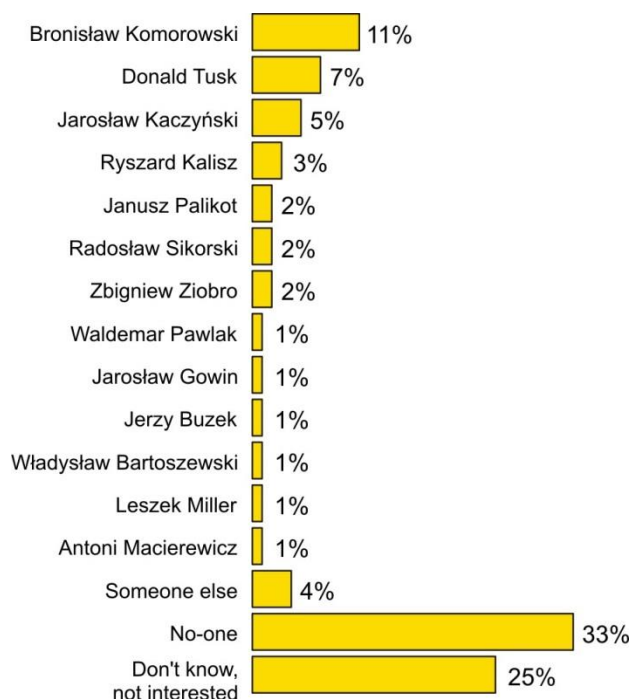


## **POLITICIAN OF THE YEAR AND THE EVENT OF THE YEAR**

The results of this year's survey about the politician of the year are not surprising. The winner is the politician enjoying the most social trust in recent months: Bronisław Komorowski, the President of Poland (11% mentioned him). In second place is the Prime Minister, Donald Tusk, who was indicated by 7% of respondents. Third comes the leader of the biggest party of the opposition, the leader of PiS (Law and Justice) Jarosław Kaczyński (5%). Next come Ryszard Kalisz, one of the most popular leaders of the Alliance of the Democratic Left (SLD), Radosław Sikorski, the Foreign Minister, and two oppositional leaders: Janusz Palikot and Zbigniew Ziobro.

Almost three-fifths of respondents (58%) did not mention any politician. The level of fatigue with the political class is indicated by the fact that an exceptionally high proportion of respondents did not want to (rather than being unable to) consider anyone worthy of the title of the politician of the year.

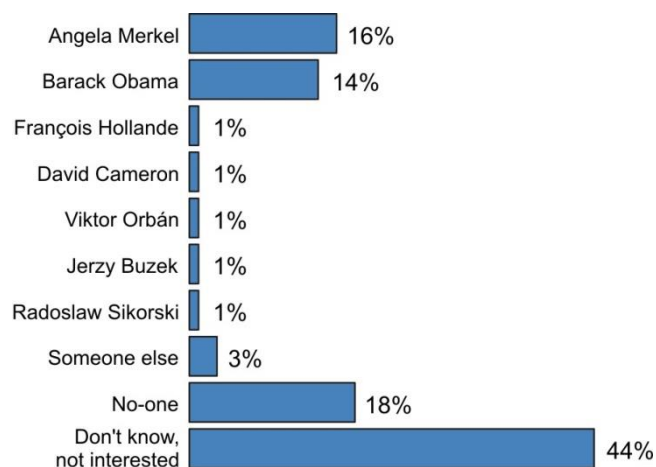
### WHO IS THE POLITICIAN OF THE YEAR 2012 IN POLAND?



The choice of the politician of the year from the international political scene was even more difficult. Over two-fifths of respondents had difficulties choosing someone, and, additionally, 18% think that none of the foreign politician known to them had sufficient influence to merit the title.

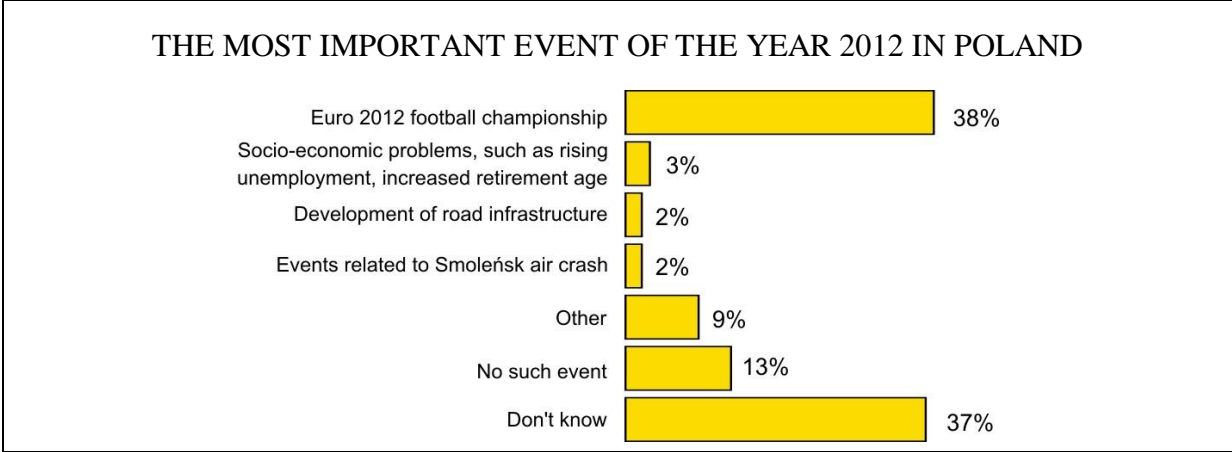
Poles awarded the title of the politician of the year to Angela Merkel, the Chancellor of Germany (16%). Second, with slightly lower result, came Barack Obama, the President of the USA (14%). These two leaders are far ahead of all other international personalities.

### WHO IS THE POLITICIAN OF THE YEAR 2012 IN THE WORLD?

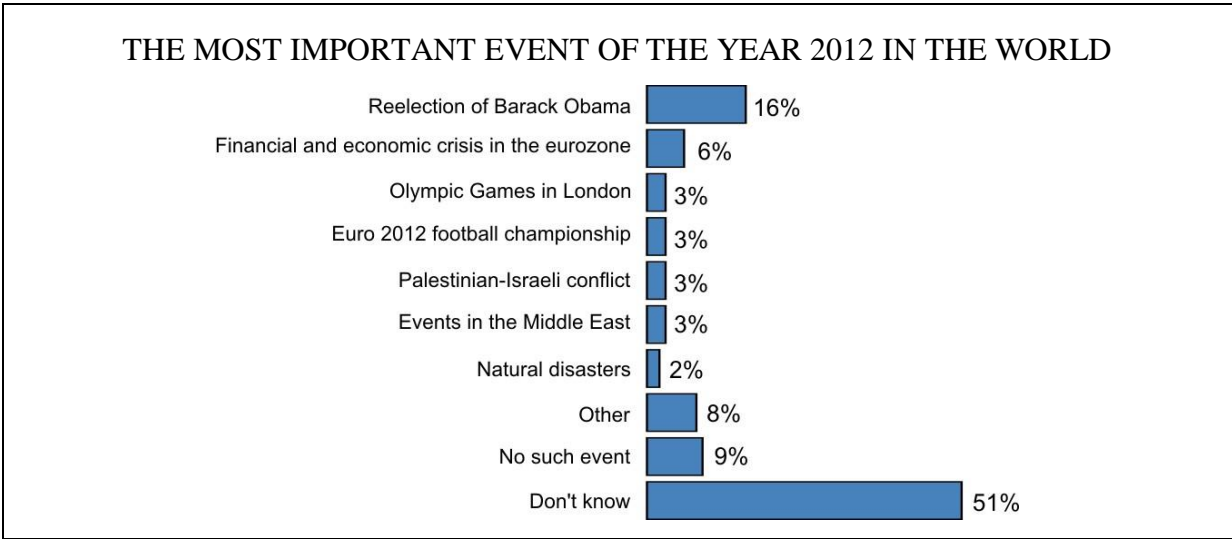


The most important event in Poland in the year 2012 was, in public opinion, the Euro 2012 football championship, which took place in June in Poland and Ukraine. Presumably

respondents did not only mean the sports dimension of the games, but also the long process of preparation, building roads, sports facilities, airports, etc., for which the games were a culmination. Other events were mentioned far less often, and half of respondents did not consider any event worthy of mentioning.



Internationally, the most important event in 2012 was, for Poles, the presidential vote in the USA and the reelection of Barack Obama (16%). The second most frequently mentioned was the financial and economic crisis in the eurozone (6%). Some of the most important events were related to sports: Olympic Games in London and the Euro 2012 football championship (3% each). The other facts important for the world as a whole were: the next round of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict (3%) and the other conflicts in the Middle East, such as political change and riots in Egypt, Lebanon and Yemen, and the bloody civil war in Syria (3%). The majority of respondents (60%) mentioned no event.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS reports in Polish: *"Politician of the year in Poland and in the world"*, *"The year of the Euro 2012: event of the year in Poland and in the world"*, December 2012. Fieldwork for national sample: December 2012, N=1135. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.