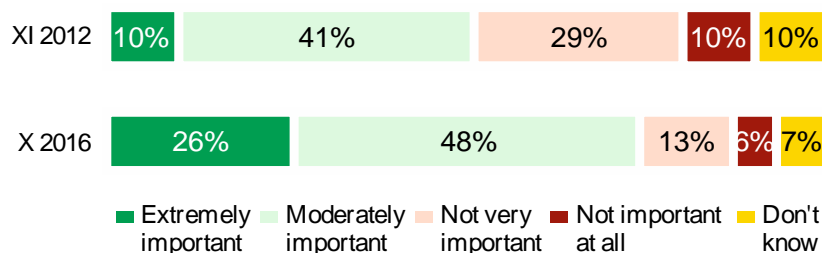


Opinions about presidential election in the USA

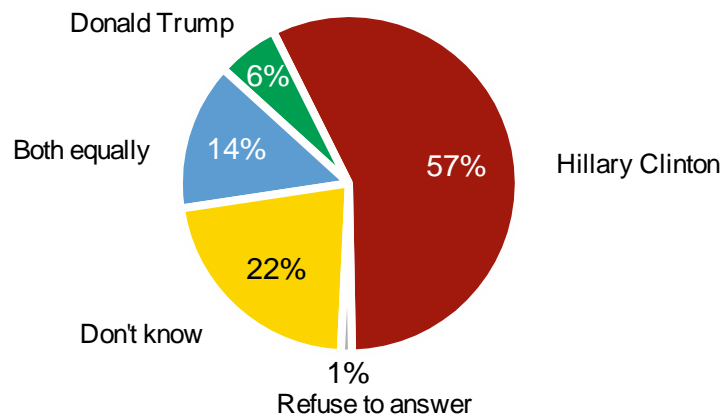
Almost three-quarters of respondents (74%), in a survey conducted a month before the US presidential elections, believed that it is important for Poland who would be the next American president. The result of this year's presidential election was believed to be more important than the previous US vote, when Mitt Romney ran against Barack Obama.

Is it important for Poland who will be the next president of the US?



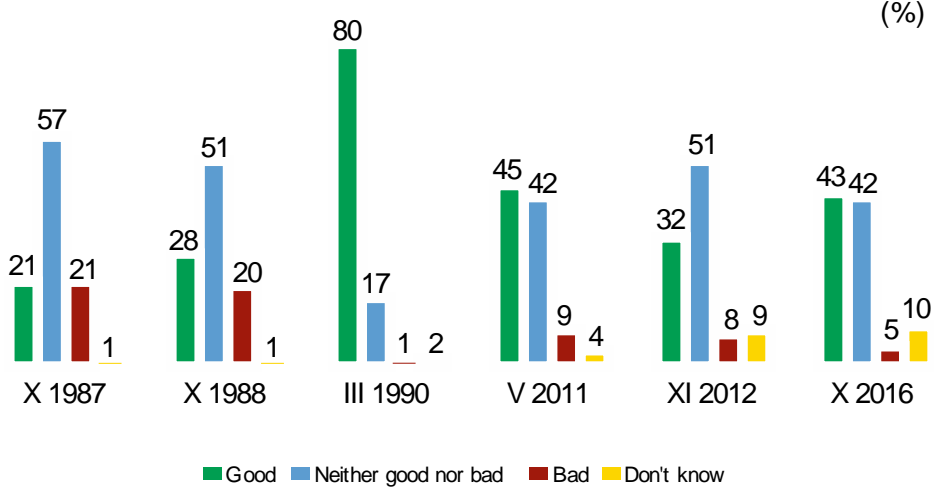
After evaluating both candidates from Poland's perspective, respondents much more frequently considered Hillary Clinton to be the better choice than her Republican opponent. This time the numerical prevalence of people preferring Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump was far bigger than the advantage of Barack Obama over Mitt Romney four years ago as the preferred candidate from Poland's perspective.

From the Polish perspective, who would be a better president of the US?



Current Polish-American relations are usually evaluated as good (43%) or as neither good nor bad (42%). The perception of mutual relations has changed markedly in the last decades. Before 1989 the majority of Poles assessed the relations between Poland and the United States as average, i.e. neither good nor bad. The period of transformation in Central and Eastern Europe was a special moment in history. The United States not only supported democratic transition, but also maintained intense relations with Poland at the highest level. This was reflected in public evaluation of Polish-American relations. In March 1990 a vast majority of Poles (80%) considered relations between Poland and the USA to be good. The record proportion of positive assessments can be linked both to the reorientation of alliances and to hopes associated then with the US. Subsequent years brought disappointments, e.g. the continuing visa requirement for Poles travelling to America, which, beyond doubt, lowered the perception of mutual relations. In 2012 they were perceived only slightly better than before systemic transformation. Presently, the assessment is better than four years ago. It approaches the values recorded in May 2011. The improvement in opinions can be linked to the noticeable presence of American military forces in Poland.

How would you evaluate the current Polish-American relations?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Opinions about United States Presidential Elections and Polish-American Relations", November 2016. Fieldwork for national sample: October 2016, N=937. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.