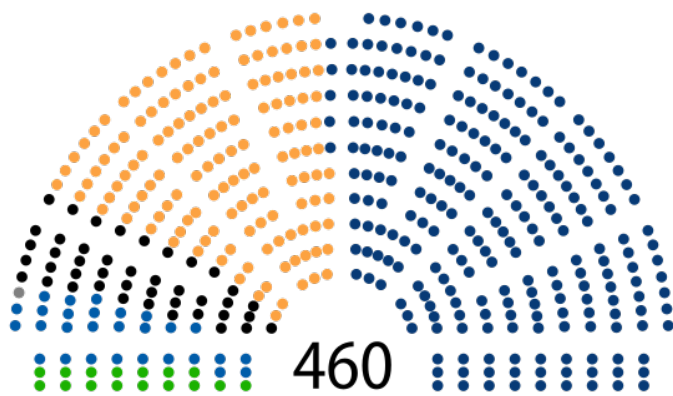


THE TYRANNY OF MAJORITY

In the words of Marcin Krol, Poland is the first country where the horror of theoreticians of democracy came true – Poland introduced the system of tyranny of majority, in which the government of the arithmetic parliamentary majority took shape of absolutism, similar to dictatorship.

The will of the electorate justifies all actions of the ruling party, while independent institutions not elected by general voting, are deprived of this privilege. This is why PiS looks down on the rulings of the judges of the Constitutional Tribunal, or decisions of the Supreme Court and the National Chamber of the Judiciary.

with the Constitution. This is a peculiar interpretation of the rule and it is very dangerous. For it says a lot about the new system of the Republic of Poland, as indeed being a tyranny where the law ceased to be respected and where the will of the party takes prime, notably the will of the party's chairman.



Deputies in Polish Sejm – the lower house of the Polish parliament. Source: Wikipedia.

Indeed, of all democratic rules in the book, PiS relies on one – the will of the 'sovereign' expressed in their electoral triumph. In PiS propaganda, this is an ultimate excuse for all decisions of the Government, The Parliament and the President. The principles of the rule of the law and the division of power, superiority of the Constitution are not important. If the people elected PiS, it meant that the people wanted PiS to carry out PiS's agenda, regardless of the means or compliance with the law.

to finally appoint Przyłębska (MA) as the president of the Tribunal in contravention of these very same amendments. Similarly, the Act on IPN, which was first pushed through the parliament at night time to expedite the process as if Poland was on the verge of collapse for lack of this law. The Senate's marshal, its greatest supporter, subsequently declared that it would be irresponsible to apply this law and 'suspended' it for the time when the Constitutional Tribunal debates on its compliance

Interestingly, PiS is not concerned with implementing a new judicial order to replace the existing system. They appear to pass new laws, but they soon break the very same laws. This is what happened with the eight amendments to the Act on the Constitutional Tribunal, one by one ruled in,

What the Prime Minister Morawiecki said in his interview with Der Spiegel was a confirmation of these words. The PM said that Poland was a 'democratic national state'. You will not find this term in the Constitution. Art 2 says that 'The Republic of Poland shall be a democratic state ruled by law and implementing the principles of social justice'. What does the adjective 'national' mean in the definition of the system by Morawiecki?

The answer may be given by the very ... Vladimir Putin, who once explained to the West that there is Democracy in Russia, not the 'rotten liberal democracy' but, decent, Russian 'sovereign democracy'. The practical meaning of this, needs no explanation. Polish quasi-democratic solutions in the last two years, blatantly prove that we are 'drifting' in the same direction as the Kremlin, in the poetic words of the PM when talking about Poland, like a sailing ship.

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