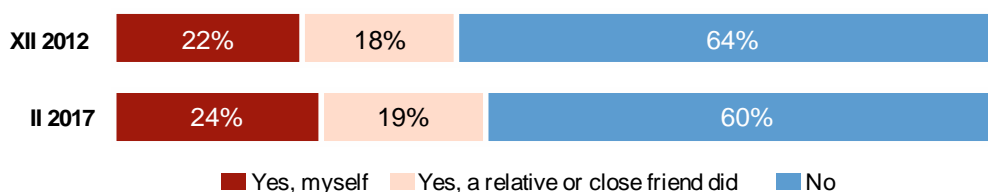


Evaluation of the judiciary

Almost a quarter of respondents (24%) claim that they have had personal contact with the court of law in the past five years, while a slightly smaller number (19%) admit that their relatives or close friends have. The proportion of people who declare direct or indirect contact with the courts increased slightly compared to December 2012.

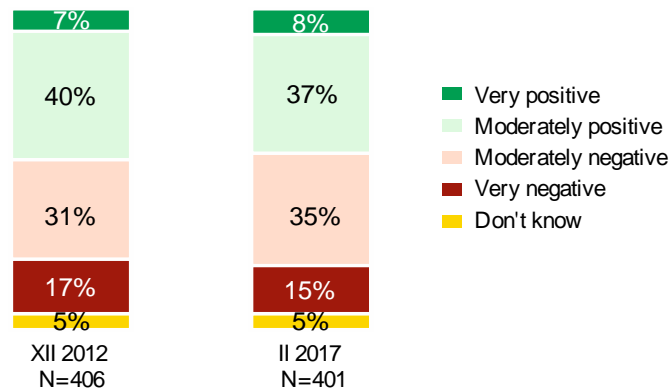
In the last five years, did you or your close friend or relative have official contacts with a court of law?



Percentages do not sum to 100 because multiple answers were possible

Evaluations of the courts based on the experience of respondents or their friends/relatives are divided. The size of the group of respondents declaring satisfaction with these contacts (50%) is almost the same as the number expressing disapproval (45%). Evaluation of the courts based on personal experience is now slightly worse than at the end of 2012.

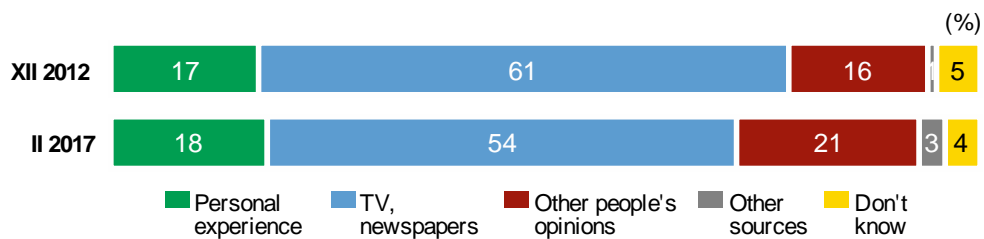
Based on your experience, what is your opinion of the court activities?



Answers of respondents who themselves or whose relatives (friends) had contacts with courts

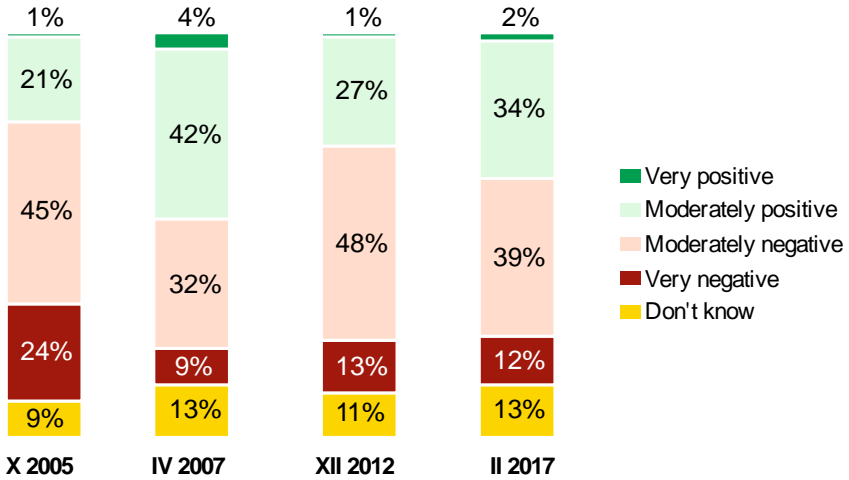
Lack of common personal experience with court cases makes media reports the most important source of respondents' views on courts and judges. Presently this source of knowledge about the judiciary is mentioned significantly less frequently than in 2012. Since then, there has been an increase in the number of people who base their knowledge on the experience and opinions of others. Less than one-fifth of Poles indicate personal experiences as the primary source of information in this regard.

What is your source of information about the work of courts and judges?



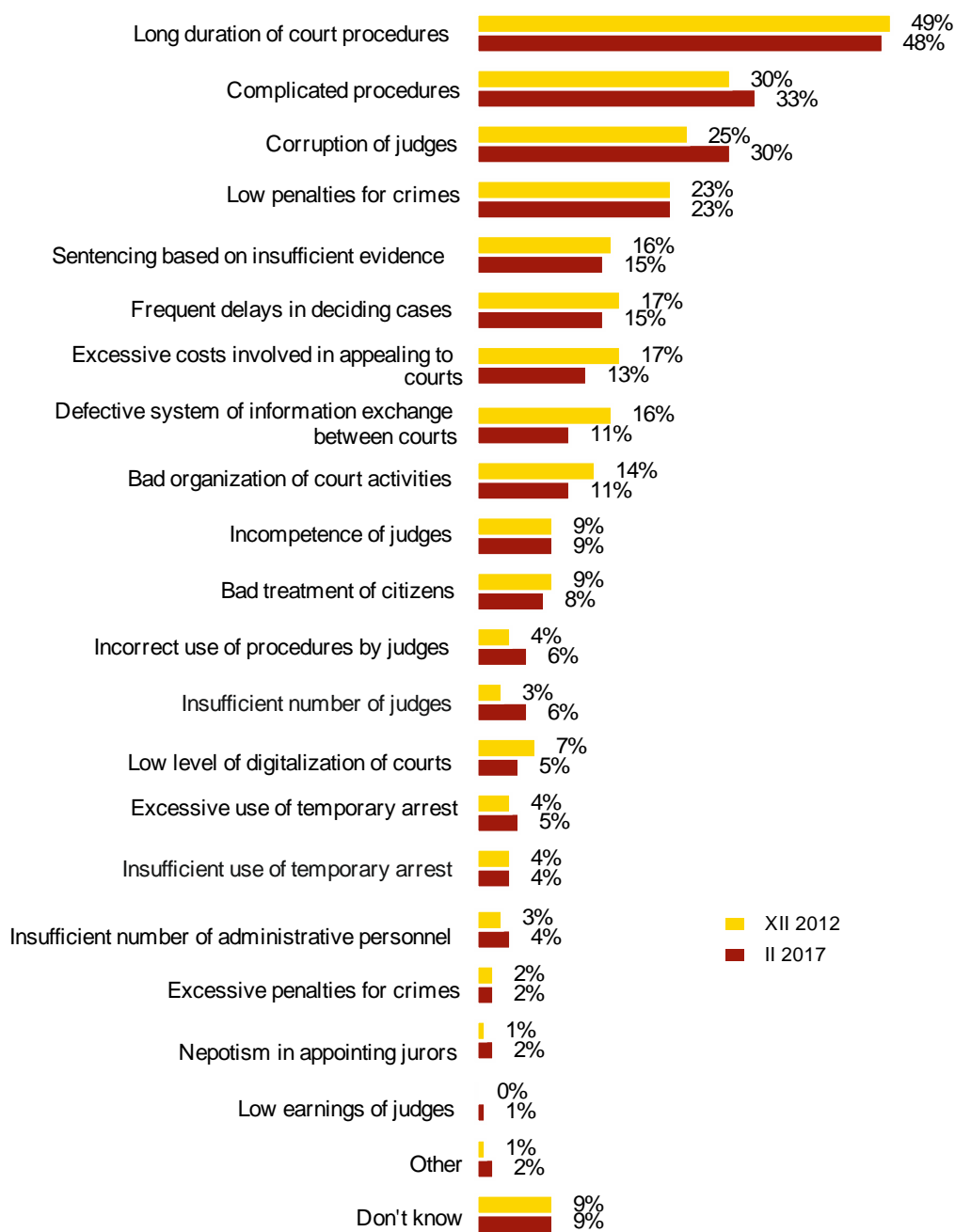
More than half of respondents (51%) negatively evaluate the functioning of the judiciary in Poland, with over a third give it positive rating (36%). Since the end of 2012, overall opinions about the judicial system in Poland have improved.

Evaluation of the judicial system in Poland



The most frequently cited problem of the justice system is the length of court proceedings. Next in the hierarchy of negative aspects of the judiciary are: complicated procedures, corruption among judges and too low penalties for crimes. Since the end of 2012, the perception of problems faced by the Polish judiciary has not changed significantly. At present, Poles are more likely than before to mention corruption among judges, excessively complicated judicial procedures, and insufficient number of judges. The issues mentioned less frequently are: inefficiency of the information exchange between courts, excessive costs of court proceedings and poor organization of work.

**What are the most pressing problems for the judicial system in Poland?
(Up to three answers possible)**



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Opinions about Judicial System in Poland", March 2016. Fieldwork for national sample: February 2017, N=1016. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.