Political situation in Poland and civil society

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POLAND (6,67)

60 indicators - 5 areas
- Electoral proces and pluralism (9,17)
- Functioning of the government (6,07)
- Political participation (6,11)
- Political culture (4,38)
- Civic freedoms (7,65)
2005 – PiS (L&J) wins parliamentary elections (40,57%)
2007 – PO (CP) wins pre-term parliamentary elections (53,88%)
2011 – PO (CP) wins elections (48,92%)
2015 – PiS (L&J wins elections (50,92%)
2019 - ???

Political preferences of Poles (7-14 marca 2019 r., N = 1046, CBOS)
What is behind such a high support for PiS?

- Promises (500+, Good start, mama plus, flat plus)
- Smolensk religion
- settlement of the elite
- reprivatization commission
- populism
- weakness of the opposition
Threats to Democracy in PL

- democratic principles and values
- MEDIA
  - Constitutional Tribunal and the Highest Court
  - Political affairs (Misiewicz, SKOK, Srebrna, podsłuchy i in.)
- Polarization of political scene
- Political alienation
Civil society in Poland

- Establishment of the Institute of Freedom - doubts of NGOs (threat to civil society was one of the main themes of the VIII Polish Forum of Non-Governmental Initiative Initiatives (8-9 September 2017)

- protests in 2015-2019 (TK, black protest, protests in defense of courts and CONSTITUTION,

- most Poles are not involved in NGO activities, but ....

How to strengthen democracy and civil society (civic involvement)?

• Civic education
• NGO
• Active participation in public life
Thank you for attention