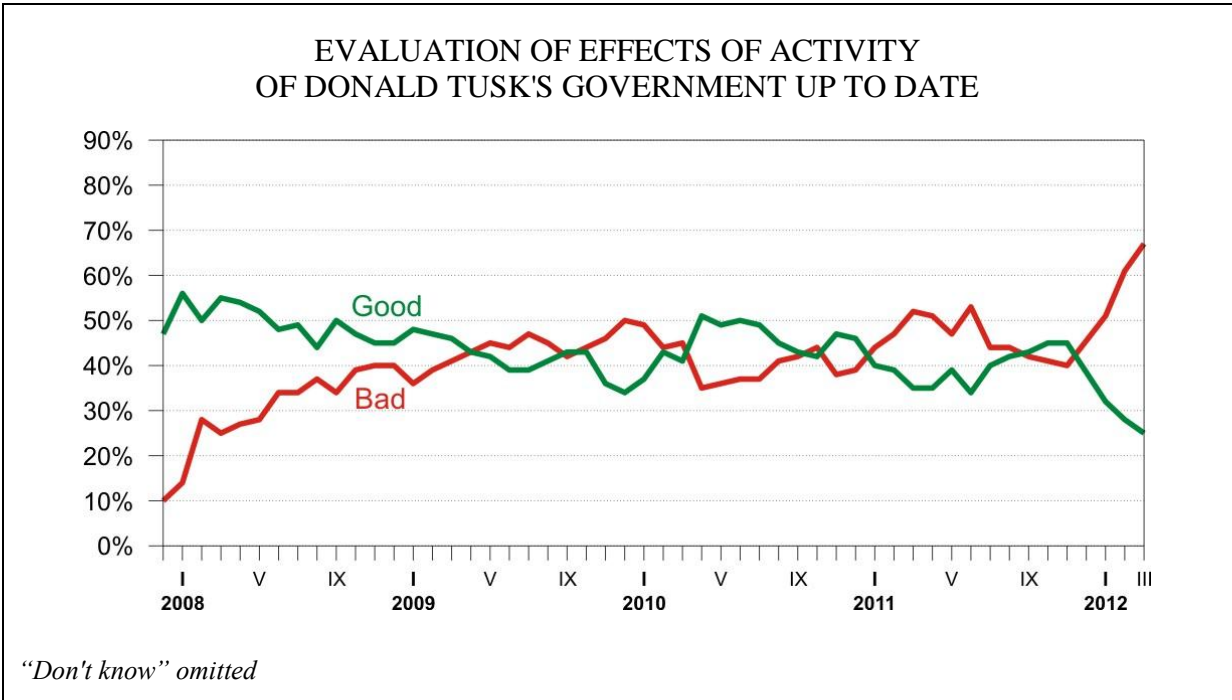
The coalition of Civic Platform and Polish Peasant Party (PO-PSL), which has governed Poland for over four years, is losing social support. Evaluations of the government of Donald Tusk have deteriorated. At present, they are the worst, if both parliamentary terms are considered. The decline was precipitated by, among others, problems with implementation of new rules on refunding medicines, signing of the ACTA agreement (a decision from which the government eventually withdrew), and planned changes in the pension system, especially raising the retirement age to 67 years. From Dec. 2011 to March 2012 the proportion of government supporters fell from 44% to 31%, while the number of opponents rose from 31% to 45%.



The popularity of the Prime Minister is diminishing. The proportion of respondents satisfied with the work of Donald Tusk as Prime Minister fell from 49% in Dec. 2011 to 33% in March 2012. At the same time, the number of the dissatisfied rose from 38% to 57%.

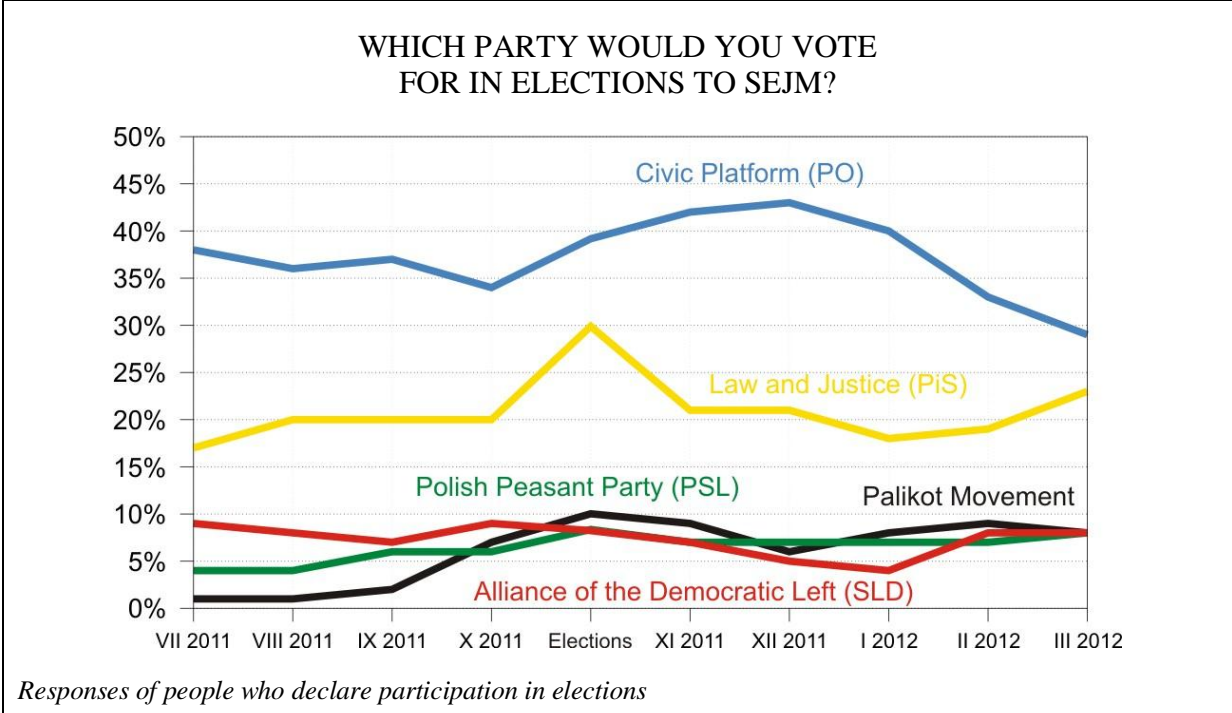


The effects of government's activities are perceived ever more critically. The proportion of people satisfied with them fell in the last four months from 45% to 25%, while the number of the dissatisfied rose from 40% to 67%.



The decline in support for the government is accompanied by a drop in the ratings of the Civic Platform (PO). Compared with Dec. 2011, when PO had the best result

since elections, the support dropped by 14 pct. points. However, the opposition parties have not gained from the decline of the main party in government, so far.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS reports in Polish: "Attitude to government in March" and "Party preferences in March", March 2012. Fieldwork for national sample: March 2012, N=1015. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.