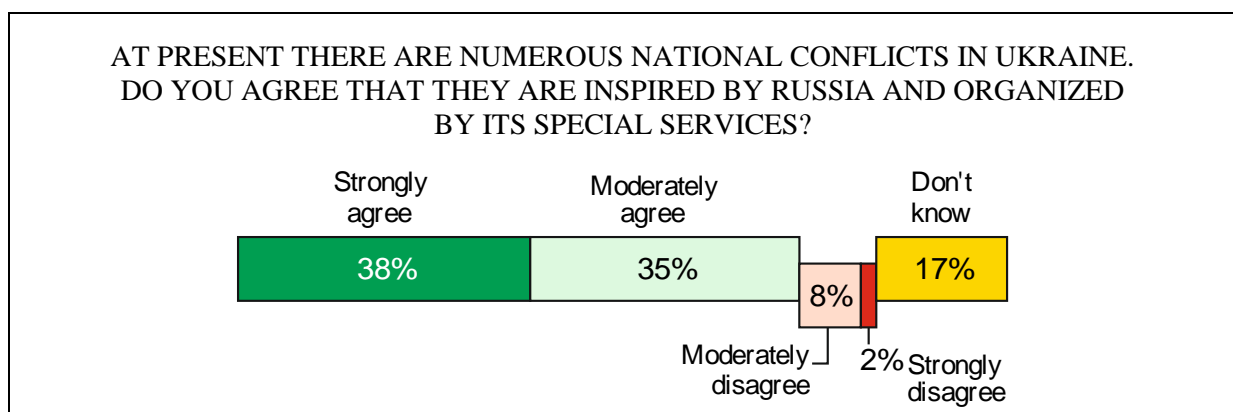


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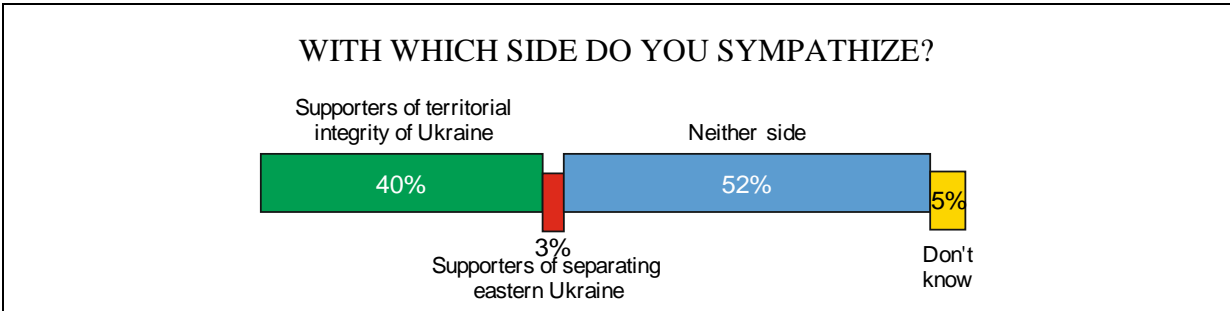
A vast majority of Poles are interested in the events taking place in Ukraine (79%). However, the proportion of respondents following them is lower than a month (85%) or two months (88%) ago.

For several weeks Ukraine has been plagued by national conflict in the eastern part of the country. These events are blamed on Russia. The majority of Poles (73%) think that these conflicts are indeed inspired by the Russian authorities and organized by its special services.

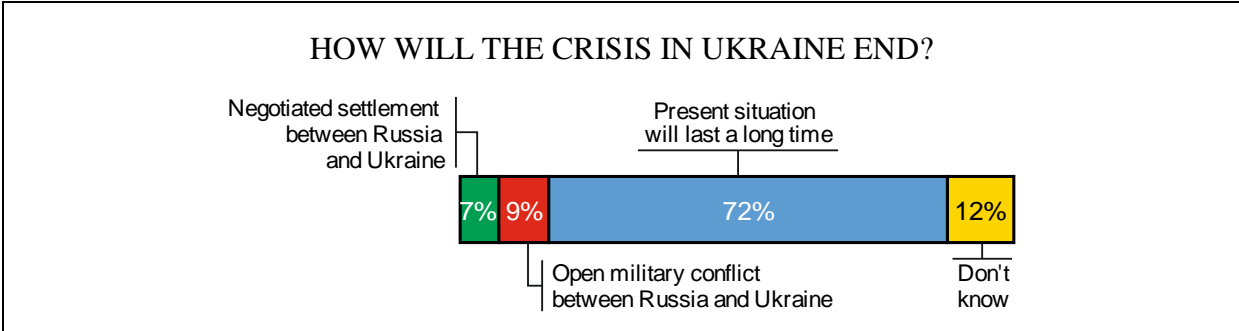


While the Polish people have a well-developed opinion about the forces behind the conflict in Ukraine, they are less clear about which side they support. Although respondents

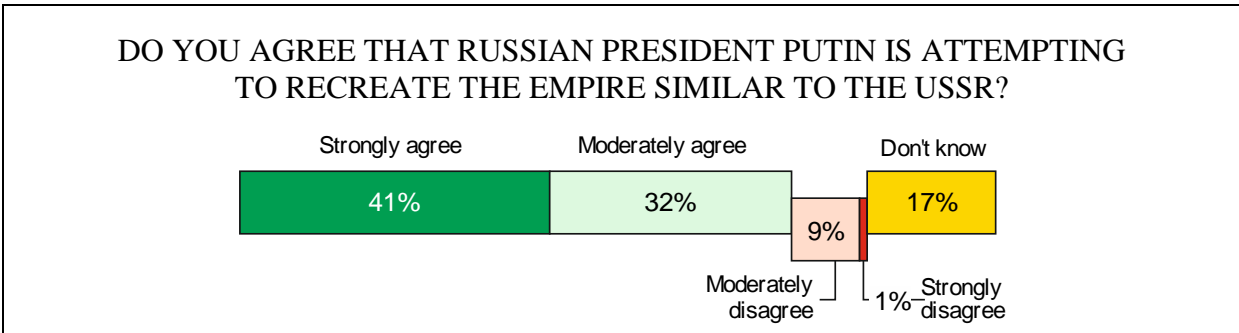
supporting territorial integrity of Ukraine (40%) prevail numerically many times over those who believe its eastern part should separate (3%), the plurality (about half of respondents) do not sympathize with either side.



As for the predictions about the future, only a few respondents (7%) believe that the crisis can be resolved peacefully through negotiations between Ukraine and Russia. Similarly, a small group of people (9%) think that the crisis will end in an open armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine. A vast majority (72%) think the situation similar to today's will last for a long time.



The view that president Putin of Russia is trying to rebuild the empire similar to the USSR is widely shared.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Situation in Ukraine before its presidential elections", May 2014. Fieldwork for national sample: February and May 2014, N=1074. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.