

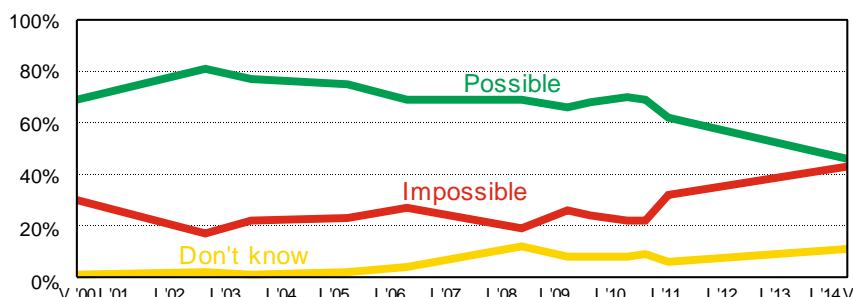
OPINIONS ABOUT POLISH-RUSSIAN RELATIONS AND POLAND'S EASTERN POLICY

The events in Ukraine and Russian activity towards maintaining its influence in this region strongly deteriorated the perception of Polish-Russian relations. The current evaluations are among the worst ever recorded in CBOS surveys. Almost two-thirds of Poles (65%) believe the relations are bad, while only 3% consider them as good.



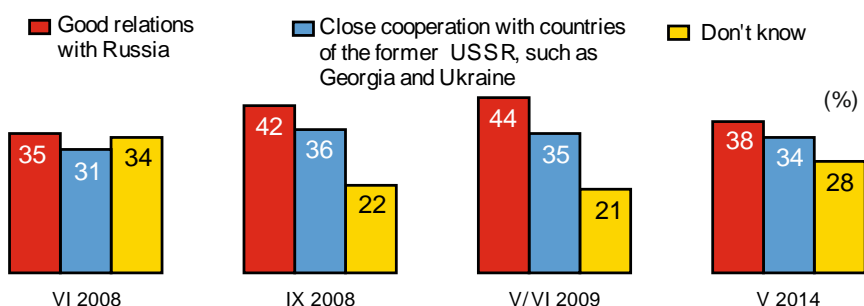
Moreover, Poles find it now more difficult than three years ago to imagine friendly, partnership-based relations between both states. Less than half of respondents (46%) think that they are possible. The percentage of respondents who disagree is only slightly smaller.

ARE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BASED ON PARTNERSHIP POSSIBLE BETWEEN POLAND AND RUSSIA?



The views about the priorities of Poland's eastern policy are divided. Similarly to previous years, the group of people who consider relations with Russia a priority (38%) is slightly bigger than the number of respondents attaching paramount importance to relations with former USSR countries, such as Georgia or Ukraine (34%).

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR POLAND?



Opinions on this issue are differentiated by convictions about values which should shape foreign policy. Respondents who think that, in its foreign policy, Poland should defend principles even to the detriment of interests tend to consider cooperation with former USSR countries (49%) as more important than good relations with Russia (31%). On the other hand, those who believe that Poland should defend its own interests, even when principles are compromised, tend to be more pro-Russian (44% v. 29%).

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: *"Opinions about Polish-Russian relations and Poland's eastern policy"*, May 2014. Fieldwork for national sample: February and May 2014, N=1074. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.