

Voter Turnout in Polish Parliamentary Elections in 2001–2015 – Geographical Perspective

Abstract:

The process of free and democratic elections conducted in the civil society assumes high participation in the voting act. Low voter turnout indicates some dysfunctions in the political system, including electoral system. They can also be a symptom of serious political and social problems. The above article gathered and verifies different reasons of the low voter turnout in the Sejm elections in 2001–2015, and in particular the reasons for spatial diversity of this phenomenon. The results of the research indicate that there are many unexplained hypotheses in this field. However, the differences in voter turnout between regions are still noticeable.

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