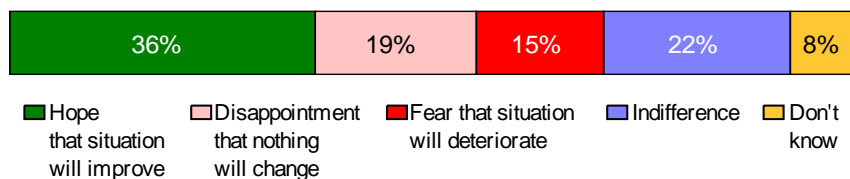


ATTITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF EWA KOPACZ

Donald Tusk was replaced as Prime Minister by Ewa Kopacz, formerly the Speaker of parliament and earlier minister for health. In addition to Tusk, Deputy Prime Minister Elzbieta Bieńkowska left the government to become the European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs. In spite of these changes, the present composition of the government is similar to the former, as the majority of ministers retained their posts. Departure of Donald Tusk from the national-level political scene, in the opinion of many political experts and large sections of public opinion, weakens the Civic Platform and the government it leads. On the other hand, it allows for a “new beginning” and reviving the weakened image of the party in government.

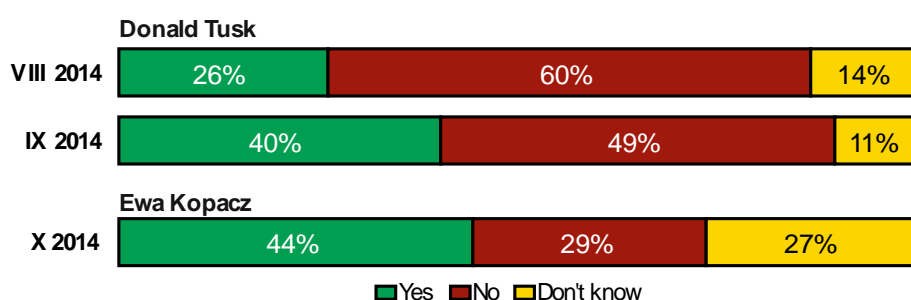
The reactions to the government of Ewa Kopacz are moderately positive. The conviction that the situation in Poland will improve during her term in office is shared by 36% of respondents, while 15% are afraid it will deteriorate. Almost one fifth (19%) think that nothing will change. Prime Minister's gender appears to influence the perception of her government: women (41%) tend to attach hopes more frequently than men (30%). Middle aged people aged 45-64 and, in particular, seniors above 65 (49% of optimists) tend to have better expectations than respondents aged 18-45.

REACTIONS TO GOVERNMENT OF EWA KOPACZ:



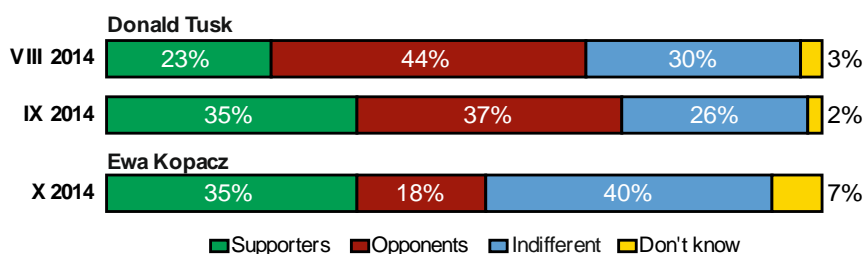
Over two-fifths of Poles (44%) are satisfied that Ewa Kopacz leads the government, while 29% are dissatisfied. Comparing the first ratings of the new Prime Minister with the last notes received by Donald Tusk, it is clear that negative ratings are lower now.

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The supporters of the government constitute 35% of respondents, while opponents (18%) are half as numerous. A large proportion of respondents (40%) are indifferent towards the government. Although the new government has not gained widespread social support, it has half as many opponents as Donald Tusk's cabinet at the end of its term. This means that, in spite of the elements of continuity, current government begins its term without being strongly burdened with negative legacy of mistakes and errors committed by the previous one. It appears that the Poles are prepared to give the new government a chance, in spite of the rather limited hopes related to its formation.

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More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: *"First ratings of the government of Ewa Kopacz"*, October 2014. Fieldwork for national sample: October 2014, N=919. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.