

AN INTERGENERATIONAL CONFLICT OR A SUBSEQUENT CHAPTER OF THE “POLAND AGAINST POLAND WAR”?

Abstract

The presented here in review article constitutes an attempt to provide a more in-depth view as to causes of the emerging cumulation of the intergenerational conflict that appears to be taking place in Poland. The Author's thesis contained within are built through an reference to thesis presented in the monographic work titled “The invisible intergeneration war” (eds. G. Nowacki, E. Dąbrowska-Prokopowska, Publishing House UwB 2020), which was published contemporaneously to the mass protests an social unrests of the young generation, particularly young women, that were demanding a broader access to abortion and respect for their human rights. The so called “state of cultural war” that appears to be taking place in catholic Poland has deeper roots, that are imbedded in the conflict of values that are ascribed to by the younger, more liberal generation, and the majority of older, more traditional and conservative, generations, which is represented by the right-wing, authoritarian government led by one party. Due to the current ruling system the young generation has a very limited opportunities to articulate its points of view and the express and stand for its own interests as population and as equal participants in the state ruling scheme. The way of resolution of what appears to be an unavoidable confrontation and what happened in the aftermath of the crisis will have a significant impact on the future of Poland following the end of the pandemic and the results of the 2023 elections.

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