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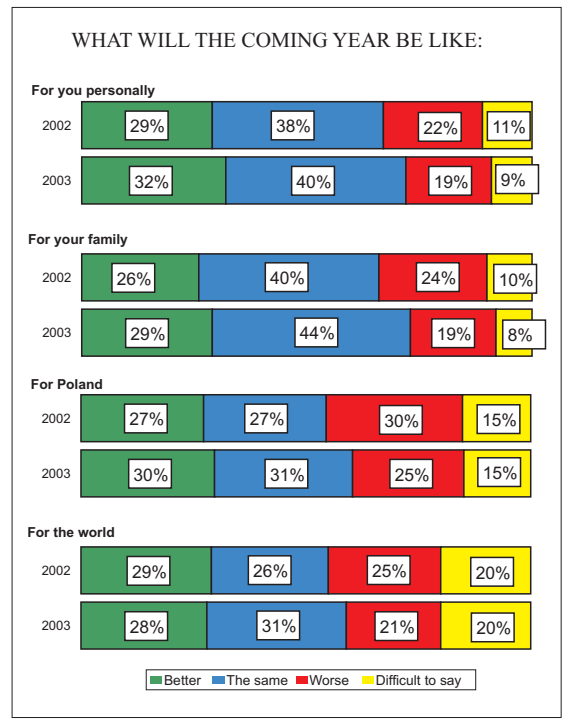
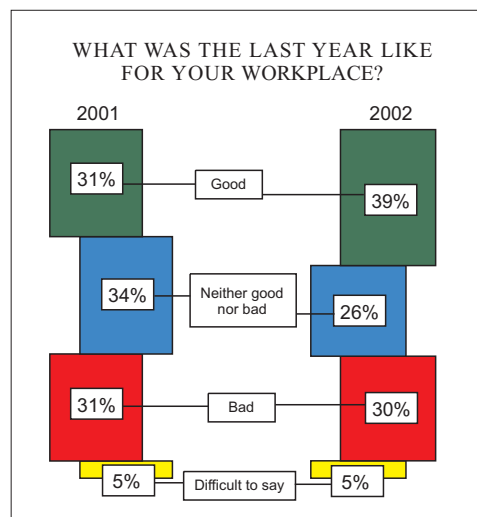
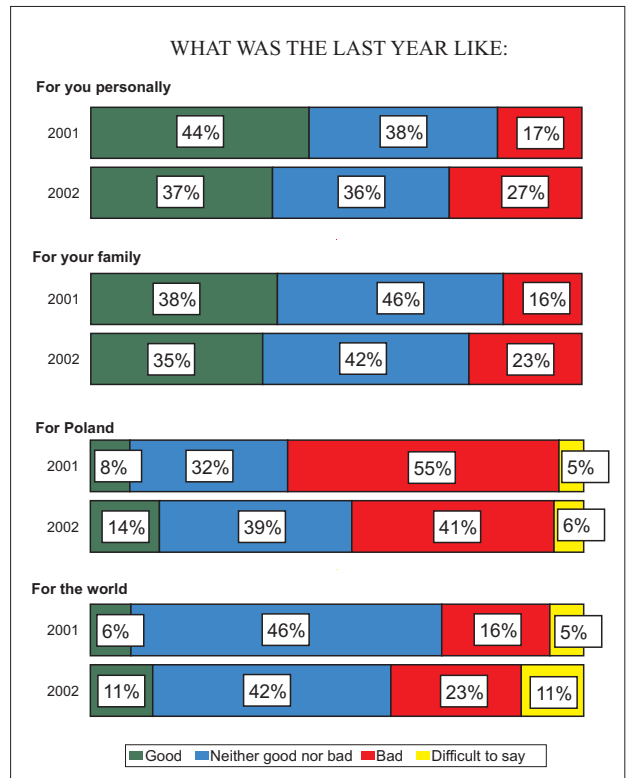
WHAT WAS THE YEAR 2002 LIKE, WHAT WILL 2003 BE LIKE?

The Poles who evaluate the last year as good for themselves and their families outnumber those who evaluate it as bad. Nevertheless, the evaluations of the year 2002 are worse than the evaluations of the year 2001.

Negative evaluations of the year 2002 in Poland and in the whole world outnumber positive ones, as well. However, as compared with the opinions expressed at the end of the year 2001, the evaluations of the year 2002 are more positive.

The evaluations of the situation of the workplace were relatively positive, moreover, they have improved since a year ago.

The respondents look forward to the new year with moderate and growing optimism or with the declining pessimism at least.



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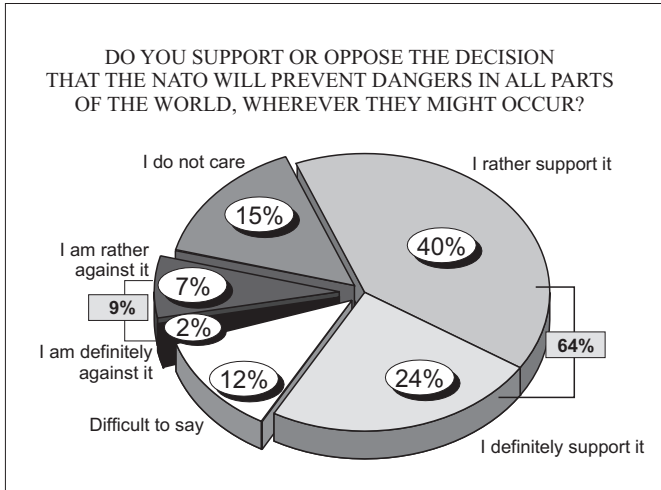
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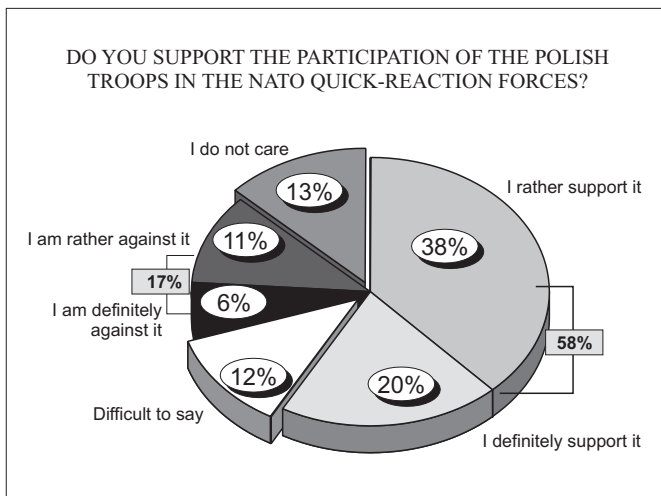
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DECISIONS OF THE NATO SUMMIT IN PRAGUE

Two-thirds of the Poles accept the decision of the NATO summit in Prague that the Organisation will not only defend the territory of its members, but also prevent dangers in other parts of the world.

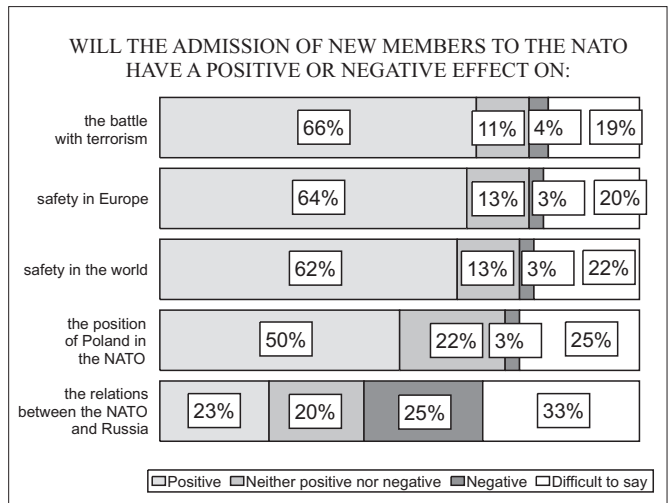
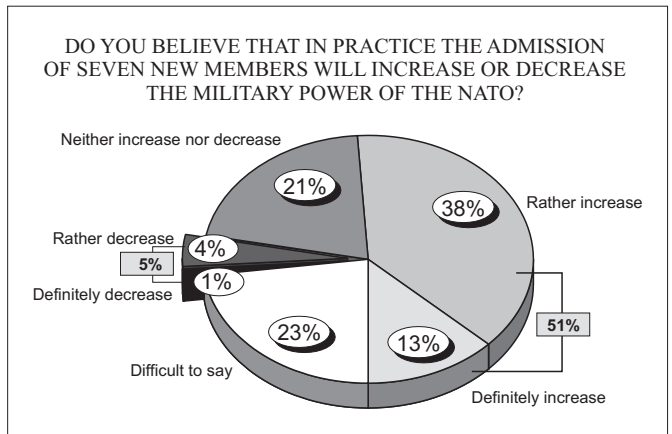
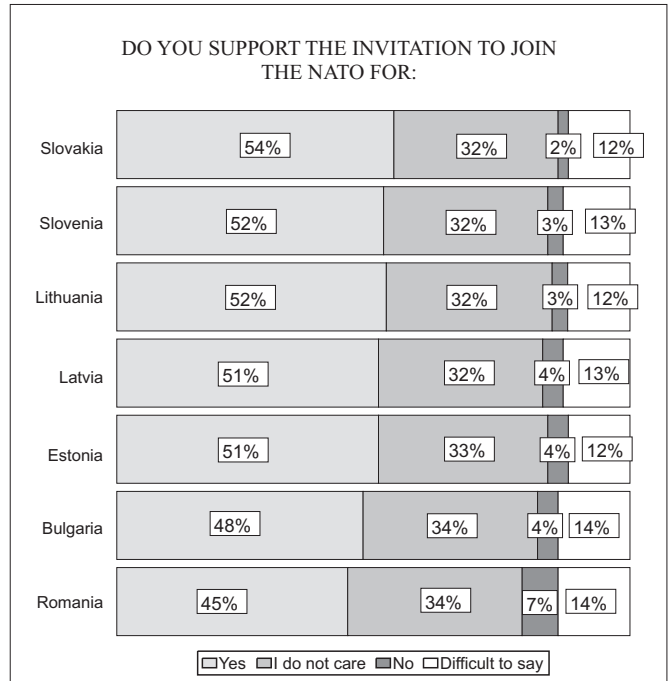


Over half of the respondents also support the participation of the Polish troops in the NATO quick-reaction forces.



The respondents also support the decision to invite seven countries to join the NATO. The support is a little stronger in the case of Slovakia, Slovenia and the Baltic states than in the case of Bulgaria and Romania.

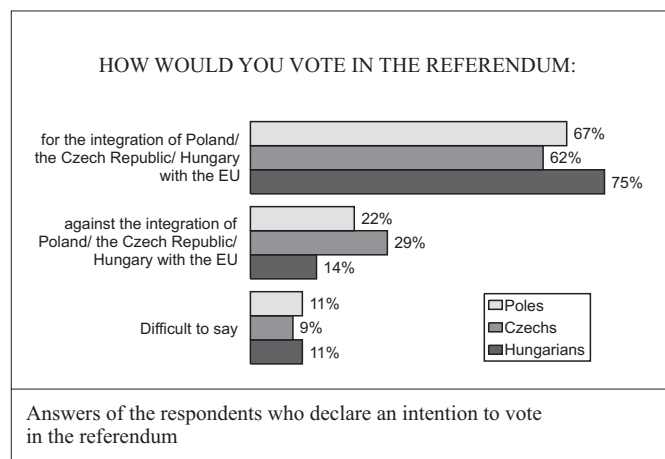
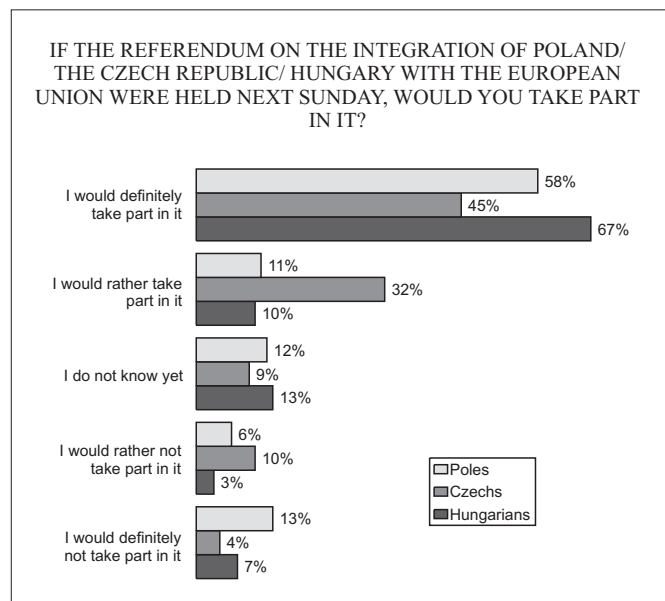
Most respondents believe that the admission of the seven countries invited during the Prague summit will increase the military power of the NATO. It will also bring about positive effects for the battle with terrorism, safety in Europe and in the world and for Poland's position in the NATO. The opinions on the implications of the NATO extension for the relations between the NATO and Russia are divided.



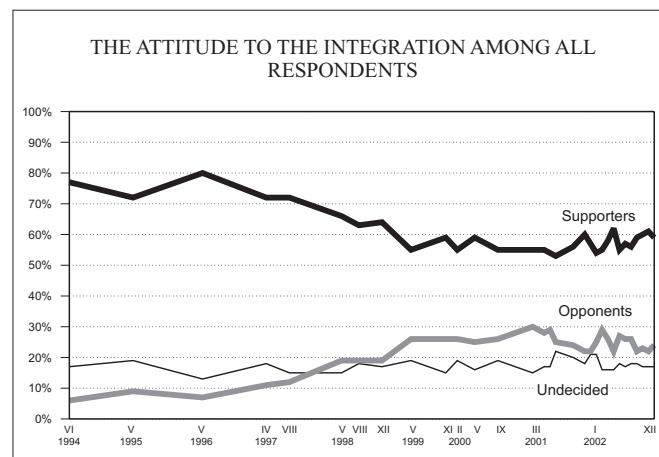
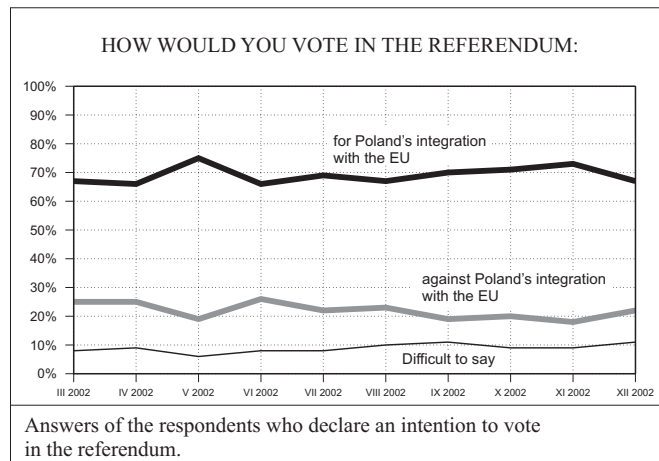
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THE POLES, CZECHS AND HUNGARIANS ABOUT THE INTEGRATION WITH THE EU SHORTLY BEFORE THE END OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

Among the three countries, the intention to participate in the accession referendum was declared the most frequently in Hungary. The support for the integration with the EU is also the strongest there. In the Czech Republic, the total number of persons declaring participation in the referendum is the same as in Hungary, but the number of those who say that they will definitely vote is considerably smaller than in Hungary or Poland. Moreover, in the Czech Republic the number of supporters of the integration among those who intend to vote in the referendum is smaller and the number of opponents - higher than in Poland and Hungary.



At the beginning of December, slightly fewer Poles were going to vote in the referendum than in November (down by 3 percentage points). At the same time, the support for the integration has slightly decreased, though it remains at a very similar level since 1999.

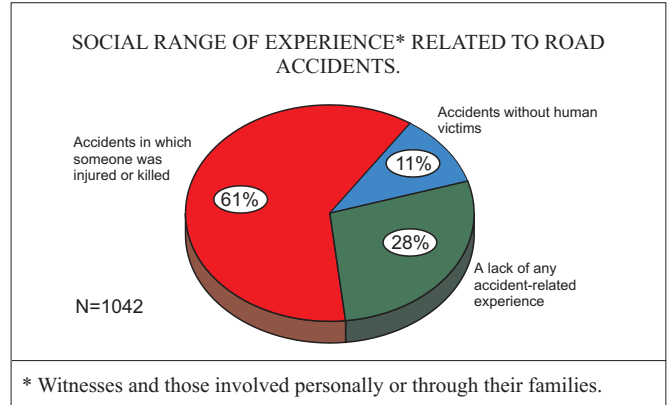
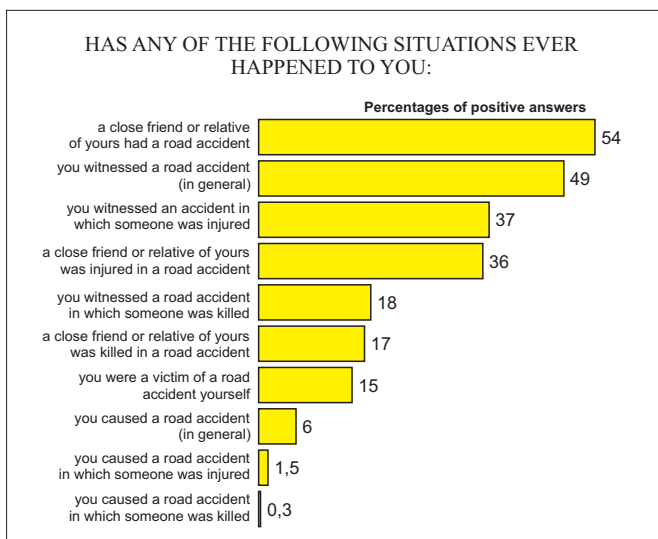
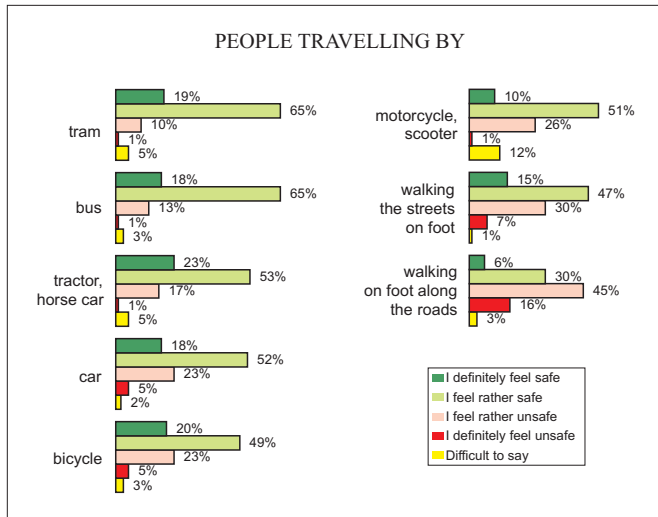


More information on this subject can be found in the CBOS reports (in Polish): "The level of support for the integration with the European Union before the Copenhagen summit", December 2002 and "The Poles, Czechs and Hungarians about the integration with the European Union", December 2002. Survey co-ordinated by CEORG. Executed by: CBOS (Poland) 29.11 - 2.12.2002, N=986; TARKI (Hungary) 5 - 13 .11.2002, N=1021; CVVM (the Czech Republic) 25.11. - 2.12.2002. N=928.

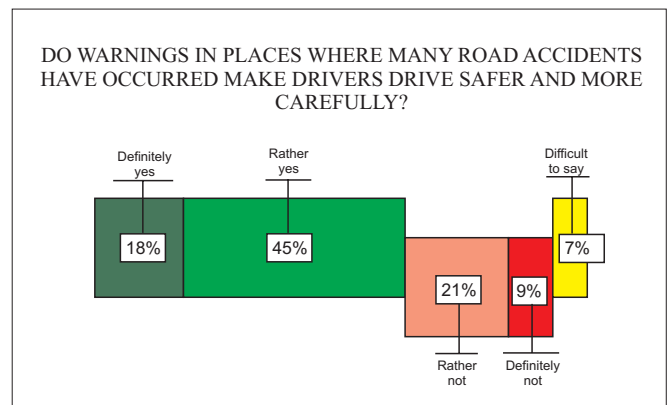
ROAD ACCIDENTS

The Poles feel rather safe on the road, both as passengers and as drivers. Pedestrians walking in the streets feel somewhat less safe and most of those who walk along the roads in rural areas feel unsafe.

Road accidents are a common experience of the respondents. A road accident has happened to a friend or relative of over half of the respondents. Slightly fewer respondents witnessed a road accident themselves. One in sixteen respondents admits that he or she has caused a road accident.



When travelling by car, one can often see boards informing about dangerous places where accidents frequently occur. One in three respondents is sceptical about the effectiveness of such warnings.



More information on this subject can be found in the CBOS report (in Polish): "Everyday life of the Poles road accidents", December 2002. Survey executed in November 2002. A representative random-address sample of the general adult population of Poland. N=1042.

In addition to the reports referred to above, the following have been published recently (in Polish):

- ◆ Savings and deposits of households
- ◆ Opinions on the negotiations of Poland with the European Union
- ◆ The limits of deputies' protests in the Sejm
- ◆ Social support for the integration with the European Union declarations and opinions
- ◆ Political party preferences in December
- ◆ Decline of the support for the government and the Prime Minister
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