

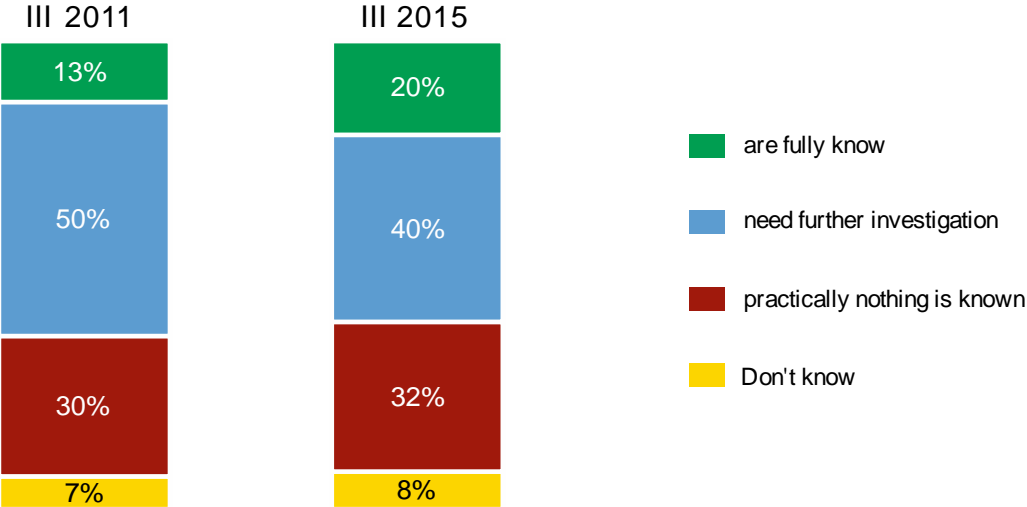
Fifth anniversary of Smoleńsk crash

On 10 April 2015 there was the fifth anniversary of the Smoleńsk air crash, in which 96 people, including president Lech Kaczyński, died.

Although almost five years have passed since then, the investigation of the Polish military prosecutor has not been closed. The work of the Russian investigative committee continues as well. However, other documents summarizing the results of investigations have been published. On 12 January 2011 the Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC), which investigates aviation accidents and incidents on the territory of twelve countries of the former USSR, presented the final report on the causes of the crash of TU-154M aircraft in Smoleńsk. On 29 July 2011 the final report on circumstances and causes of the crash of TU-154M no. 101 near Smoleńsk was presented by the Polish Committee for Investigation of National Aviation Accidents. Both reports were questioned in many circles.

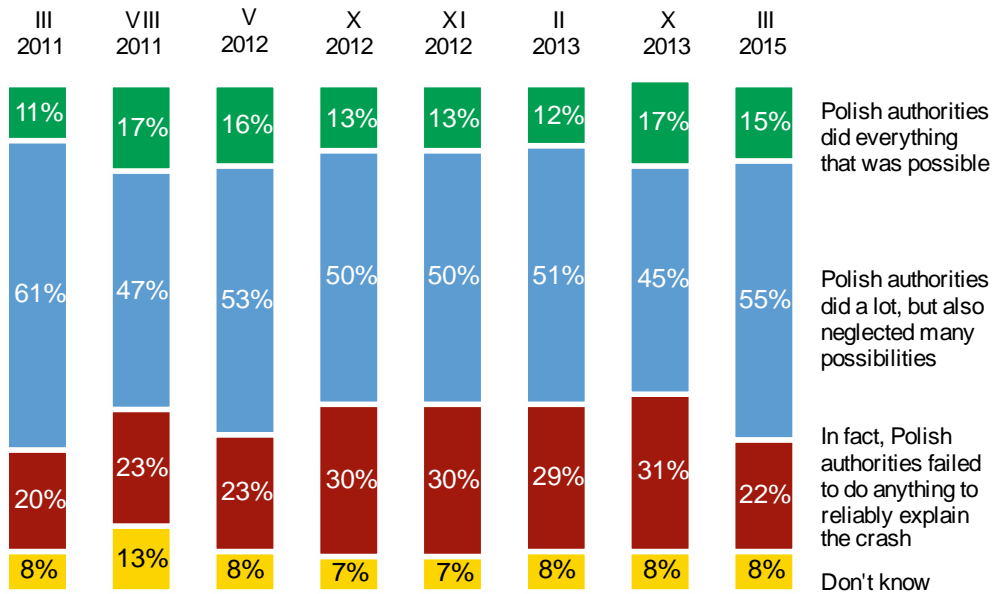
It is therefore not surprising that, after almost five years, only about a fifth of Poles (20%) think that the causes of the crash are fully cleared. Two-fifths (40%) consider their knowledge as insufficient and believe that further investigation is required, while almost a third (32%) think that nothing has been explained so far. Compared with the survey conducted before the first anniversary, there are more people who think that the explanation is sufficient (a 7-point increase), but the number of respondents who think that practically nothing is known actually rose slightly (a 2-point rise), rather than decreasing.

Do you think that causes of the crash...



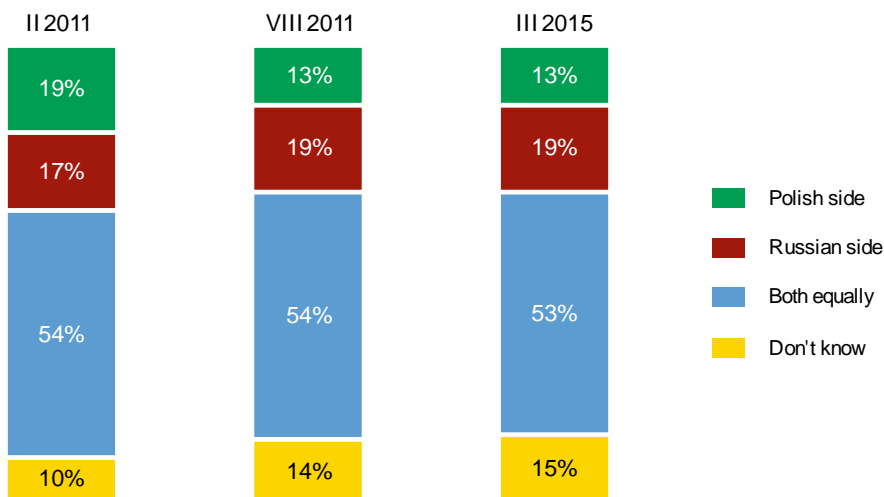
The opinions about the activities of the Polish authorities in explaining the causes and circumstances of the Smoleńsk crash have changed very little. At present only 15% of respondents think that the government did everything that was possible, while a vast majority (77%) accuse it of neglect; among them, more than a fifth (22%) think that Polish authorities did nothing to reliably explain the circumstances of the crash. As in previous years, the majority (55%) think that the government did a lot to clear the circumstances of the crash, but neglected many possibilities as well. It is worth stressing that current evaluations are better for the Polish authorities than results recorded in other surveys conducted since October 2012.

How would you evaluate the efforts of Polish authorities to explain causes and circumstances of the Smoleńsk air crash?



Over half of respondents (53%) think that the burden of responsibility for the tragic crash in which the Polish president and his entourage lost their lives is shared by the Polish and Russian side. The opinions have remained practically unchanged since 2011.

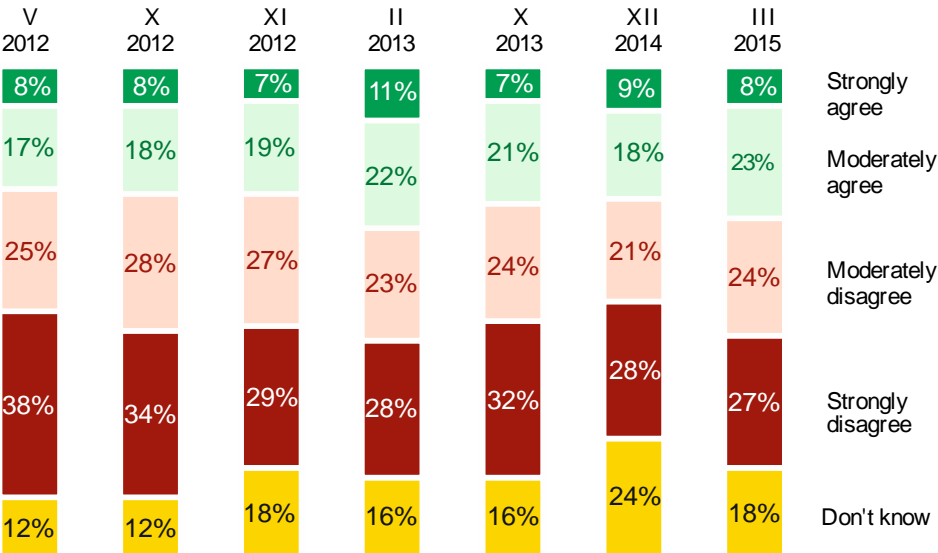
Considering what you know about the circumstances of the Smoleńsk crash, who is more responsible for it?



The Smoleńsk crash, like many other similar events in which important people died, gave rise to suspicion that it may have been a result of an attack. This thesis is supported by some scholars grouped around the Parliamentary Committee for Investigating Causes of Crash of

TU-154M on 10 April 2010. So far, the proportion of Poles who take into consideration such a hypothesis oscillated between 25% and 33%. At present it is relatively high at 31%.

Do you agree that it is possible that Lech Kaczyński died as a result of an attack?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Fifth anniversary of Smoleńsk crash", April 2015. Fieldwork for national sample: March 2015, N=1062. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.