Sarmatian Review Data

Social pedagogy in the Polish Ministry of Education under Prime Minister Donald Tusk
Number of signatures on a petition against the Ministry’s arbitrary rule that children should begin school at age 6 instead of 7, as has been the case until now: 1 million.
Amount of money spent by the Ministry on advertising intended to persuade Polish society that 6 is the right age to begin schooling: 5 million zlotys (ca. $1.7 million dollars).

Bureaucracy under Prime Minister Tusk
Number of persons employed in various Polish ministries under Tusk: 41,000.
Increase in the number of government officials under Tusk: 30,000 persons.
Amount of money spent on salaries for government officials: 3 billion zlotys, or 110 zloty per each citizen of Poland.
Total number of persons employed in government bureaucracy in 2013: 1.9 million.
Amount of money spent on their salaries: 88 billion zlotys, or ca. 30 billion dollars.
Percentage of Poles who make less than the average salary of government employees: 70 percent.

19 chauffeurs in one ministry
Number limousine chauffeurs the Polish Labor Minister Zenon Kosiniak-Kamysz has at his disposal: 19.
Number of deputy ministers in Polish Labor Ministry: six.
Number of unemployed in Poland in December 2013: 2 million.

Gender experiments in Polish kindergartens
Number of kindergartens in Poland where “gender classes” have been introduced (consisting among other things of dressing boys like girls and girls like boys): 83.
Who knew and who did not know about the introduction of these programs: they were introduced with the knowledge and approval of the Ministry of Education but without consulting the parents of the children involved.
Source: Polish MP Beata Kempa, who received this information by querying the Ministry of Education, as reported in <http://wpolityce.pl/artykuly/70174-faceci-w-rajtuzach-nalecz-wyznaje-ze-chodzi-w-rajstopkach-kiedy-brakuje-argumentow-najlatwiej-udawac-glupiego > (23 December 2013), accessed on the same day.

Illicit financial flows from developing European countries
The largest exporters of illicit capital in Europe: Poland, Belarus, Russia, and Serbia. Illicit outflows from developing Europe amount to 21.5 percent of total illicit world outflows.
Ranking of Poland among top exporters of illicit capital in the last ten years: 18.
Estimated amount of capital exported: US $49.39 billion.

The budding outsourcing industry in Poland
Number of people in Poland employed by foreign firms in the business services industry: ca. 140,000.
By comparison, the number of people in the public sector (employed by the government): ca. 4 million.
Percentage of Poles 25 to 34 years old who have university degrees: 39 percent, or second in Europe after Norway.
Cost vs. quality of education in the United States
Increase in the price of higher education since 1985: 538 percent.
Increase in medical costs and in the consumer price index, respectively, in the same period: 286 percent and 121 percent.
Status of core curriculum at 29 colleges and universities considered the best in the nation: three require U.S. government or history, two require economics, and five have no requirements at all—all courses are freely chosen by the student.
An example of a course that may be taken instead of basic history or government: “Mad Men and Mad Women” at Middlebury College, an examination of masculinity and femininity in mid-twentieth-century America based on TV show “Mad Men.”
Administrative budgets versus funds spent on instruction: in 22 out of 29 top schools, more than one-third of the presidents earn an administrative salary greater than that of the president of the United States ($400,000), even though some of these elite schools have fewer than 2,000 students.


Recently exhumed victims of Soviet rule in Poland
Estimated number of Polish citizens (a crushing majority of them Roman Catholics) who disappeared without a trace from prisons in the Białystok region of eastern Poland after the Red Army “liberated” Poland from the Germans in 1945: 150,200.
Number of executions of political prisoners who have been identified: 330.
Estimated number of political prisoners who died under torture in various localities in the Białystok region: several hundred.


Poles in the USSR before the Second World War
Estimated number of persons of Polish nationality inhabiting the USSR before the Second World War: 1 million.
Number of Poles executed by the NKVD for being Polish “spies” during the “Polish Operation” begun on 20 August 1937: ca. 600,000, or two out of three persons of Polish nationality in the USSR.


Ranking of opinion-making media in Poland, from the most influential to the least
Internet portals: onet.pl; sportowefakty.pl; gazeta.pl; wpolityce.pl; tvn24.pl; wp.pl; wirtualnemedia.pl; money.pl; newsweek.pl; niezalezna.pl.
Newspapers: Rzeczpospolita (ranked number one among 9,000 titles monitored).
Radio: RMF FM (number one among 67 radio stations monitored).
Television: TVN24 (number one among 36 stations monitored).


Results of police interrogation in Russian-controlled Tatarstan in 2013
Number of suicides in Tatarstan jails after interrogation by security forces: 11.
Age of the youngest Tatar suicide: 17.
The main reason for suicide, as stated in a note of another 2013 suicide: torture during interrogation.

Source: Tatyana Kolchina, „Nochnye doprosy doveli do suicida,” <gazeta.ru>, 27 February 2014 (accessed on the same day).

Russia and economic crime
Ranking of Russia in economic crime, according to a survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers: number one in the world (58 percent of polled companies reported bribery, with the global average being 37 percent).
Typical fraudster profile: a man aged between 31 and 40 who joined his company more than three years ago and has a university diploma.