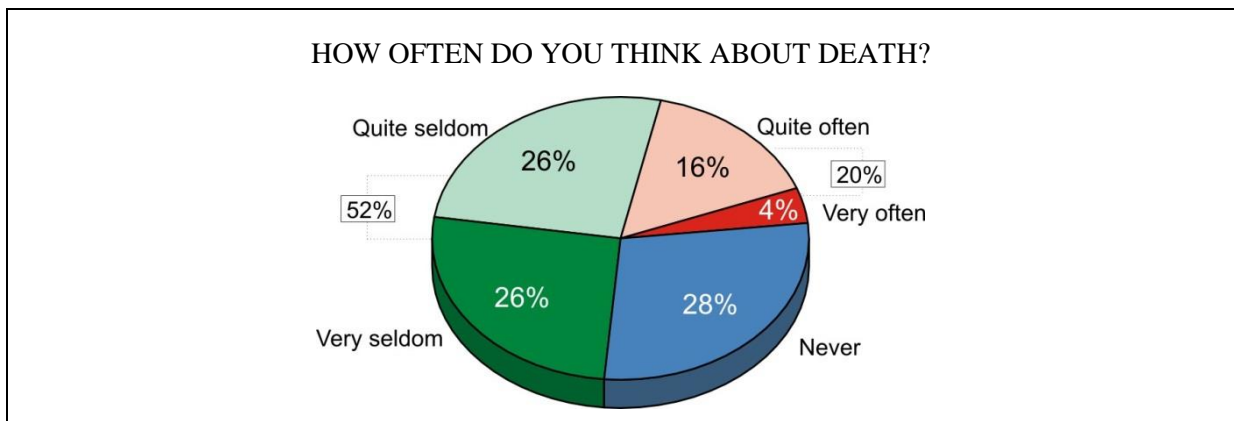
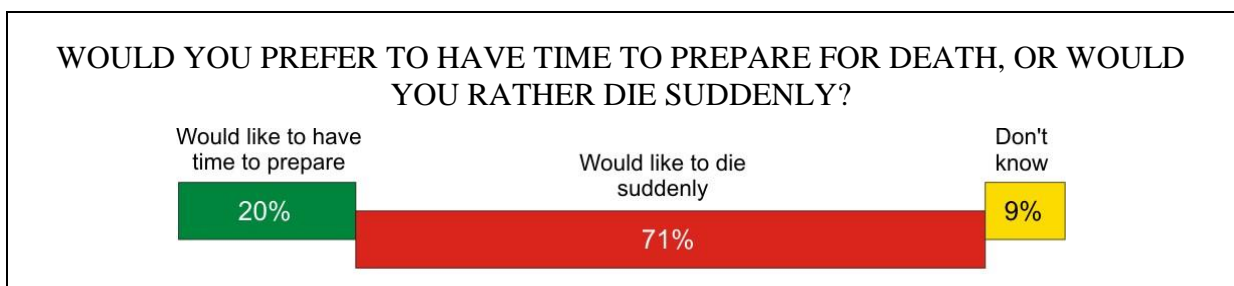


## FACING DEATH

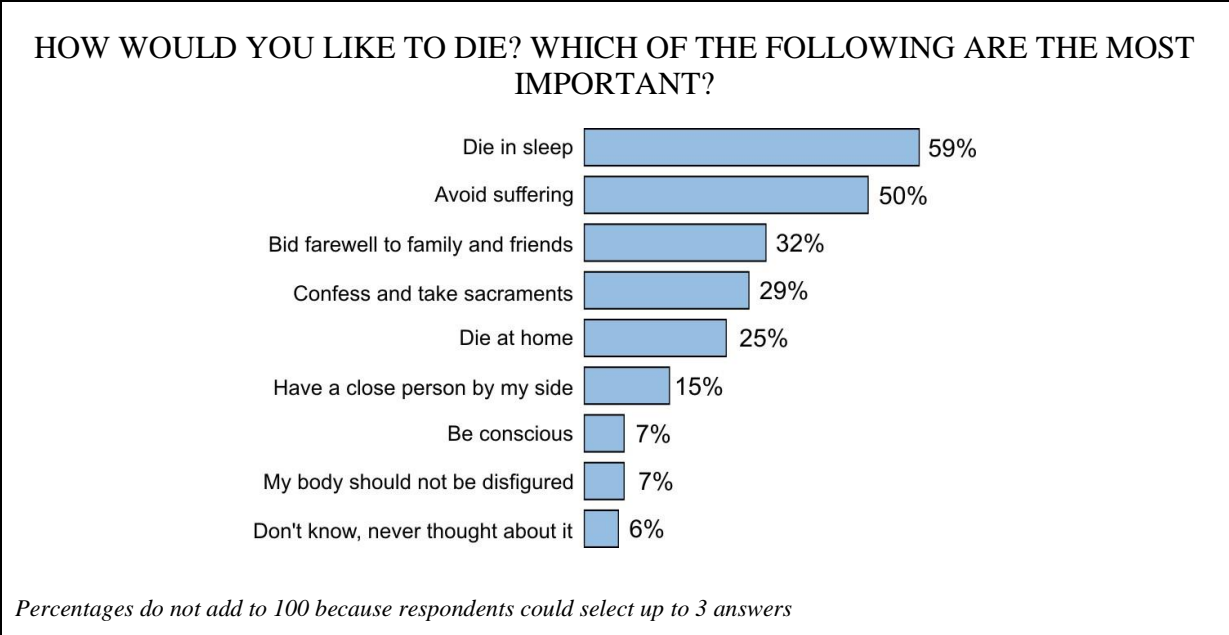
While almost three-quarters of Poles think about death sometimes (72%), most do it seldom (52%). A quarter of respondents (28%) say they never consider these matters. In the last decade, thinking about death has become less frequent, as there are fewer people who think about it often. The number of Poles who never do it has increased.



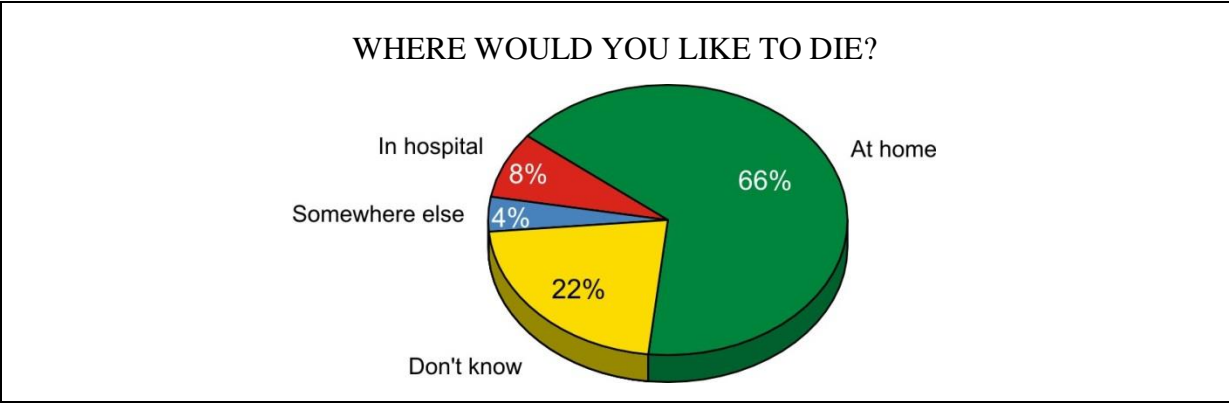
Almost three-quarters of respondents (71%) would prefer to die unexpectedly, whereas only one-fifth (20%) would prefer to prepare for death.



The most often preferred way of ending life would be death in sleep (59%). For half of respondents (50%) it is important that death should not be preceded by long suffering. A relatively large group would like to have the opportunity to bid farewell to family and friends (32%), confess and take the sacraments (29%), and to die at home (25%). Fewer people think it is important to die in the presence of a close person (15%), be conscious (7%), have esthetically looking body (7%).



The majority of respondents (66%) would prefer to die in their own home. One out of twelve (8%) prefers death in a hospital, and very few (4%) would like to die in some other place, e.g. on a trip abroad, in natural environment, in accident, at work.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Facing death", December 2012. Fieldwork for national sample: November 2012, N=952. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.