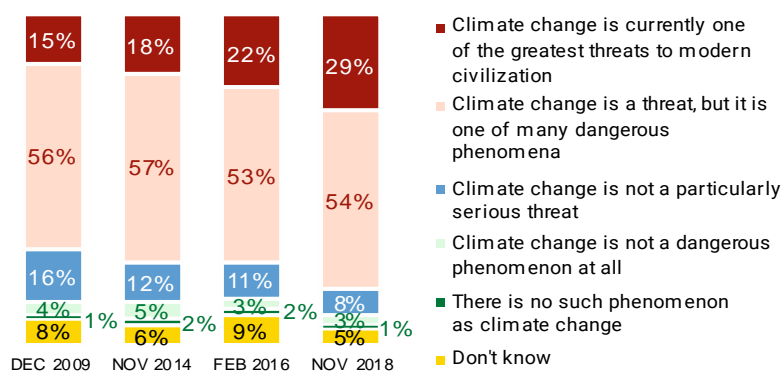


Attitude to climate change

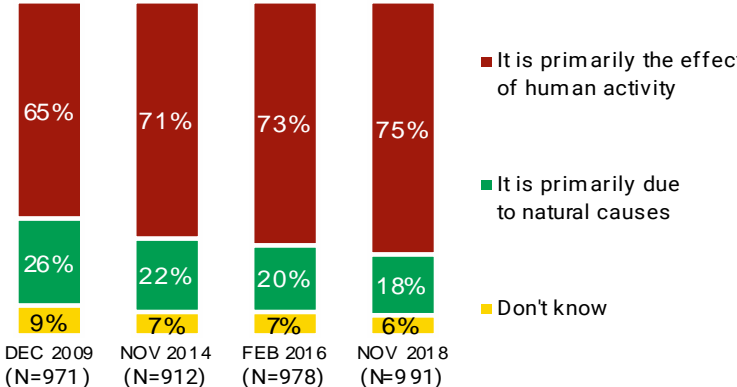
The vast majority of Poles perceive climate change as a threat, with more than half (54%) believing that this is just one of many dangerous phenomena. Less than one-third (29%) of respondents believe that climate change is one of the greatest threats to modern civilization. Few Poles claim that climate change is not at all dangerous (3%) or that such a phenomenon does not exist (1%). Since 2009, we have observed an increase in the percentage of people who claim that climate change is one of the greatest civilizational threats, with corresponding reduction of the percentage of those who express the opinion that it is not a particularly serious threat.

Which of the following statements about climate change best reflects your view of this issue?



Three-quarters of respondents who are aware of climate change (75%) believe that it is primarily the result of human activity, and less than one fifth (18%) point to natural causes. We can see a clear trend: an increasing percentage of respondents see the causes of climate change in human activity. The growth of this view is slow but stable.

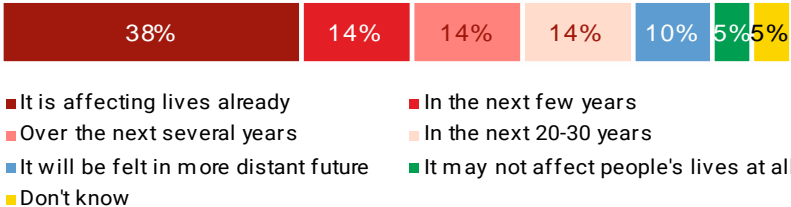
What are the main causes of climate change?



Question not asked to respondents who believe that climate change does not exist.

A significant part (38%) of respondents who do not negate the reality of climate change are already noticing its significant impact on people's lives. Over a quarter (28%) believe that its effects will be felt within several years at most, and another 14% think that it will be felt in the next 20-30 years. Only a tenth of respondents (10%) think that climate change will have a significant impact on people's lives in Poland in the more distant future, and every twentieth (5%) is not sure whether its impact will be felt at all.

In your opinion, when will climate change significantly affect the lives of people in Poland?

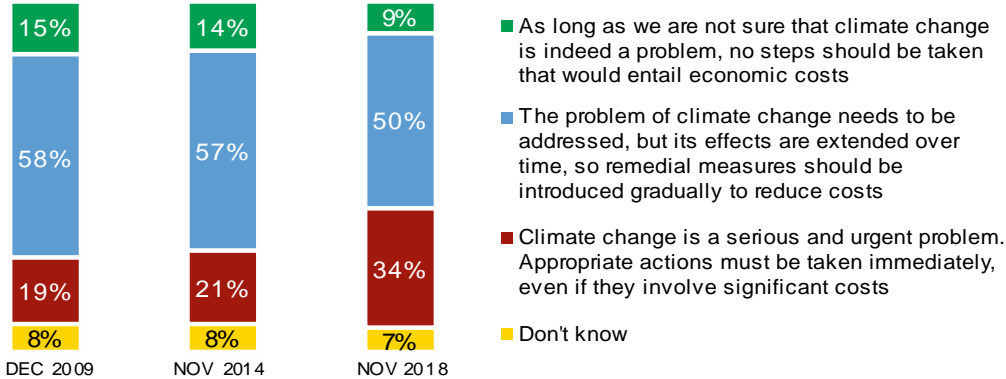


Question not asked to respondents who believe that climate change does not exist.

Half of respondents (50%) think that the problem of climate change should be addressed, but remedial measures should be introduced gradually to reduce costs. One-third (34%) say that the right action must be taken immediately. Only one-eleventh (9%) are in favour of not taking steps that could generate economic costs until it is certain that they are necessary.

In less than a decade, there has been a marked increase in the conviction that climate change is an urgent problem requiring immediate action; and at the same time the percentage of respondents who are in favour of waiting for more convincing evidence of negative consequences has decreased.

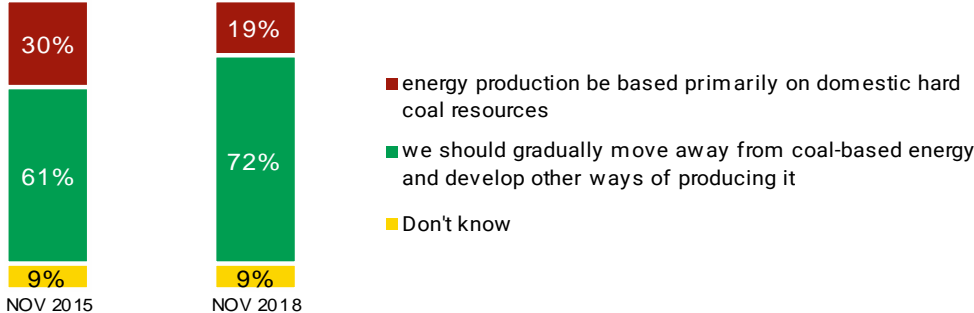
There is no agreement as to what individual countries, including Poland, should do in connection with climate change. Which statement is closest to your own view?



Question not asked to respondents who believe that climate change does not exist.

One of the possible ways to slow down climate change is abandoning environmentally harmful sources of energy. A clear majority of respondents (72%) express support for this direction of action and for departure from coal-based energy. Only a fifth (19%) are of the opinion that in the next 20-30 years, energy production in Poland should continue to be based primarily on domestic hard coal resources. In the last three years, support for a move away from coal-based energy has significantly increased.

Currently, hard coal is the basic raw material in Poland for energy production. In your opinion, in the next 20-30 years, should...



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Opinions on Climate Change", November 2018. Fieldwork for national sample: November 2018, N=999. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.