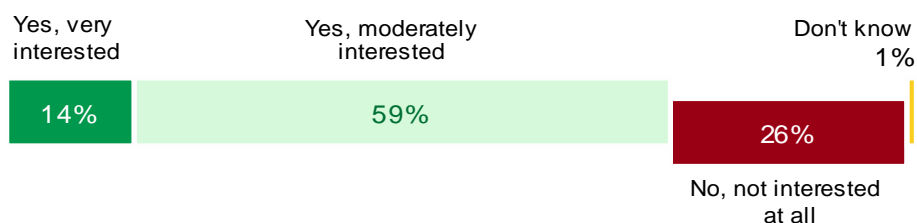


Opinions on the protests in Belarus

Recently, the attention of world public opinion has been focused on peaceful social protests in Belarus, which broke out in response to the announcement of the results of the August presidential election, won, according to official announcements, by the incumbent president, Alexander Lukashenko, who has held this office since 1994.

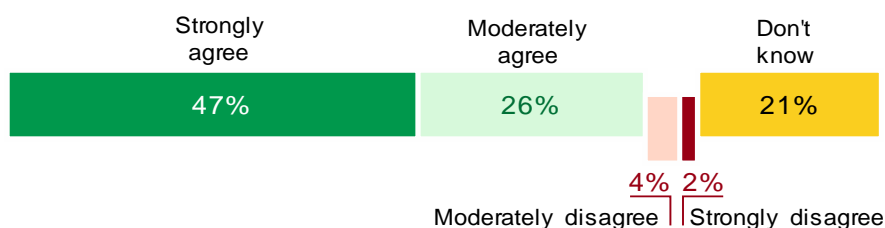
Almost three quarters of Poles (73%) declare their interest in the recent events in Belarus, including one-seventh of the total (14%) who are very interested in them.

Are you interested in recent events in Belarus?



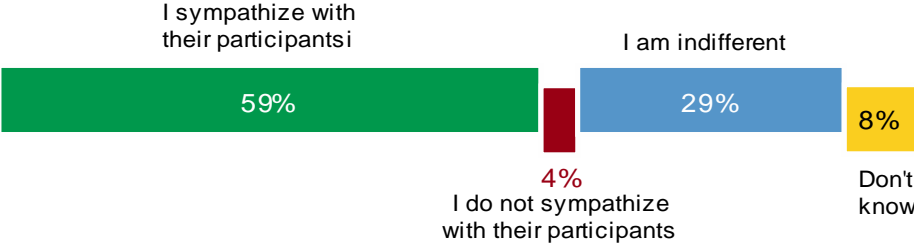
Almost three-quarters of respondents (73%) believe that the elections in Belarus were not fair and that their official result, which indicates that Alexander Lukashenko won, was rigged. Only six out of a hundred respondents (6%) are of the opposite opinion.

Do you agree that the results of the presidential elections in Belarus, according to official announcements won by the incumbent president Alexander Lukashenko, were falsified?



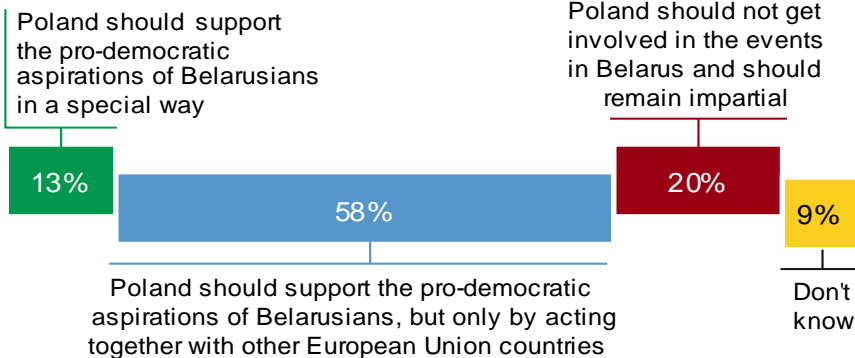
Two-thirds of Poles (59%) sympathize with the Belarusian protesters, who demand Alexander Lukashenko's resignation and fair presidential elections. Few of the respondents (4%) do not have a favorable attitude towards them. A large group (37%) are indifferent in this matter (29%) or are unable to respond (8%).

What is your attitude towards the protests organized by Belarusian citizens after the results of the presidential elections were announced?



In the opinion of seven out of ten respondents (71%), Poland should take measures to support the pro-democratic aspirations of Belarusians, with the majority of this group believing that we should act jointly with other European Union countries, while relatively few are in favour of unilateral action by Poland. According to one-fifth of respondents (20%), our country should remain impartial and not get involved in Belarus.

How should Poland behave towards the events in Belarus?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Poles about Protests in Belarus", September 2020. Fieldwork for national sample: August 2020, N=1149. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.