

Sarmatian Review Data

Shale gas in Poland

Estimated amount of shale gas in Poland: 5.3 billion cubic meters, or more than in any other European country. Period of time during which Poland would not have to import gas if shale gas is extracted: 300 years.

Estimated number of years necessary to make exploitation of shale gas in Poland technologically feasible: 5-10 years.

Source: <wpolityce.pl>, accessed 5 September 2011; South Baltic Gas Forum, 5–11 September 2011 in Gdańsk (<<http://www.gasforum2011.com/keynote>>), accessed 5 September 2011.

Readership of political weeklies in Poland in July 2011

Uważam Rze, a center-right weekly (136,900 copies sold); *Gość Niedzielny*, a Catholic weekly (134,300 copies, 1.2 percent increase as of July 2010); *Polityka*, a postcommunist weekly (134,200 copies, a loss of 6.2 percent); *Wprost*, moved leftward under new ownership (125,900 copies, increase of 17.9 percent over 2010); *Newsweek Polska*, an imitation of the American weekly (116,100 copies, increase of 2.4 percent over 2010); *Gazeta Polska*, radically rightist (66,900 copies sold, increase of 9.5 percent over 2010); *Przekrój*, a continuation of a communist weekly (39,300 copies, a loss of ca. 20 percent); *Przegląd*, 23,100 copies, a loss of 4.8 percent; *Tygodnik Powszechny*, a leftist weekly, 19,900 copies, increase of 0.2 percent.

Source: Magdalena Lemańska, “*Uważam Rze* liderem tygodników opinii w lipcu,” *Rzeczpospolita*, 21 September 2011.

Victims of communist terror in Soviet-occupied Poland after the Second World War

Number of people the communist secret police arrested, interrogated, and/or imprisoned in the 1940s and '50s: 5 million, or 20 percent out of the then-population of 24 million Poles.

Number of persons murdered by the secret police in Soviet-occupied Poland between 1945–1953: according to historian Bogusław Kopka, “it is impossible to give exact numbers. Farmers were often killed in wooded areas, and victims of pacifications and massacres were buried in nameless graves. A certain number of people were also handed over to the Soviet NKVD; they never returned. It is estimated that the number of victims runs into many tens of thousands.”

Source: Piotr Zychowicz, “The secret police in Soviet-occupied Poland was fully controlled by the Soviet NKVD,” an interview with the Institute of National Memory historian Bogusław Kopka, *Rzeczpospolita*, 22 September 2011.

Russian ethnic outflow from the seven republics of the North Caucasus continues to accelerate

Size of the ethnic Russian population in the North Caucasus in 1989 and 2011: 26 percent and 12–15 percent, respectively.

Size of the indigenous ethnic population in North Caucasus in 1989 and 2002: 66 percent in 1989 and 80 percent in 2002, with a projected further percentage growth in 2011.

Decrease of ethnic Russian population in the republics of Chechnya and Ingushetia since 1989: 94 percent smaller now than then.

Source: Valery Dzutsev, *Eurasia Daily Monitor*, vol. 8, no. 197 (26 October 2011).

Polish Catholic missionaries in Turkmenistan in the twenty-first century

Number of Christian (including Catholic) churches in Turkmenistan in 2011: none.

Fate of the Catholic church in Ashgabat constructed before the October Revolution: levelled by the Soviets.

National background of the Catholic community in Ashgabat: Polish (descendants of Poles deported to the gulag by the Soviets).

Number of Catholic missionaries in Turkmenistan: two, both of them Polish priests.

The most prominent citizen of Turkmenistan of Polish background: Walenty Tyszkiewicz (<http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~sarmatia/401/212tysz.html>).

Source: www.oblaci.pl (accessed 4 October 2011).

White-on-white colonialism, postcolonialism, and population growth (granted, it is only a sample of one)

Decline in the population of Ireland between 1840 and 1960: from 8.3 million to 2.9 million.

Source: Nicholas Eberstadt, “Five Myths about the World’s Population,” *Washington Post*, 6 November 2011.

The little-mentioned growth of the six largest American banks between 1995–2010

Nominal value of assets of the six largest American banks in 1995 and 2007: 17 percent and 63 percent of American GNP, respectively.

Source: Senator Sherrod Brown of Ohio in an interview on “This Week,” 25 April 2010; reprinted in www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2010/apr/27/sherrod-brown/six-largest-banks-getting-bigger-brown-said/.