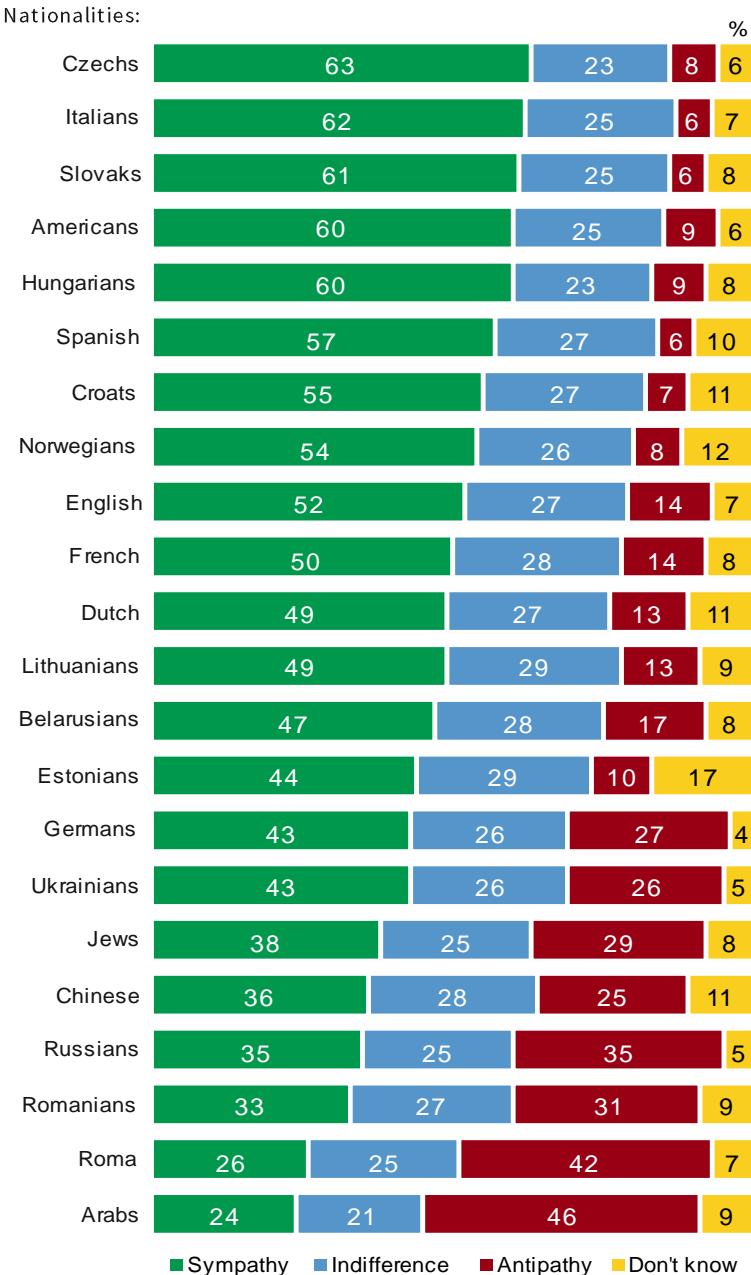


Attitude to other nationalities

The ranking of the most liked nationalities is opened by Czechs, followed by Italians, Slovaks, Americans and Hungarians. At least three-fifths of Poles declare a positive attitude towards them. More than half like Spaniards, Croats and Norwegians. At the same time, relatively few people express their dislike people of these nationalities. About half have a friendly attitude towards the English, French, Dutch, Lithuanians and Belarusians, and dislike is voiced much less often than sympathy. Sympathy is declared more often than dislike towards Estonians, at the same time a large group of respondents do not have a specific attitude towards them. The remaining nationalities included in the study evoke more ambivalent feelings. About two-fifths of respondents have a favourable opinion about Germans, Ukrainians, Jews and Chinese. Although in the attitude to them sympathy outweighs rejection, the prevalence of positive attitudes is smaller than in the case of the nationalities mentioned earlier. About one-third of respondents like Russians and Romanians, and the aversion to them is expressed as often as a positive attitude. Negative feelings prevail towards the other peoples included in the survey: Roma and Arabs. About a quarter of respondents express their sympathy, and more than two-fifths of them voice their dislike.

This year we have registered a very clear improvement in attitudes towards almost all of the peoples included in the survey. Attitude to many of them is the best in the history of our research. There is a record level of sympathy and the lowest level of aversion in relation to: Belarusians, Croats, Czechs, Estonians, Spaniards, Lithuanians, Norwegians, Roma, Romanians, Slovaks, Ukrainians and Hungarians. One of the few nationalities towards whom we have not noticed a statistically significant improvement in attitudes are the Chinese.

Attitude to other nationalities.



Average values on the scale from -3 (max. antipathy) to +3 (max. sympathy)

The marked improvement in attitudes towards other nationalities recorded this year should probably be associated with the coronavirus pandemic, which reduced the importance of political and national divisions, and the shared difficult experiences have strengthened the feeling of solidarity with others and have made us more sympathetic towards them.

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Attitudes towards Other Nations", March 2021. Fieldwork for national sample: February 2021, N=1179. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.