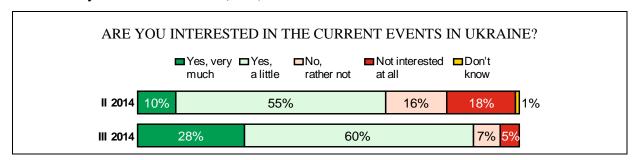


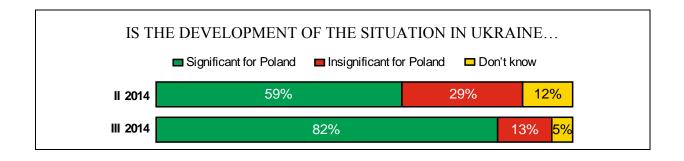


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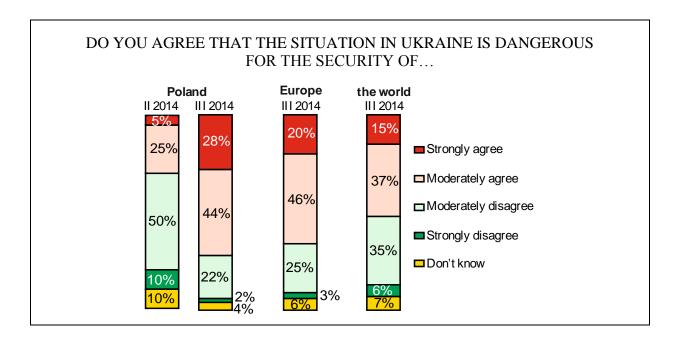
Poles pay ever more attention to the events in Ukraine. The interest in the situation in this country is almost universal (88%).



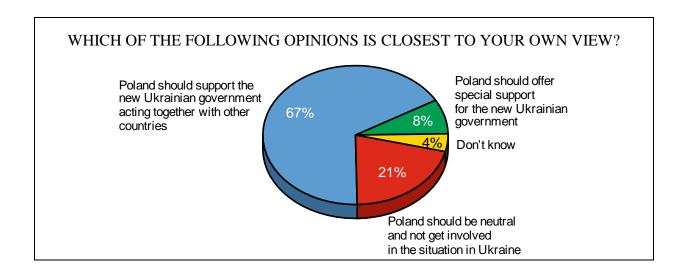
The takeover of Crimea by Russian troops and actions by Russia aimed at sanctioning the separation of the peninsula from Ukraine caused concern in Poland. In February, the majority of Poles (59%) considered the course of events in Ukraine to be important for Poland. In March, the conviction that the developments in Ukraine impact Poland became nearly universal (82%).



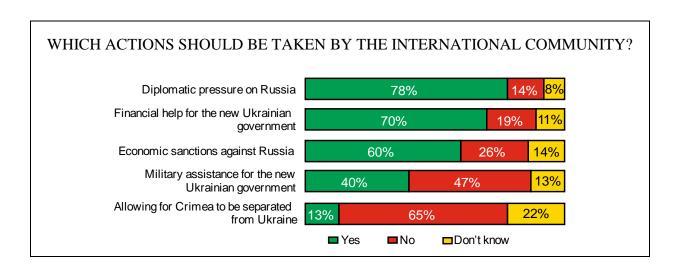
Increasingly, the society is concerned about the security of Poland. In February, less than one-third of respondents (30%) believed that events beyond the eastern border are a threat to Poland. At present, almost three-quarters (72%) are concerned. The majority of Poles think that the conflict in Ukraine is dangerous not only for Poland (72%), but for Europe in general (66%), and even for the world (52%).



The majority of respondents think that Poland should be involved in solving the conflict in Ukraine. However, the prevailing view holds that the actions of the Polish government should be conducted within the framework of an international effort (67%). Only one in twelve (8%) claims that Poland should act separately in support of the new government. One-fifth (21%) believe that Poland should be neutral.



The most commonly supported action is diplomatic pressure on Russia to avoid violence (78%). Over two-thirds (70%) advocate financial help for the new Ukrainian government. Less frequently, respondents advocate economic sanctions against Russia (60%). Two-fifths (40%) think that the new Ukrainian government should receive military assistance; however, the prevailing opinion is against military help. Only one-seventh (13%) think that the international community should allow Crimea to be separated from Ukraine (which has, in fact, occurred).



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Opinions about the situation In Ukraine and the crisis in Crimea", March 2014. Fieldwork for national sample: March 2014, N=1098. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.