

Sarmatian Review Data

Legacy of communism

Estimated number of persons executed in prisons or who died in communist prisons in Soviet-occupied Poland between 1945–1959: 50.000.

Among them, the number of partisans who continued to fight against the communist regime after the Second World War was over: 15.000.

Source: Professor Krzysztof Szważyk, Head of the Polish Institute of National Memory, as reported by <wpolityce.pl>, 25 January 2017 <http://wpolityce.pl/historia/324688-prof-szwazyk-w-latach-40-i-50-w-polsce-zmarlo-zostalo-straconych-lub-zabitych-ok-50-tysiecy-ludzi?strona=1> accessed 11 February 2017.

Reforestation of Poland

Percentage of Polish territory covered by forests: 9.1 million hectares, or 31 percent of territory.

Increase in forestation since 1995: 0.3 million hectares.

Ownership of forested areas: 7.5 million hectares is owned by the state, 1.7million by private owners.

Amount of forested area per citizen: 0.24 hectares (about half an acre) per person.

Source: Main Statistical Office (GUS), as reported by <wpolityce.pl>, 21 March 2017 <http://wpolityce.pl/gospodarka/332400-optimistyczne-dane-gus-coraz-wiecej-lasow-w-polsce-zajmuja-9-mln-ha-czyli-31-proc-powierzchni-kraju?strona=2>.

NATO members' spending on defense

NATO members that spend at least 2 percent of their GDP on defense: the UK, Poland, Greece, Estonia and the United States (out of 28 NATO members).

US Defense Secretary James Mattis's statement to those who do not pay: "Americans cannot care more for your children's security than you do. No longer can the American taxpayer carry a disproportionate share of the defense of Western values."

Source: "Mattis threatens to 'moderate' NATO if allies don't pay up," *New York Post*, 15 February 2017 <<http://nypost.com/2017/02/15/mattis-threatens-to-moderate-nato-if-allies-dont-pay-up>> accessed 15 February 2017.

Desirability of foreign passports

Rankings of the United States and Poland in the Nomad Passport Index 2017: #35 and #34, respectively.

The most desirable passports according to Nomad: Swedish, Belgian, and Italian.

Criteria of ranking: "The amount of taxes a country levies on citizens who live abroad, along with the nation's overall global reputation, civil and personal freedoms, and the ability to hold multiple passports simultaneously."

Source: Justin Bachman, "The Most Desirable Passports on Earth," Bloomberg, 3 March 2017, <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/most-desirable-passports-earth-don-080006049.html>, accessed on the same day.

Polish food exports in 2017

Percentage of food coming from Poland consumed in EU: 9 percent. Poland is the sixth-largest producer of food in the EU.

Polish products as percentage of products consumed in EU: dairy products 8.2 percent; meat products 10.5 percent.

Source: Artur Osiecki, "Polska żywność podbiła Europę, teraz czas na świat," *Rzeczpospolita*, 11 June 2017 <http://www.rp.pl/Debaty-ekonomiczne/306119950-Polska-zywnosc-podbila-Europe-teraz-czas-na-swiat.html#ap-1>, accessed on the same day.

Defamatory stereotypes

Number of persons suspected of participating in car theft in Germany in 2016: 17,701.

Among these, number of German citizens: 11,037, or 62 percent.

Number of citizens of other countries, European and non-European: 6,664.

Source: *Lausitzer Rundschau*, as reported by *Rzeczpospolita*, 18 March 2017, <http://www.rp.pl/Przestepczosc/303189932-Kradziez-samochodow-w-Niemczech-Obalony-stereotyp-ocudzoziemcach.html#ap-1>, accessed on the same day.

Catholicism in Poland

Percentage of Poles who define themselves as Catholics: 92 percent.

Percentage of Poles who declare that they attend Mass weekly: 50 percent (a drop of 8 percent since 2005).

Source: CBOS poll, as reported in *Gość Niedzielny*, 28 June 2017 <http://gosc.pl/doc/4009288.Ilu-jest-w-Polsce-katolikow>> accessed on the same day.

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Financing of the far-left and neo-Marxist organizations in Poland

Percentage of funding that *Krytyka Polityczna*, a neo-Marxist left-wing periodical, receives from abroad: 90 percent.

Exact quote: “My organization employs several dozen people and the majority of donations—90 percent, and it has always been so—comes from abroad.”

Source: *Krytyka Polityczna* editor Sławomir Sierakowski in a Radio TOK interview, as reported by portal <wpolityce.pl>, 24 November 2016, <http://wpolityce.pl/polityka/316708-sierakowski-niechcacy-ujawnia-kto-finansuje-polska-lewice-90-proc-dotacji-dla-mojej-organizacji-pochodzi-z-zagranicy-kaczynski-moze-nam-skoczyc>, accessed on the same day.

Prices Gazprom charged its various European customers in 2013–2014:

For 1000 cubed meters of gas, Poland paid 429 dollars in 2013 and 379 dollars in 2014; Hungary 418 dollars in 2013 and 338 dollars in 2014; Austria 402 dollars in 2013 and 329 in 2014; Slovakia 438 dollars in 2013 and 308 dollars in 2014; France 404 dollars in 2013 and 338 dollars in 2014; Germany 366 dollars in 2013 and 323 dollars in 2014.

Average Gazprom prices for 2012: Poland 500 dollars per cubic meter of gas; Western Europe 440 dollars.

Additional clauses in the agreement: Poland is obliged to pay for the agreed-on amount of gas even if she is unable to use it all; Poland cannot resell unused gas to any other country.

Party and negotiator responsible for signing contracts obliging Poland to pay the highest prices in the EU for the Russian gas: Civic Platform government under Donald Tusk and Waldemar Pawlak (PSL aligned with the ruling Civic Platform), who negotiated the contract and signed it in December 2010.

Contract length: from 2012 to 2022.

Source: Russian News Agency Interfax, as reported by Zbigniew Kuźmiuk in <salon24.pl> and <niezalezna.pl>, 7 March 2015, <http://niezalezna.pl/64872-polski-gaz-z-rosji-najdrozej-w-ue>, accessed on the same day.

Media ownership in Poland and Germany

Percentage of Polish press titles owned by the three German press concerns Bauer, RASP, and Polska Press: 64 percent.

Percentage of German press titles owed by foreign capital: practically zero.

Titles of some of the most popular dailies, weeklies, and portals in Poland owned by German firms: *Fakt*, the largest Polish daily; *Newsweek*, one of the most popular weeklies; Portal onet.pl, ranked #6 in Poland by <alexa.com>.

Source: “Osa nadaje: największy wydawca niemieckich mediów dla Polaków rozpoczyna cykl pogadank z dziennikarzami,” Portal <wpolityce.pl>, <http://wpolityce.pl/media/282798-osa-nadaje-najwiekszy-wydawca-niemieckich-mediow-dla-polakow-rozpoczyna-cykl-pogadanek-z-dziennikarzami-przekaz-prosty-pis-najwiekszym-wrogiem>, 23 February 2016, accessed on the same day.

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