

The aim of this project is to answer the question whether in Poland's political elite politicians of "old group" are being replaced by the group of "a new type politicians". Politicians who grew up to public activity at the turn of year 1989, as well as those who joined them later, even if they belong to opposing camps, share a common view of the world and Poland. They similarly see the main problems, challenges and similarly define the methods to solve them.

In contrast, a new type of politicians - often but not always younger - may have a different view of the world, Europe and Poland. The issues and problems which are particularly relevant to the first group up to date in the past, such as economic and systemic transformation or permanent binding Poland to the West, for new politicians may be less important. In place of the old issues, appear other ones (eg. environmental protection, immigrations, the new international situation), not enough noticed by a large part of the first group politicians.

The difference between the two groups is severe and can not boil down to a simple difference in their age, new politicians may see the world differently and elsewhere place risks and opportunities.

Question asked here is whether such a change occurred, and whether they appear as a group of politicians of a new type, or a new (younger) politicians resemble their older colleagues.

This is an important difference which, when present, says a lot not only about politics but also about choices made by them and their opinions. Equally it also says a lot about voters (society), about how it changes what issues are important to him.

To find out whether a new type of politicians appear, we will conduct a survey on councilors of all provinces and 12 major cities. It is local level where the chances of the emergence of a new type of politicians are the greatest. We believe that they will vary not only with age, but more importantly their behavior, the way they define and implement the tasks will be different.

Proving the emergence of a new type of politicians will provide information not only as politicians are changing, but also how the voters are changing.