




**REPORT ON THE LOSSES  
SUFFERED BY POLAND AS A RESULT  
OF GERMAN AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION  
DURING WORLD WAR II 1939-1945**



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**33**

representatives  
of Polish science

**10**

external reviews prepared  
by experts



## COOPERATION WITH INSTITUTIONS



The Chancellery  
of the Sejm



Powszechny Zakład  
Ubezpieczeń



Institute of National  
Remembrance



Zakład Ubezpieczeń  
Społecznych  
(Social Insurance Institution)



Statistics  
Poland



Lux Veritatis  
Foundation



Central Archives of  
Modern Records



Polish National  
Foundation



Polish State  
Archives



## WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO:

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- Speaker of the Sejm **Elżbieta Witek** and Deputy Prime Minister **Piotr Gliński**, for their favour and support during the work on the Report, on which we could always count



# ABOUT THE REPORT

## Volume I

Description and assessment of material and non-material losses suffered by the Republic of Poland during World War II 1939-1945

## Volume II

Photographic documentation showing cruelty of German war crimes against the Polish citizens

## Volume III

List of crime sites prepared based on the research conducted over several decades by the Central Commission for Investigation of German Crimes in Poland



# CONSEQUENCES OF WW II FOR POLAND AND POLISH CITIZENS

*As a result of World War II, Poland suffered the greatest human and material losses of all the European countries in relation to its total population and national wealth.*





# CHANGES IN THE POLISH BORDERS

Decrease  
of the Polish territory:

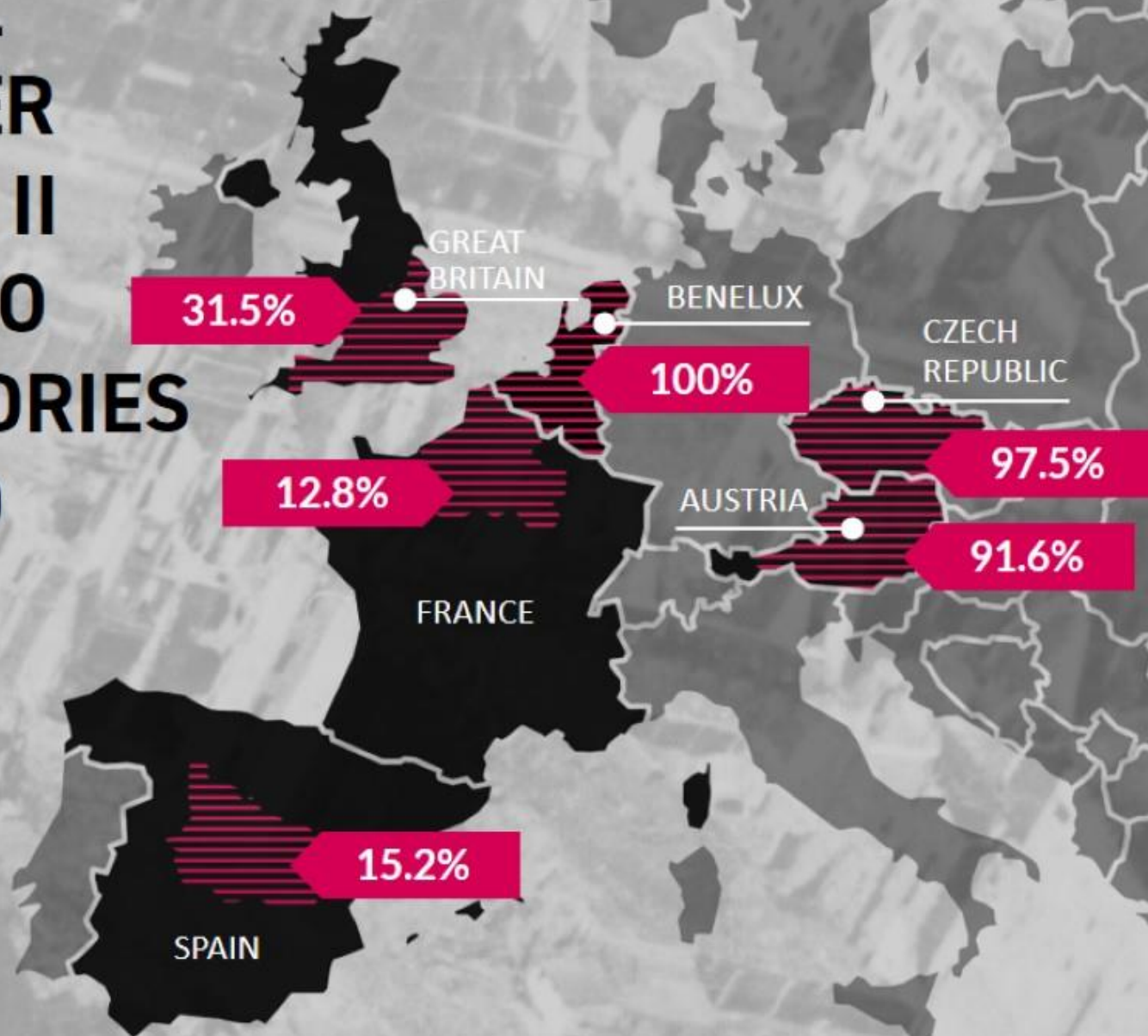
**77,900 km<sup>2</sup>**







# POLISH TERRITORIAL LOSSES AFTER WORLD WAR II COMPARED TO THE TERRITORIES OF SELECTED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES





**DEMOGRAPHIC**

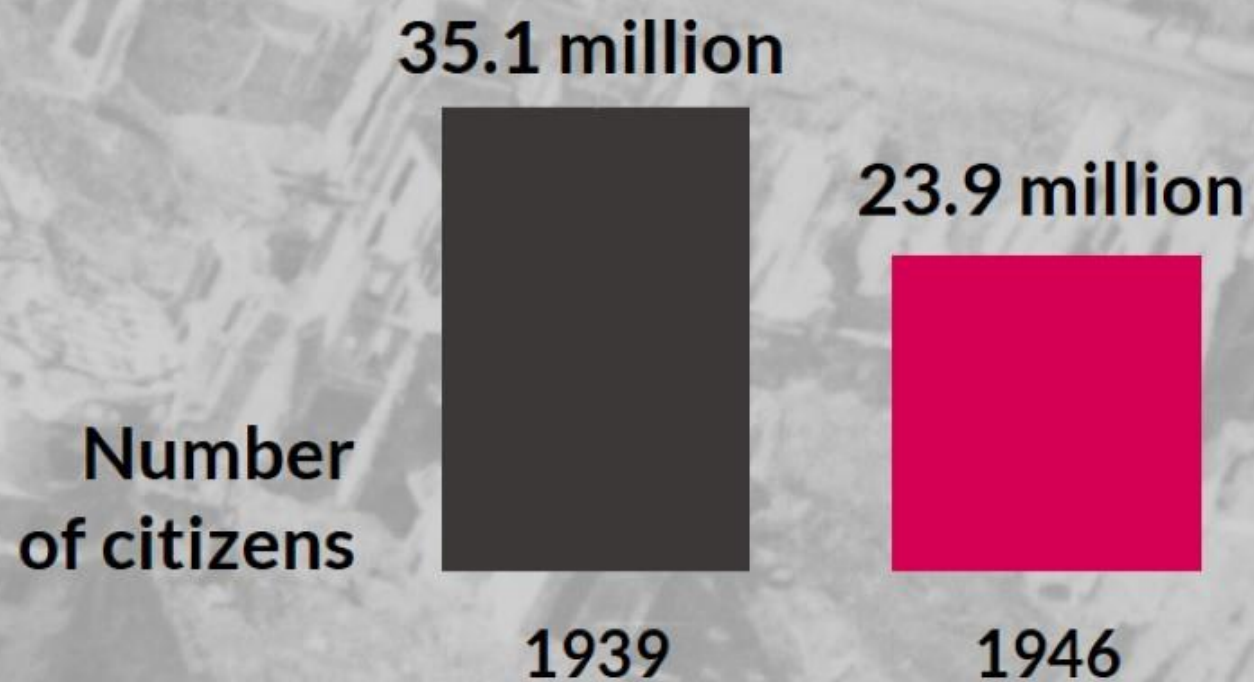
**LOSSES**

**OF POLAND**



**IN 7 YEARS POLAND LOST OVER**

**11,200,000** CITIZENS



According to Statistics Poland data



# GERMAN POLICY TOWARDS POLES AND POLISH CITIZENS OF JEWISH ORIGIN





# GERMAN CONCENTRATION AND EXTERMINATION CAMPS

Camps	Number of victims
Auschwitz	1-1.5 million
Treblinka	1 million
Majdanek	360,000
Sobibór	167,000
Bełżec	435,000
Kulmhof	250,000





# HOLOCAUST OF **JEW**S

## Stages of the Holocaust

Labelling

Separation from the rest  
of society

Anti- Semitic  
campaigns

Prohibiting any kind of help  
under death penalty

Economic  
exploitation

Starvation

Dehumanisation

Mass extermination in German  
extermination camps and sites of executions



# BONDED LABOUR

- Over **2,100,000** people were taken abroad to bonded labor.
- They worked over **4,881,000** working years.



BAYER

IG Farben

Allianz

Audi

BMW

Deutsche Bank

Dresdner Bank

Heinkel

Hugo Boss

Mercedes-Benz

Opel

Porsche

Volkswagen AG



# STOLEN CHILDREN

THE GERMANS TOOK AND  
SELECTED FOR GERMANISATION

ca. 196,000

POLISH CHILDREN

Only 30,000  
were recovered







# VICTIMS WITH SERIOUS HEALTH IMPAIRMENT OR DISEASES INCLUDING MENTAL ILLNESS

**590,000 Polish citizens  
became disabled**

as a result of:

- direct acts of war,
- pseudomedical experiments,
- being kept in German concentration camps.





# LOSSES IN POLISH INTELLIGENTSIA

Personnel losses:



**50%**  
lawyers

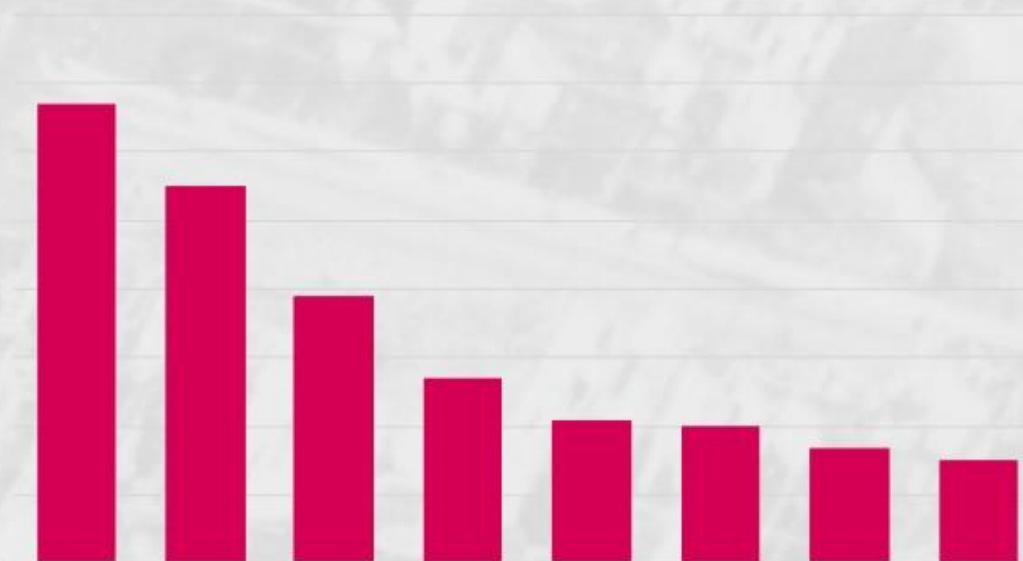


**40%**  
doctors



**35%**  
academic  
teachers

80%  
70%  
60%  
50%  
40%  
30%  
20%  
10%  
0%



Dentists

Lawyers

Doctors

Catholic clergy

University employees

Court employees

Healthcare employees

Tax office employees



## "INTELLIGENTSIA" ACTION AND AB

Elimination of persons who could oppose the Germanisation of occupied territories, mainly the leaders in 1939 – 1940

- perpetrators:
  - **Einsatzgruppen der Sicherheitspolizei**
  - **Volksdeutscher Selbstschutz**  
i.e. German neighbours of Poles
- ca. 100,000 victims

## SONDERAKTION KRAKAU

193 professors and teachers of the Jagiellonian University and the University of Science were arrested, **20 of whom were murdered.**





# SITES OF BIGGEST GERMAN WAR CRIMES, EXECUTIONS AND SPECIAL ACTIONS IN POLAND 1939-1945





THE NUMBER OF PERSONAL LOSSES OF  
POLAND SUFFERED FROM THE GERMANS  
ONLY WAS SET ON

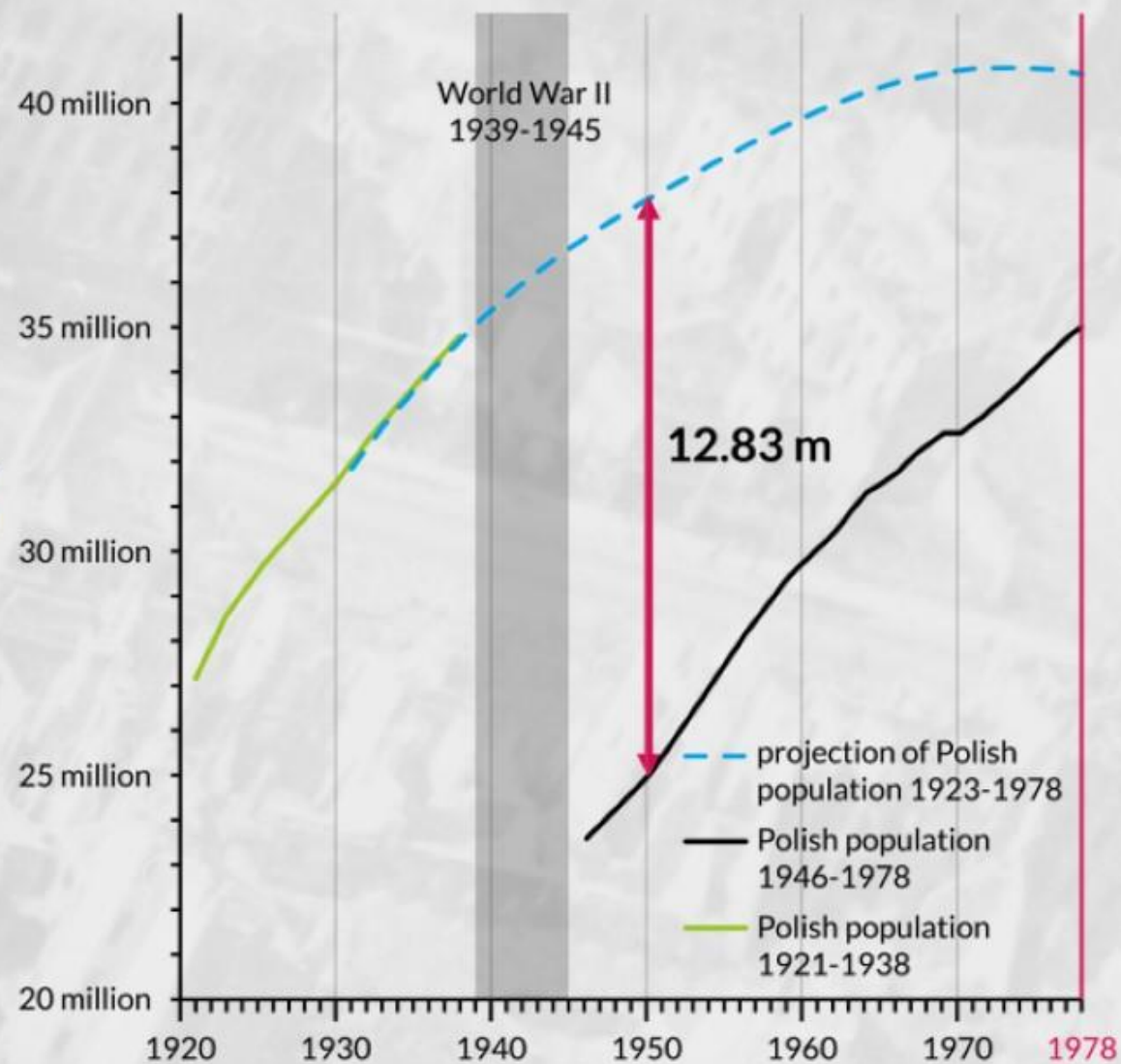
**5,219,000** PEOPLE

21 percent were children under the age of 10.





**WE NEEDED**  
**33 YEARS**  
**TO REBUILD**  
**HUMAN POTENTIAL**  
**TO THE LEVEL FROM**  
**BEFORE THE WAR**  
**35,100,000**  
**CITIZENS**



Polish population in 1931-1978 in accordance with demographic projection and real growth of the population



# **ECONOMIC VALUATION OF HUMAN LOSSES**



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Average lost remuneration of  
one dead victim was estimated at over

**PLN 800,000 (USD 200,000)**

in 2021 prices.



**PLN 821,800**



**USD 202,400**





# REMUNERATION LOST

Lost remuneration was estimated at

**ca. PLN 4 trillion 300 billion**

as a result of human losses.

## MEN



2,696,190



PLN 3.305 tril.  
(in 2021 money)

## WOMEN



2,522,863



PLN 0.984 tril.  
(in 2021 money)

## TOTAL



5,219,053



PLN 4.289 tril.  
(in 2021 money)



# LOST REMUNERATIONS OF THE WW II SURVIVORS (in PLN from 2021)

## PERSONS WITH WITH SERIOUS HEALTH IMPAIRMENT OR DISEASES



**MEN**

PLN 220.9 billion



**WOMEN**

PLN 47.1 billion



**TOTAL**

PLN 268 billion

## STOLEN CHILDREN



**MEN**

PLN 119.4 billion



**WOMEN**

PLN 47.024 billion



**TOTAL**

PLN 166.4 billion

## FORCED LABOURERS



**MEN**

PLN 50 billion



**WOMEN**

PLN 13.4 billion



**TOTAL**

PLN 63.4 billion

**TOTAL PLN 497.9 billion**



**MATERIAL**

**LOSSES**



# MATERIAL LOSSES

Total amount of material losses was

**797 billion 398 million Polish zlotys**



- Residential buildings and non-residential parts of buildings in the cities
- Residential and service buildings in the country



Losses in agriculture



Lost benefits due to the damage or loss of buildings that bring or may bring income



Religious and historical buildings



Forests



Polish Army



Infrastructure and movable property in rail, road and sea transport




Buildings not covered by categories above



Energy, industry and crafts



**LOSS OF**  
**CULTURAL ASSETS**  
**AND WORKS OF ART**



**LOSSES IN CULTURAL ASSETS  
AND WORKS OF ART INCURRED  
AS A RESULT OF ACTS OF WAR  
AND GERMAN OCCUPATION  
AMOUNTED TO APPROX.**

**19 BILLION 310 MILLION  
POLISH ZLOTYS.**



Frederic Chopin  
Monument



Raphael,  
Portrait of a Young Man



Interior of the Royal Castle  
in Warsaw



Central Archives of Modern  
Records collections burnt to  
ashes by the German soldiers





# **LOSSES**

# **IN BANKING**

# **AND INSURANCE**



## **LOSSES IN BANKING**

Total losses of Polish credit and savings institutions and their customers incurred as a result of acts of war and German occupation amount to

**PLN 89 BILLION 321 MILLION.**



# LOSSES IN INSURANCE

Total losses of Polish social security institutions and insurance companies incurred as a result of acts of war and German occupation amounts to

**PLN 34 BILLION 804 MILLION.**



Treasury Ticket of the Third Reich in General Government (From Central Archives of Modern Records collection)



**STATE**

**TRASURY**

**LOSSES**



# STATE **TREASURY LOSSES**



**296 billion 490 million Polish zlotys**

Amount of tax losses incurred by the Ministry of Treasury



**196 billion 320 million Polish zlotys**

Claims related to the activity of Emmissionsbank in Polen



**TOTAL**

**492 billion 811 million Polish zlotys**





# ESTIMATION OF GDP LOSSES

# GDP LOSS AND LOWER LEVEL OF PROSPERITY AFTER WAR

War scenario of Polish GDP with losses caused by Germany during WW II





**LOSS ADJUSTMENT**

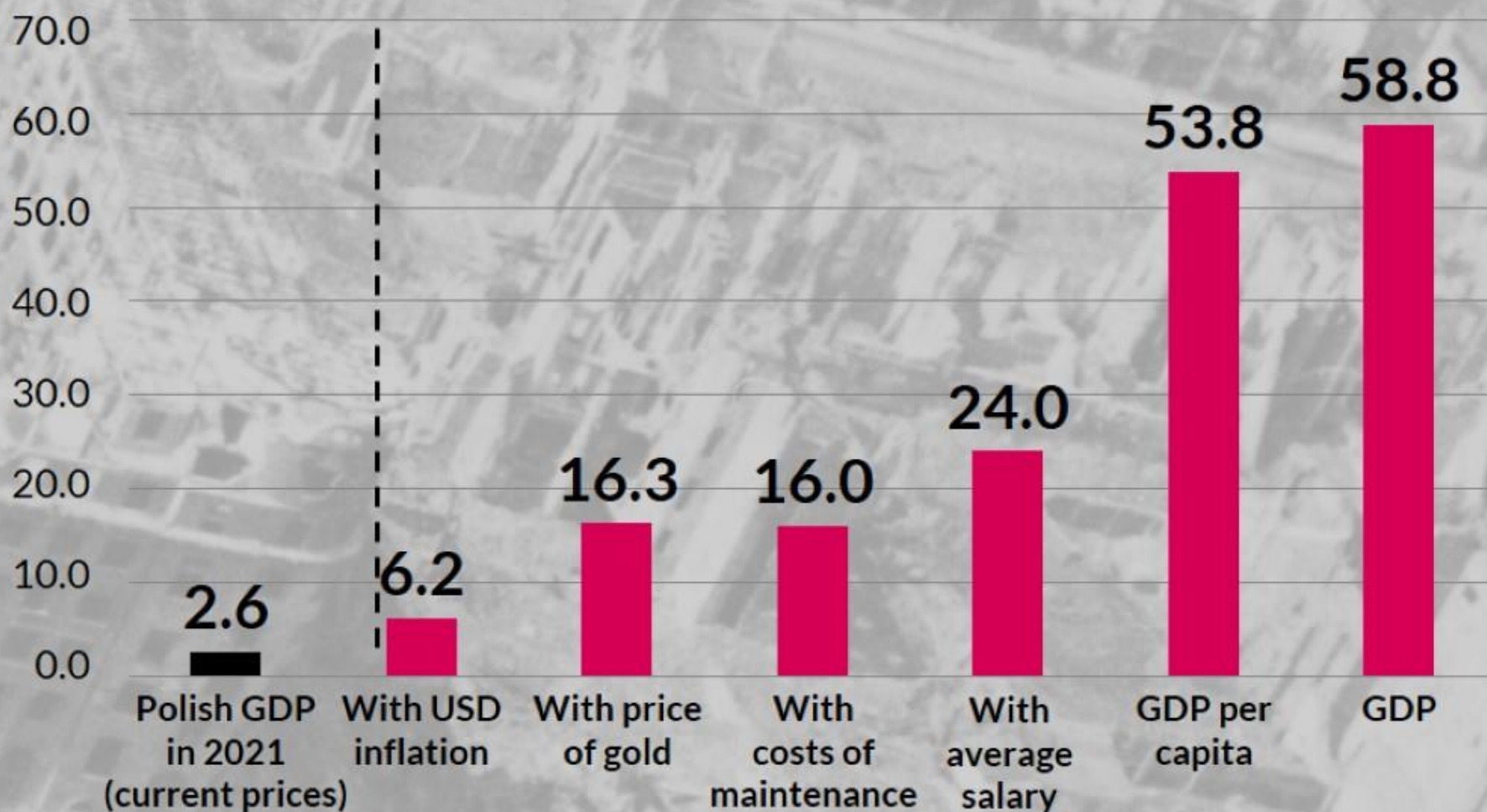
**PRESENT**





# VALUE OF WAR LOSSES TODAY

Value of war losses today in accordance with index as of 31.12.2022 (tril., PLN)





**VALUE OF LOSSES**  
**INCURRED BY POLAND**  
**AND CAUSED BY**  
**GERMANY**



## **ADDING ALL COMPONENTS GIVES TOTAL AMOUNT OF POLISH LOSSES**

**6 TRILLION 220 BILLION**

**609 MILLION POLISH ZLOTYS**

In words: six trillion two hundred twenty billion  
six hundred and nine million Polish zlotys

**USD 1 trillion 532 billion 170 million**



# NO JUDICIAL CHANNELS FOR THE VICTIMS

- Millions of Polish citizens have **never got any compensation.**
- Attempts of individual redress in German courts **have proven ineffective.**
- Polish citizens were not granted compensation due to **discriminatory legislation** of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- Even in current state of development of protection of human rights **Germany continues to evade liability for damages** hiding behind immunity from legal proceedings.





**TODAY WE SAY**

**NO TO KEEPING QUIET**

**NO TO TIME-BARRING**

**NO TO FORGETTING**



**We believe that consequences  
of German actions in Poland  
during World War II**

**should be regulated in bilateral  
agreement concluded  
between governments  
of Poland and Germany.**



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