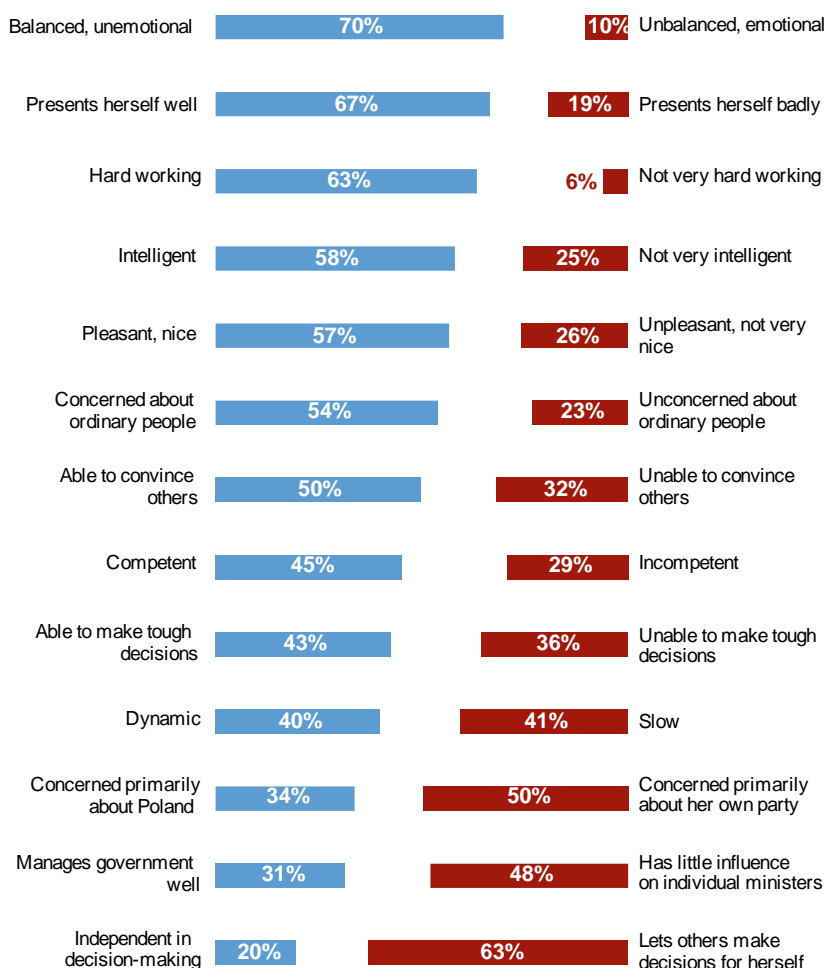


## **Public image of Beata Szydło, Polish prime minister**

After half a year of performing the office of prime minister, Beata Szydło is perceived relatively well by the society. She has a positive image as a person but her evaluation as the head of government is worse. Her personal traits, independent of her function, but no doubt useful for a prime minister, received the highest ratings. The most people (70%) believe that Beata Szydło is balanced and does not get carried away by emotions. Over two-thirds of Poles (67%) share the opinion that she has good appearance. Almost two-thirds of respondents (63%) think that Beata Szydło is hard-working and devotes a lot of time and effort to her work. Considering the small size of the proportion of people expressing the opposite opinion, it is prime minister's strongest asset. The majority of respondents agree that Beata Szydło is intelligent (58%) and pleasant, nice (57%). The evaluation of her resolve in actions is less clear-cut: the proportion of respondents who think she is dynamic (40%) is the same as the number of people who think she is too slow (41%). The majority of Poles appreciate social competence of the prime minister: most respondents (54%) believe that she understands the concerns of common people and cares about them. Half of respondents (50%) think she is persuasive.

## Opinions about Beata Szydło



*Responses "neither attribute describes her" and "don't know" omitted*

Beata Szydło is most heavily criticised for the way she handles the government. Although a large number of people think she is competent, knows her job (45%) and is able to face the most important challenges (43%), almost half (48%) believe that she has limited influence on individual ministers and almost two-thirds (63%) share the opinion that she is not independent in decision-making. Lack of independence is the weakest side of the prime minister.

Another criticism frequently levelled at representatives of the political elites also concerns the current prime minister: half of respondents (50%) think that she cares about the interests of her party, rather than the country as a whole.

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More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "The Image of Prime Minister Beata Szydło", May 2016. Fieldwork for national sample: May 2016, N=1100. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.