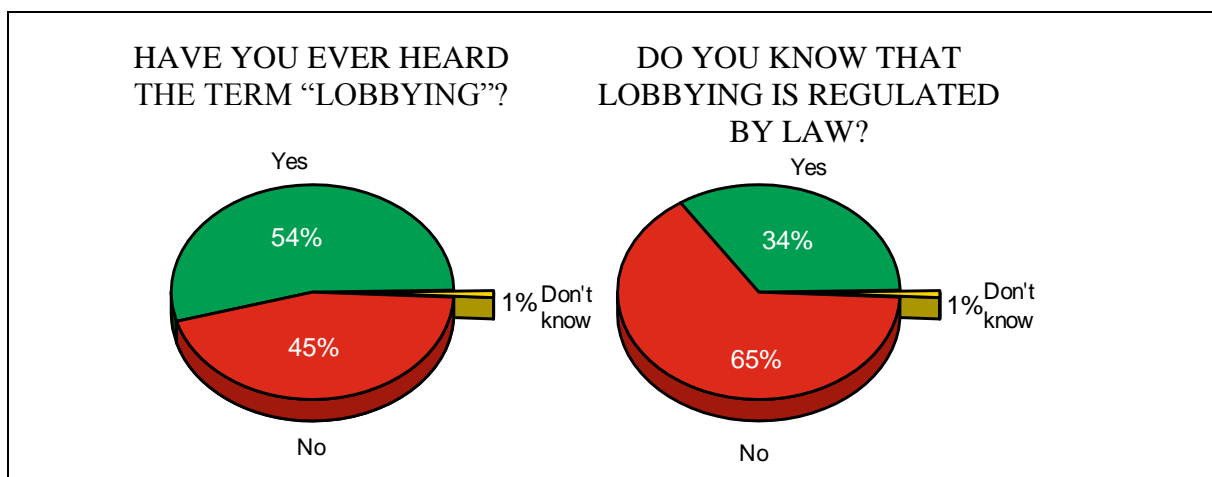
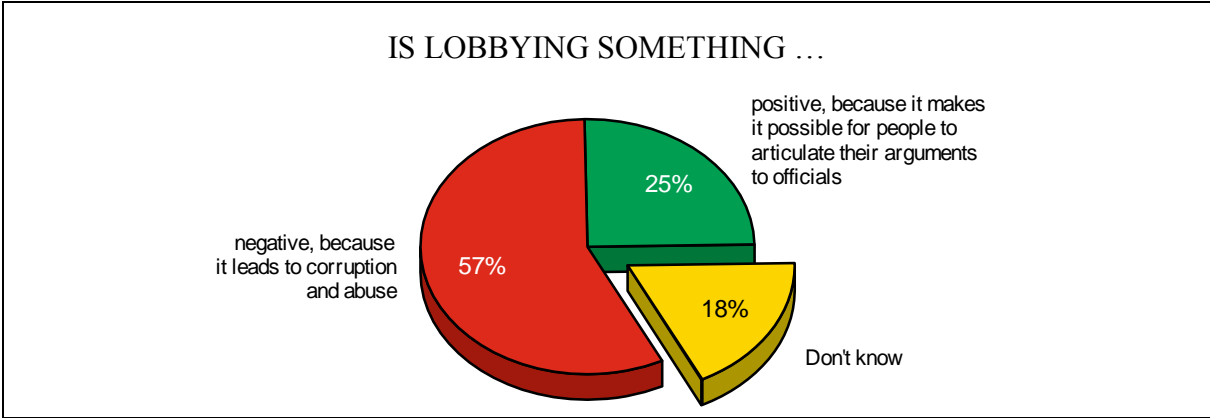


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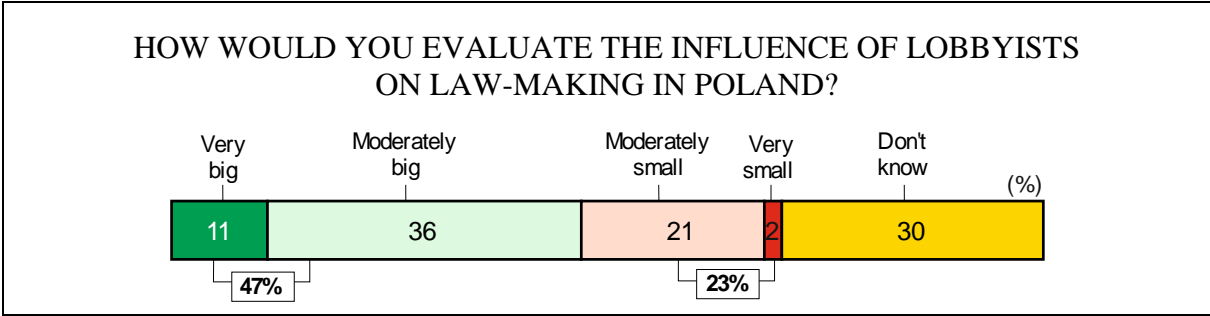
Lobbying is a relatively new term in Poland which describes actions aimed at influencing the decisions of public officials. According to the Polish law, a lobbyist has to be registered to act legally. A little more than half (54%) of Poles have heard this term, while about one-third (34%) know that it is regulated by law.



Although we preceded the evaluation of lobbying with a definition stressing its legality, the majority of Poles (57%) consider it to be a negative phenomenon leading to corruption and abuse. A quarter (25%) believe that lobbying is good because it lets people present their arguments to officials, while 18% have no opinion.



The negative evaluation of lobbying is related to the conviction that lobbyists have too much influence on political decision making. Almost half of Poles (47%) consider the influence of lobbyists on law-making as far-reaching, while less than a quarter (23%) think it is small and almost a third (30%) cannot evaluate its scale.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: *"Conflict of interests and lobbying: a dilemma for politicians"*, September 2013. Fieldwork for national sample: August 2013, N=904. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.