

The starting points of the project are scientific premises and interests as well as the permanently low level of civic engagement in comparison with other European countries and the changes of the socio-political system taking place in Poland since 2015.

Civic engagement may manifest itself in a variety of forms: attention for common good, respect for the law, support for democracy (with accurate way of understanding it), civic consciousness and civic knowledge, social commitment and activity, election engagement and pro-civic election decisions.

The first theoretical-exploratory goal of the project is to investigate the structure of social engagement. It may form one-dimensional phenomenon, a syndrome (e.g. latent variable in structural modeling terms) or may turn out to be a set of uncorrelated phenomena (to be a classification term). Secondly, this study is going to estimate the size of different (discovered or assumed) civic engagement components and their changeability in time (mainly intensity and direction of these changes), when the social, political, and economic situation is changing. The third aim is to discover psycho-social determinants of civic engagement (its discovered or assumed components). Here we mean the results of analyses determining how civic engagement (components) depends upon parameters of individuals' position in social structure and upon the socio-political mentality features. The fourth goal of this project is to identify the determinants of changeability/stability in time of civic engagement (its components) under conditions of change of the political system. We plan to include in analyses such predictors as: individuals' position in social structure (as well as economic, cultural and social capitals), dimensions of socio-political mentality, and characteristics of perception of socio-political situation.

The project will have a panel study form: the first wave will be performed in 2017 and the second in 2019. The first wave will be carried out on representative sample of adult Poles including 1500 participants in order to form a final panel group of about 800-900 respondents. Data for this study will be obtained using CAPI interviews.

In the first wave questionnaire will include large number of questions exploring socio-economic status indices and demographic variables in order to create indicators of economic, social and cultural capitals. Furthermore, dimension of socio-political mentality (resentment, anomie, political sophistication, political paranoia, religiousness, authoritarianism, et al.) and civic engagement components (caring for common good, ways of understanding and support for democracy, forms of social commitment, voting engagement, social commitment and activity, et al.) will be measured. The second wave will be devoted to measurement of civic engagement components, the strongest predictors of civic engagement in the first wave of research and perception of important sociopolitical events and appraisal of individuals' situation in order to control their influence on the relationships studied.

Realization of this project will clarify the structure (dimensionality) of civic engagement and describe its social and psycho-social determinants. Furthermore, this study will point out the causes of civic engagement's changeability in time. Results will allow us to integrate the knowledge about civic engagement in times of social, economic and political changes. Final outcome of this project should be a verified civic engagement theory. Results should also contribute to understating the causes of low level of civic engagement in Poland and in consequence to attempt to revitalize of civic society. We also expect, that popularization of the project's outcomes will contribute to increase in civilization level in Poland. In global scale, these results should contribute to better understanding of civiness.