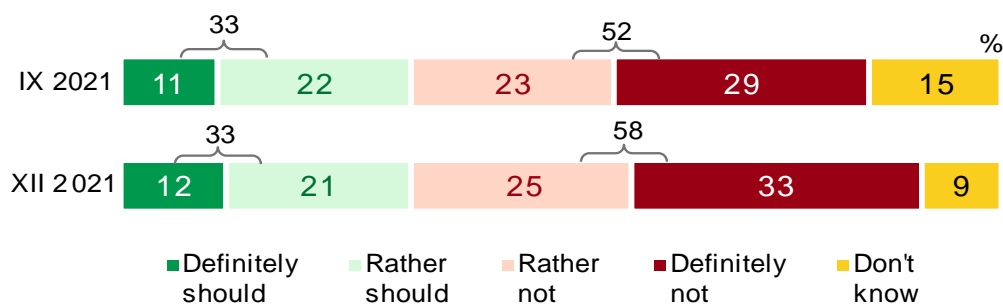


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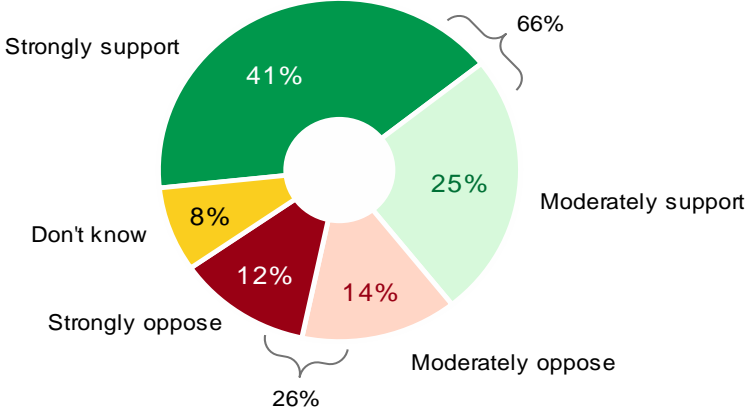
There is a persistent reluctance to allow migrants on the Polish-Belarusian border to access the asylum procedure. One-third of respondents (33%) believe that they should be allowed to apply for asylum in Poland, while almost six out of ten (58%) are of the opposite opinion.

Should the Polish authorities allow migrants staying on the Polish-Belarusian border to apply for asylum in our country?



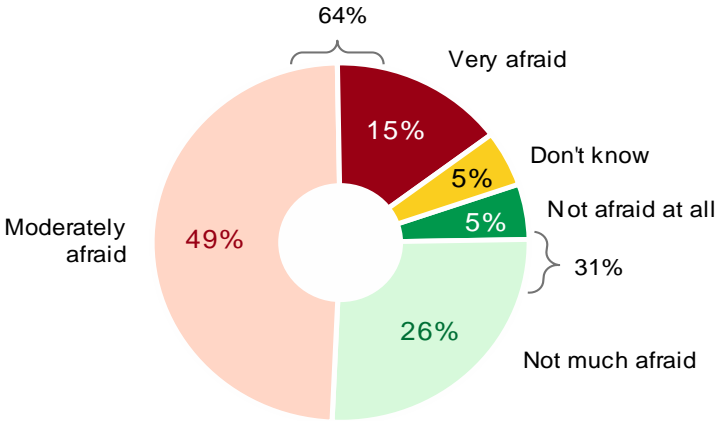
Two-thirds of Poles (66%) support the construction of a barrier on the border with Belarus, which would hinder illegal migration. Rejection of this method of border control is expressed by one-fourth (26%).

Do you support building a barrier on the border with Belarus, which would make it difficult to cross it illegally?



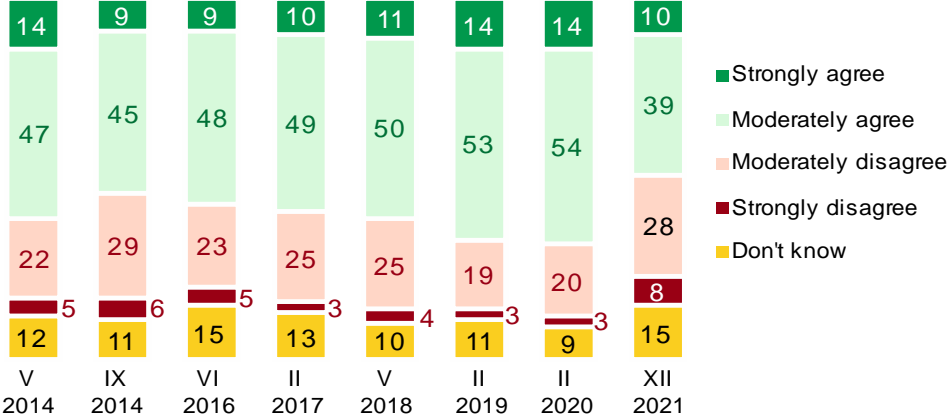
Nearly two-thirds of Poles (64%) fear that the situation on the border with Belarus may lead to an armed conflict. Almost one-third (31%) do not see such a risk.

Are you afraid that the situation on the Polish-Belarusian border may lead to an armed conflict?



Confidence in NATO has declined significantly since the previous measurement in February 2020 and is now at a record low. Almost half of respondents (49%, a drop by 19 percentage points) believe that our country can be sure of the involvement of allies in the possible defence of Polish borders, while over a third (36%, an increase by 13 points, a record level ever recorded) are of the opposite opinion. We noted a similar percentage of people unsure about NATO aid in September 2014, i.e. in the first year of the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine, or more precisely after the Newport summit, at which representatives of allied states condemned Russia for the military intervention in Ukraine.

Do you agree that at this moment Poland can be sure of NATO allies' commitment to defence of our borders in case of need?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Public Opinion about the Crisis on the Boarder with Belarus", December 2021. Fieldwork for national sample: December 2021, N=1063. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.