

Xenophobia in Poland in the past

- Towards Jews
- Towards Germans and people with German descent
- Towards Russians
- (rare) towards Ukrainians

Xenophobia in Poland now



- Towards Germans, Jews, Russians, Ukrainians (decreasing)
- Towards immigrants
- Towards people of other religion

Acts of xenophobia

□ Beating up of a 29-year-old Muslim

„They used to call me a terrorist and say „go home”



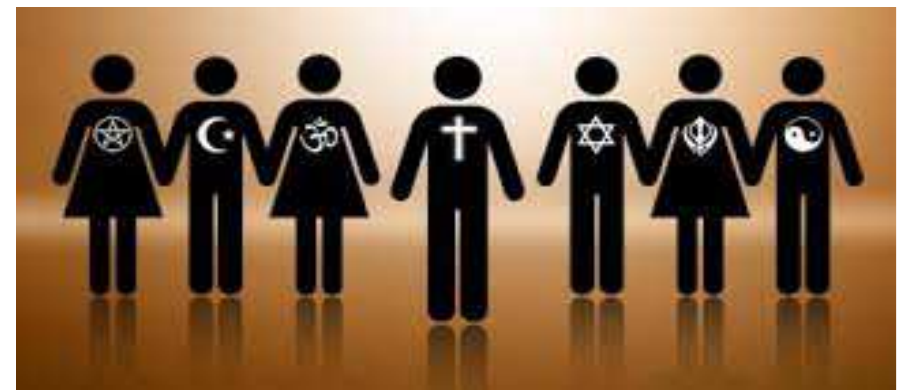
Parade against immigrants



„Today immigrants, tomorrow terrorists”



Xenophobia is a disease, and should be cured with knowledge and love



Distrustful society



- People aren't friendly to immigrants which causes a lot of arguments and fights.
- Decreasing number of migrants.

Problem with economy



- Rejecting migrants causes rejecting new talents and resources, and lower economy.

Closed community



- Stagnation in new ideologies and innovations makes society boring, and tourists may avoid such countries.

Persecution



- Hostility of people against migrants can lead to a spread of violence.
- Migrants are objects of ridicule.

Wars and racism



- Growing xenophobia can cause racism against other cultures and races, which can end with a war. The worst example of it is Holocaust e.g. in Auschwitz.

The term 'xenophobia' is typically used to denote a phobic attitude towards foreigners or strangers, or even of the unknown.

Racism in general is described as a form of xenophobia.

Let's examine the reasons of xenophobia. Many people or groups of people are xenophobic just because they feel everybody who is different is at the same time a bad person. There are also people who just like to tease others and think of the language or race difference as an excuse for bullying.



One of the reasons for xenophobia is fear. People are afraid of losing their jobs, dignity or even freedom. This feeling is deeply associated with Poland's past and its' influence on Polish people. Another cause is also cultural difference. Other cultures have different customs, they treat women and children differently and we are often worried about them behaving the same way in our country. A huge source of fear is definitely a result of lack of knowledge. We are afraid to get to know the unknown, and the unknown is considered dangerous. Foreigners and people of different religions feel lonely because they feel rejected, barely anyone wants to get to know them or trust them.

Another reason why people from other countries are discriminated against is the fact that authorities manipulate the way we see the world. Especially children and elderly people are vulnerable to that process, as they listen to their gurus instead of their own morals. A lot of xenophobes follow stereotypes, most of which are harmful for certain groups of people.

