

# GLOBSEC Trends 2021

## Poland Fact Sheet

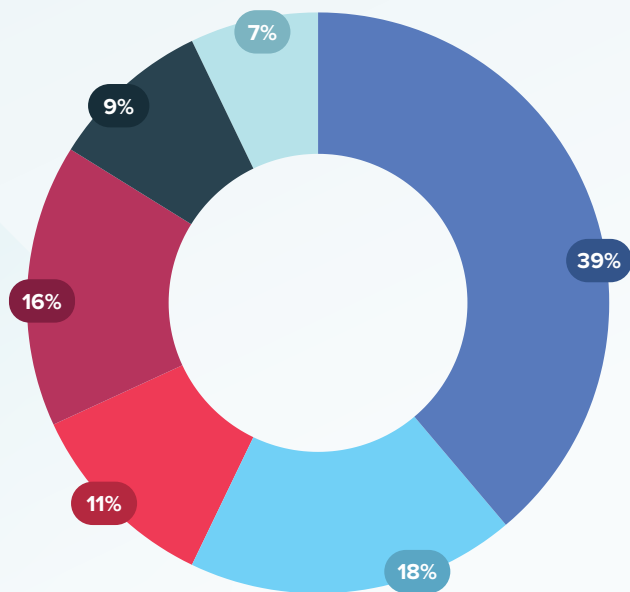


### COVID-19

#### Are you planning to get vaccinated against COVID-19?\*

Only 26,4% of the sample declared that they are rather or definitely against. This means that Poles are generally in favour and only a quarter of population is skeptical towards vaccinations in general. This contrasts with some other collected data.

- Definitely yes
- Rather yes
- Rather not
- Definitely not
- Already vaccinated
- Do not know (do not read)



#### To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

In spite of the general approval and wish to get vaccinated (as indicated in the question above), the samples judgment of the pharmaceutical intents is distributed much more evenly. The collected data shows that 41,1% respondents remain suspicious of pharmaceutical companies acting bona fide and agree that these are only driven by making profits. Compared to the fact that 26,4% of respondents did not want to get vaccinated, the data shows a discrepancy which can lead to a conclusion that even though some people distrust pharmaceutical companies, they still believe getting vaccinated to be a right thing to do. This can also mean that certain Poles see no better alternative.

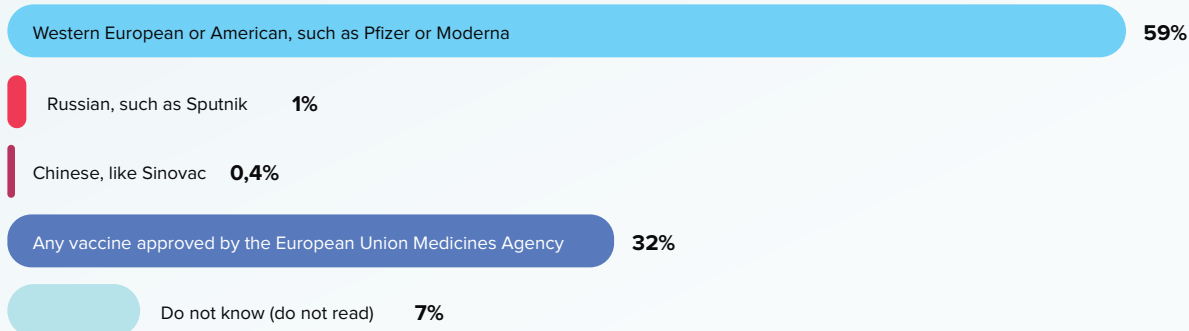
- Definitely agree
- Rather agree
- Rather disagree
- Definitely disagree
- Do not know (do not read)

I do not trust COVID-19 vaccines because the pharmaceutical companies are only driven by profit.



## If you had a choice, which vaccine from the following would you prefer?

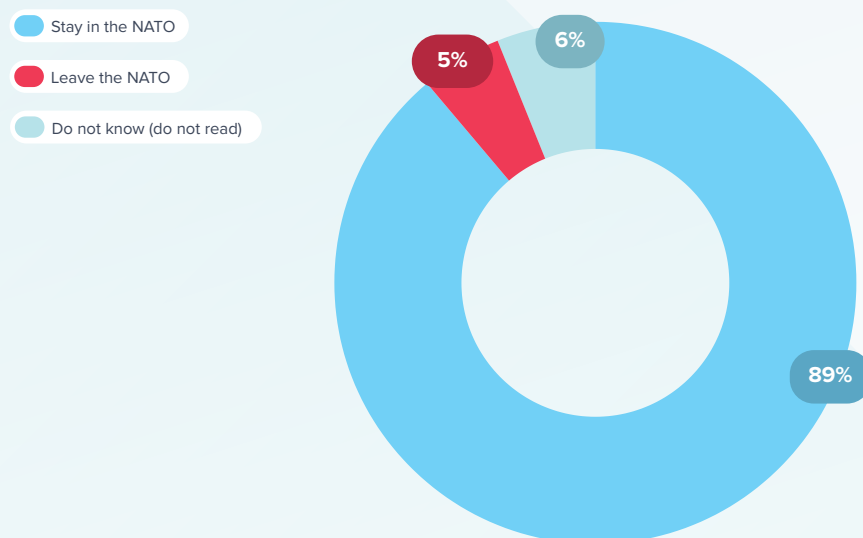
As 57% of respondents declared that they want to get vaccinated against the COVID-19, their preferences – especially that this topic concerns sensitive areas of health and safety – can indicate whom do they trust more. Although the regional level of trust is the highest, as 59,5% of respondents trust WE or American vaccines, it is the high level of indifference to their geographical provenance as long as the EMA rules that these are safe came as a surprise. The high (31,9%) level of trust in EMA judgments instead of other factors can in fact mean that almost 1/3 of population considers institutional and technical level as safer than geographical – and by extension – national. After all, without or prior to the approval of EMA, these are state services who approve Western European or American vaccines.



## Geopolitics

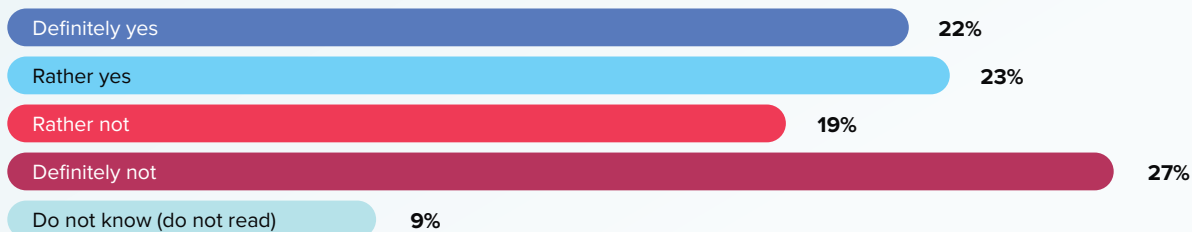
### Now, please, imagine, that the following weekend, there will be a referendum in your country on its membership in the NATO. How would you vote – for your country to stay in the NATO or leave the NATO?

After years of a turbulent history, recent Russian hostile activities and in the context of a changing international order NATO is regarded as the institution that can offer security to Poland. This high approval for NATO among the Polish society is constant and does not change during last years, though there are doubts about readiness of all NATO's member states to involve in a potential armed conflict in central-eastern Europe and Baltic states. Membership in international organizations such as the EU or NATO is regarded in Poland as an indicator of belonging to Western civilization.



## Should social media companies (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube) be more strictly regulated by laws and rules?

The aligned results of all options in favour of regulating and against it shows clearly how complicated and ambiguous the topic is. Regulating social media companies is often discussed together with controversial topics such as content control and censorship. This places the discussion around the topic into a frame of a political and values-based debate.



## I will now read you the names of some world political leaders. With each name, please tell me, whether you have already heard about him or her and if yes, please tell, whether you perceive them positively or negatively.

These results reflect well the attachment and sympathy for Western politicians, interesting is the high approval for Angela Merkel, often criticized by mainstream right-wing media, including public television TVP. The antipathy for Russia's Vladimir Putin is fully understandable in the context of Polish-Russian history and latest Russian hostile activities. We also can see that Poles does not presents a positive approach towards Xi Jinping, what can be connected with the rising US-China tensions and Chinese autocratic governance system from the polish perspective.

Positively
  Negatively
  Never heard of him/her
  Do not know (do not read)

