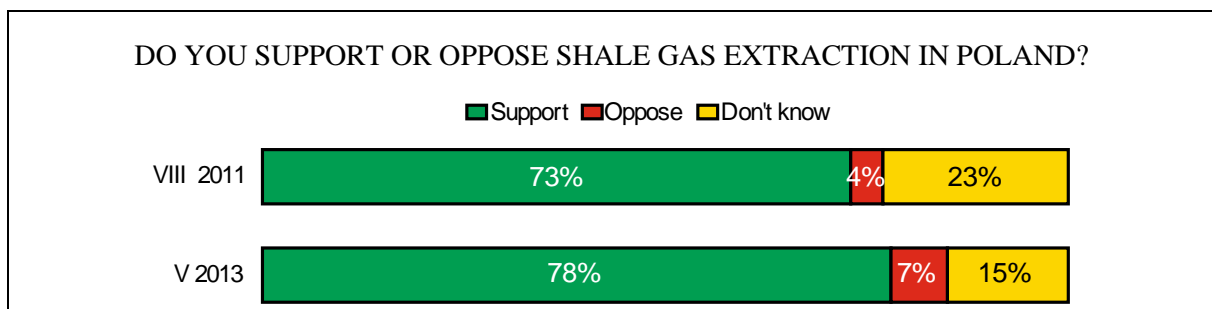
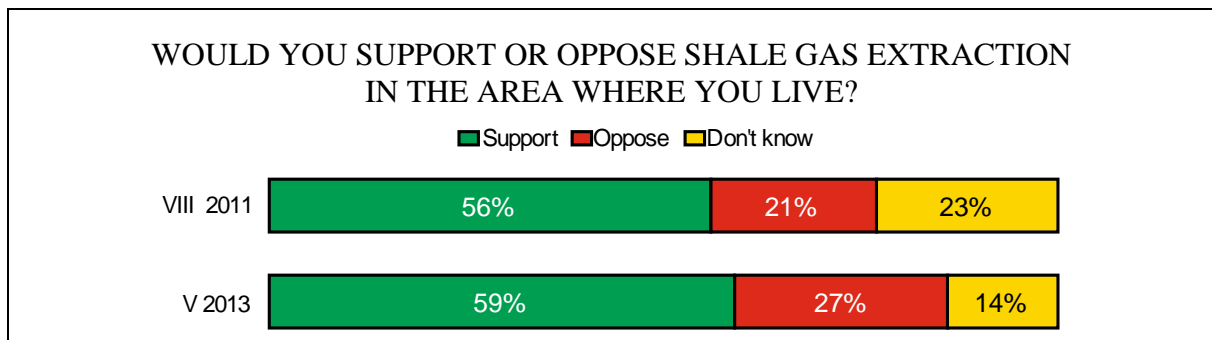


## ATTITUDE TO SHALE GAS EXTRACTION

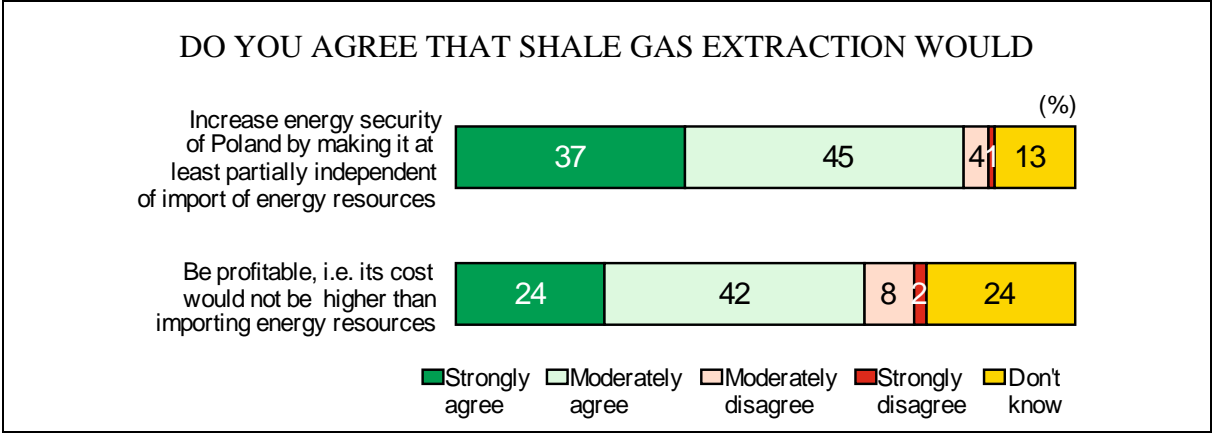
The attitude to shale gas extraction is slowly clarifying. Overall, it is positive. In the last two years, the already high level of acceptance of exploration of this source of energy has increased. Four-fifths (78%) approve of shale gas extraction in Poland, while only a small group (7%) express disapproval.



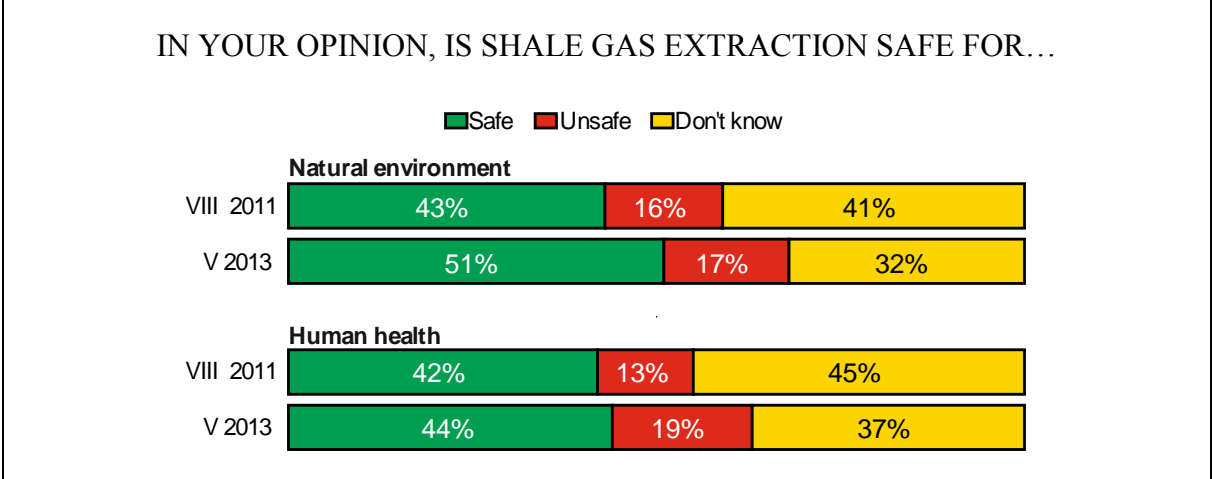
In the last two years, the proportion of people opposed to shale gas extraction near their place of residence increased by 6 points, reaching 27%. Nevertheless, the majority (59%) still support this idea.



Four-fifths of respondents (82%) believe that shale gas extraction would increase the energy security of Poland by making it at least partly independent of energy sources from abroad. In the opinion of two-thirds (66%), shale gas extraction would be profitable, i.e. its cost would not be higher than imported resources.



Poles are relatively optimistic about the economic effects of shale gas extraction, but there are worries about the safety of this process. With the passage of time, the level of knowledge about the consequences of this type of mining remains insufficient. In the last two years, the conviction has strengthened that shale gas extraction is safe for the natural environment. At present, 51% of Poles express this view (an 8-point increase since 2011). At the same time, the percentage of people afraid about its influence on human health decreased by 6 points, to 19%.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Social attitude to shale gas extraction", June 2013. Fieldwork for national sample: May 2013, N=1101. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.