

2020–2021 Women's Strike protests in Poland

Background and justification of choice: I am a liberal, pro-choice, anti-governmental activist. I have presented the issues associated with the abortion ban in the assignment on informational life form (session 3). Therein, I expressed my personal opinion on this subject because the task allowed me to do so. Wikipedia should not leave room for subjectivity in the presentation of content and expression of personal judgments. Therefore, I decided to challenge myself and provide a critical examination of the entry presenting the pro-choice, anti-governmental protests that started in October 2020 and in which I was an active participant.

Links

Original version in Polish: https://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protesty_przeciwko_zaostreniu_przepis%C3%B3w_dotycz%C4%85cych_aborcji_w_Polsce

Abridged version in English: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020%E2%80%932021_women%27s_strike_protests_in_Poland

Content

- comprehensive, yet at times imprecise, one-sided and selective
- often assessed as excessively detailed and lengthy
- need of updating to reflect the recent key developments in this area

Case Xero Flor v Poland (May 7 2021): the ECtHR found that there had been a violation of the right to a fair hearing and of the right to a tribunal established by law, rendering particular the rulings of the Polish Constitutional Court, including the ruling concerning the abortion, unlawful.

Discussion

- lively/aggressive multi-threaded discussion concerning e.g. NPOV and language precision
- requests to delete the site
- prevalent deletion of content by opponents
- 'deletion wars'

Languages

- original language version: Polish
- multiple other language versions presenting different scope of content
- references mainly in Polish regardless of the language version

Recommendations

- inclusion of more nuanced voices evaluating the events in the aim of fostering integrity, diverse public discourse and freedom of expression
- increase in neutrality and precision of language
- neutral and diverse selection of references
- limiting the number of resources supporting the same claims
- trimming the scope of content to improve the overall readability of the entry

Disregarded issues and unheard voices

- controversies around methods used during the protests, i.e. foul language, interrupting mass in churches, destruction of public property, offensive graffiti
- position of citizens who prefer to keep the status quo, i.e. keep the former regulation in the aim of avoiding the public discussion and disagreements in this topic (this group still represents the majority in Poland)
- position of anti-abortion groups who were satisfied with the court's ruling
- public concerns about aggravating the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic due to the incitements to mass protests
- voices scrutinizing the feasibility of the postulates presented by the leaders of the strike

NPOV

- intense discussion on the neutrality of the entry
- imprecise language
- one-sided view on the events and its evaluation
- lack of diversity and inclusivity in the selection of sources

Sources of information

- publications mainly or entirely in Polish, even if the particular entry version is in a different language
- many sources repetitively supporting the same claims
- excessive supply of materials supporting one side of the conflict
- comments from the media and politicians who support the strike, lack of representation of critical and moderate opinions