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Trump 2.0 and Polish Civil Society

An Analysis of the Political Process in the 2025 Polish Presidential Runoff Election

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Introduction & Research Question

Introduction:

- A rise in far-right support across European politics.
- Poland: a key Eastern European state with a strong anti-Russian stance.

Research Questions:

- What were the voting behaviors of Polish citizens?
- What political strategies did the candidates employ to gain support?
- What external influences, such as from the U.S. and MAGA forces, impacted the election?

Research Methodology

Political Process Analysis:

- A detailed examination of the two-week runoff campaign from May 18 to June 1, 2025.

Data Sources:

- News articles, political statements, and social media analysis from the period.

Focus Areas:

- Voter consciousness revealed by the runoff.
- The generational and ideological divide in the electorate.
- The impact of Donald Trump and the MAGA movement on the election.

KAROL

NAWROCKI

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TRZASKOWSKI

2025

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The First Round Results

Rafał Trzaskowski (PO): 31.36%

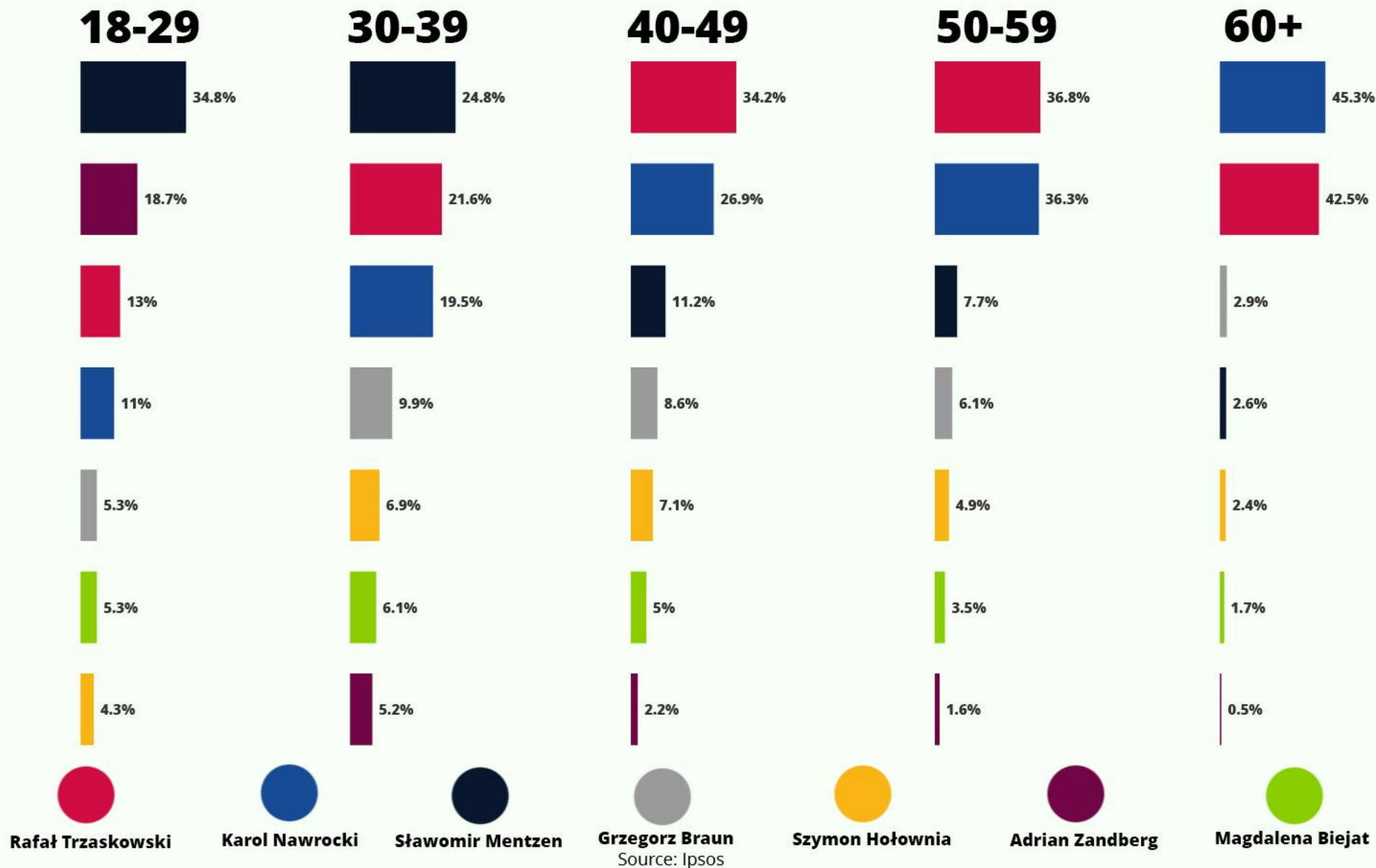
Karol Nawrocki (PiS): 29.54%

Sławomir Mentzen (Confederation, Far-Right): 14.81%

Grzegorz Braun (Anti-Semitic): 6.34%

No candidate reached over 50%, leading to a runoff between Trzaskowski and Nawrocki.

Exit poll results from 2025 Polish presidential election by age group



Key Campaign Dynamics

Nawrocki's Strategy:

- Appealed to young voters who supported far-right candidates (Mentzen and Braun).
- Signed a declaration of 8 demands proposed by Mentzen.
- Accepted most of the 7 questions from Braun, including opposition to the EU and immigration.
- Positioned himself as a more right-wing populist than the PiS party.

Trzaskowski's Strategy:

- Sought support from other left and center-left parties.
- Rejected signing Mentzen's declaration but agreed with some points.
- Emphasized Poland's strong ties with the EU.



Deklaracja Prezydencka

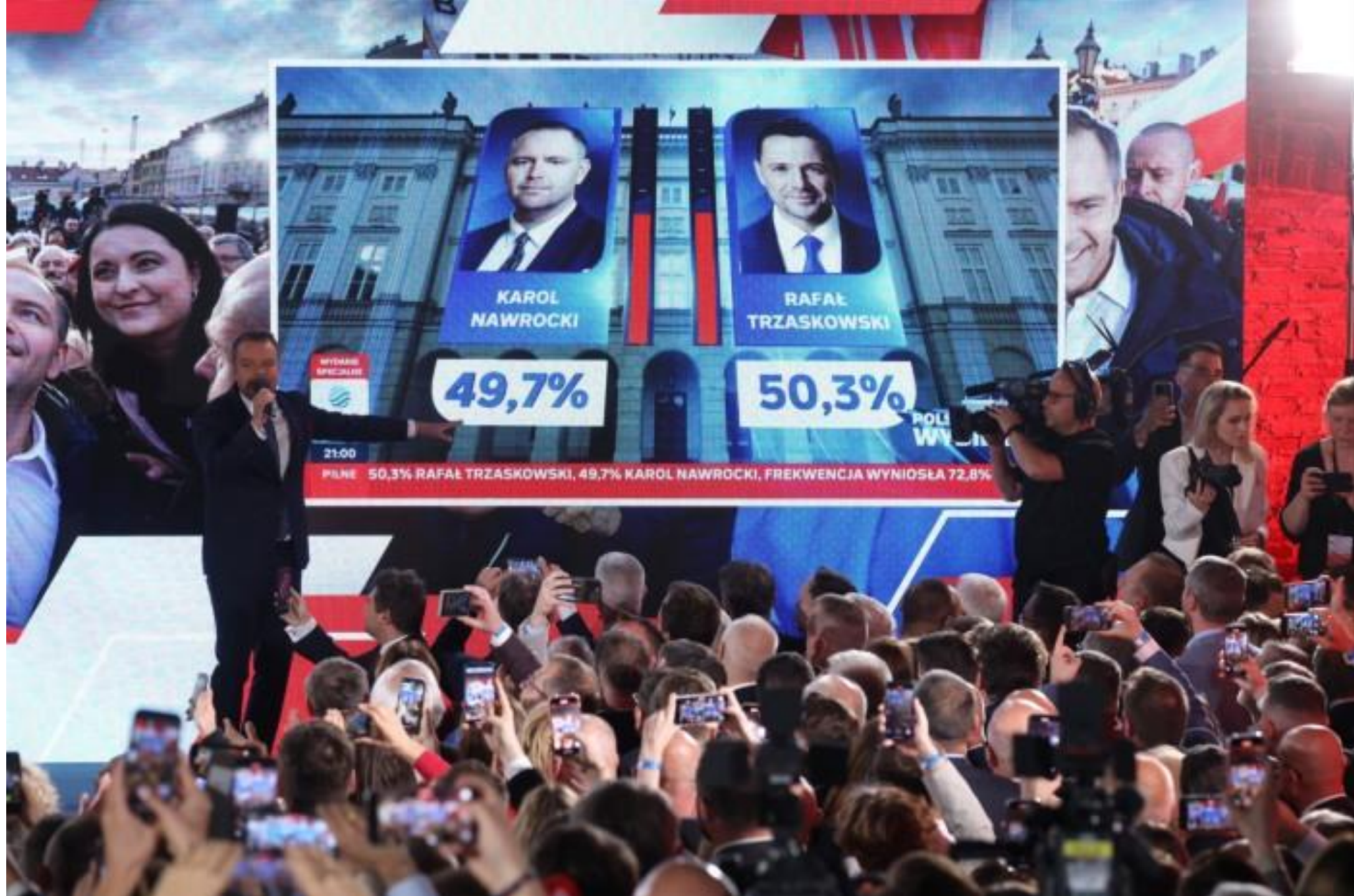
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The Influence of MAGA and External Forces

- **The Trump-Nawrocki Meeting:**
 - A meeting between Nawrocki and Trump in Washington had a significant impact on voters.
 - Nawrocki leveraged this meeting to emphasize his connection to the MAGA movement and other authoritarian leaders like Viktor Orbán.
 - This strong external backing was a tailwind for Nawrocki's campaign.
- **Consequences:**
 - The potential for a liberal turn in Polish politics has diminished.
 - Continued pro-EU policies will be difficult to maintain.
 - The influence of the Trump administration in Poland is likely to strengthen.
 - The resolution of Poland's rule of law issues will be prolonged.







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49,7%



RAFAŁ
TRZASKOWSKI

50,3%



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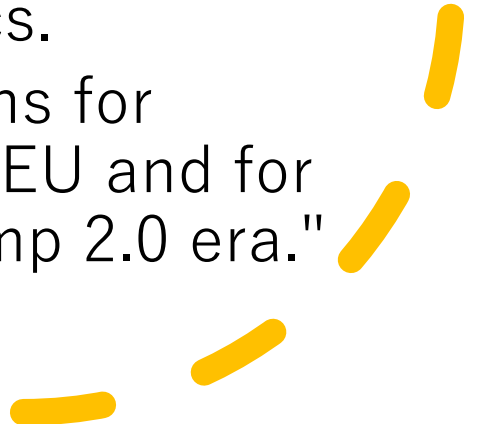
PEŁNE 50,3% RAFAŁ TRZASKOWSKI, 49,7% KAROL NAWROCKI, FREKWENCJA WYNIOSŁA 72,8%

Conclusion

- **Key Findings:**

- The 2025 Polish presidential election highlighted a deep generational and ideological divide.
- Nawrocki successfully absorbed far-right votes by embracing their platforms.
- External influences, particularly from the U.S. and MAGA forces, played a critical role in the outcome.

- **Implications:**

- The election result suggests a continued rightward shift in Polish politics.
 - This has significant implications for Poland's relationship with the EU and for global governance in the "Trump 2.0 era."
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