

Sarmatian Review Data

Countries most supportive of freedom of speech

United States, Canada, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany (in that order).

Source: Pew Research Center Report on Freedom of Speech, <<http://www.pewglobal.org/files/2015/11/Pew-Research-Center-Democracy-Report-FINAL-November-18-2015.pdf>>, p. 26, accessed 17 October 2016.

Size of the Polish elites in the 1930s

Size of the population of Poland in the mid-1930s: 35 million people.

Number of people born in Poland in each consecutive year from the 1920s to the 1930s: about 600,000.

Number of university graduates in each consecutive year: 6,000.

Estimated number of people who had secondary education and/or incomplete college education at that time: 300,000-500,000 persons, or 2 percent of the total population of Poland.

Source: Michał Płociński, "Marek Jerzy Minakowski o elitach w Polsce," *Rzeczpospolita*, 7 August 2016 <<http://www.rp.pl/Plus-Minus/308049949-Marek-Jerzy-Minakowski-o-elitach-w-Polsce.html?template=restricted>>, accessed on the same day.

Russian finances AD 2016

Estimated amount of money in the "rainy day" fund in September 2016: 32.2 billion dollars.

Estimated amount two years ago, in September 2014: 91.7 billion dollars.

Current (2016) percentage of government revenues coming from the sale of oil: 37 percent (50 percent two years ago).

Source of cash if the "rainy day" fund is depleted: the welfare fund containing 70 billion dollars intended to finance future pensions.

Amount of money the Central Bank has in international reserves: 395 billion dollars.

Source: Russian Finance Ministry, as reported in Ivana Kottasova's "Russia is seriously running out of cash," CNN Money, 16 September 2016 <<http://money.cnn.com/2016/09/16/news/economy/russia-cash-reserves-depleted/index.html>>, accessed on the same day.

Spending on state aid to domestic industries by EU member states, 2010–2014, in euros

Germany: 97,208 million euros, or 25.39 percent of the total EU spending to help domestic enterprises flourish or survive by reducing taxes, providing cash subsidies, or extending other forms of privileged treatment.

France: 74,8121 million euros, or 19.54 percent of the total.

Poland: 17,349 million euros, or 4.53 percent of the total.

Note: In 2009 Neelie Kroes, the EU Commissioner who decided that it would be illegal for Poland to bail out the shipyards in Szczecin and Gdańsk, effectively closed them down. They remain closed to this day. Subsequently, Neelie Kroes was found to have broken EU law by participating in a firm registered in one of the tax havens overseas.

Source: European Court of Auditors Report (2016), <http://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR16_24/SR_STATE_AIDS_EN.pdf>, accessed 11 October 2016; Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, "Niestety potwierdza się, że w Unii są równi i równiejsi," <<http://wpolityce.pl/swiat/311486-niestety-potwierdza-sie-ze-w-unii-sa-rowni-i-rowniejsi>>, accessed 11 October 2016.

Continuing crisis in Ukraine

Price increase for basic goods and services between 2013–2016: 80 percent.

Price increase for gas since 2013: 1,000 percent (ten times more expensive).

Average salary in Ukraine in 2013 and 2016, respectively: 400 dollars and 200 dollars per month.

Average retirement pension in Ukraine in 2016: 70 dollars per month.

Value of remittances sent to Ukraine by Ukrainians working in Poland and other countries of the EU, between January 2016 and August 2016: 6 billion dollars.

Number of murders in Ukraine in 2015: over 8,000.

Number of murders in Poland in 2015: 502.

Source: Rusłan Szoszyn, "Sondaż: Zdesperowani Ukraińcy już nikomu nie ufają," *Rzeczpospolita*, 5 October 2016 <<http://www.rp.pl/Swiat/310059873-Sondaz-Zdesperowani-Ukrajnicy-juz-nikomu-nie-ufaja.html#ap-1>>, accessed on the same day.

Reports in Western media vs. reality concerning proabortion demonstrations in Poland in October 2016

In a Polsat poll, percentage of persons who disapproved of these protests and of opinions expressed during the protests: 71.6 percent.

Percentage of those approving: 28.4 percent.

Source: Polsat News, 24 October 2016, <<http://www.polsatnews.pl/wiadomosc/2016-10-24/czy-popierasz-ogolnopolski-protest-kobiet-sonda-programu-tak-czy-nie/>>, accessed 24 October 2016.

Polish demographics in 2016

According to the Central Statistical Office (GUS), number of Polish citizens at the end of June 2016: 38,427,000.

Of these, number of city dwellers: 23,149,000, or 60 percent.

Population decrease in the first half of 2016: ca. 10,000 persons, or –0.03 percent.

Percentage of females among the population: 52 percent.

Increase in the number of marriages during the first half of 2016: 4,000 more than in the previous half year, up to 73,000.

Percentage of church (denominational) marriages among all marriages: 58 percent.

Number of divorces in the same period: 32,000.

Number of live births in the first half of 2016: 186,000, or 4,000 more than a year earlier.

Number of deaths per 1,000 children born: 3.9.

Number of people moving to Poland in the first half of 2016: 6,600 persons.

Number of people emigrating from Poland in the same period: 5,500 persons.

Source: Polish Press Agency (PAP), as reported by portal <wgospodarce.pl> on 3 November 2016 <<http://wgospodarce.pl/informacje/30449-polakow-jest-coraz-mniej>>, accessed on the same day.

The flip side of foreign investment in Poland

Percentage of manufacturing factories in Poland owned by foreign entities in 2016: over 50 percent.

Ownership of banks active in Poland: virtually all are in foreign hands.

Estimated amount of money transferred from Poland each year because of this structure of ownership: 90 billion zloties, or 25 billion dollars.

Estimated amount of time necessary to buy out foreign owners: from 20 to 59 years.

Source: Deputy Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki, in a speech given at the Leon Koźminski Academy in October 2016, as reported by <wpolityce.pl>, <<http://wpolityce.pl/gospodarka/313492-minister-rozwoju-blisko-90-mld-zl-rocznie-wyplywa-za-granice-jeszcze-dlugo-bedziemy-odkrecac-ten-trend>>, accessed 28 October 2016.

HIV in Russia in 2016

According to mayor of Ekaterinburg, the percentage of inhabitants of this city infected by HIV virus: 2 percent.

Place of the Russian Federation on the list of countries where HIV increases most rapidly: second after Nigeria), surpassing South Africa and other African countries.

According to Health Minister Veronika Skvortsova, the probable increase in HIV in Russia in 2020: 250 percent.

Source: “Dognali i peregnali Afriku,” portal <gazeta.ru>, <https://www.gazeta.ru/comments/2016/11/02_e_10300997.shtml>, 2 November 2016, accessed 3 November 2016.

NGOs in Poland in 2016

Number of nongovernmental organizations, foundations, and societies in Poland in 2016: over 80,000.

Percentage of NGOs whose goal is the promotion of sports, tourism, and hobbies: 26 percent; those dedicated to culture and art, 35 percent; education, 53 percent; humanitarian help, 21 percent (some of these goals overlap).

Number of volunteers working in these organizations: about 3 million.

Translation of these efforts into GNP: volunteers produce 2.8 percent of GNP.

Percentage of NGOs whose yearly budget exceeds one million zloties, or 250,000 dollars: 6 percent.

Source: Portal <wpolityce.pl>, <<http://wpolityce.pl/polityka/314267-tylko-u-nas-glinski-i-kaczmarczyk-o-nowym-programie-dla-ngo-rzad-chce-zapewnic-sprawiedliwy-przejrzysty-system-finansowania?strona=2>>, 4 November 2016, accessed on the same day.