Lesson 7 10 November 2014

***The Independence Day***

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“Proud of Poland” competition: win a meeting with Władysław Bartoszewski

The rules are simple. Be creative in finishing the sentence: “I am proud of Poland because …” and submit your answer using a special app. The “Proud of Poland” competition was launched on Thursday evening on the Facebook site of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister.

**Proud of Poland**

Tradition folklore and pierogies - like nowhere else in the world. Or, perhaps, investment, openness and hospitality? We have as many reasons to be proud of as there are people in Poland.

Poland continues to evolve and grow and is becoming ever more beautiful. There are, however, some things that do not change and that continue to be our trademark all over the world. The “Proud of Poland” competition is a campaign that shows the abundance of reasons for which we can be proud of our country and of ourselves.

The “Proud of Poland” competition was launched on Thursday (November 7th) [on the Facebook site of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister](https://www.facebook.com/kancelaria.premiera) and will last until November 17th. Everyone may participate, using [a special app](https://www.facebook.com/kancelaria.premiera/app_349161801887781) to write why they are proud of Poland.

The authors of 10 most interesting answers will be offered a unique opportunity to meet Władysław Bartoszewski  - a person who is a legend and a symbol of patriotism for many generations. The winners of the competition will be able to talk with professor Bartoszewski about the past of Poland and about our country’s present situation. They will be also able to ask him why we should be proud of Poland.

Modern patriotism

The application was launched a few days prior to the Independence Day. We want to celebrate November 11th in an optimistic manner. It’s a great opportunity to notice the abundance of positive changes around us - changes we do not notice in our everyday lives.

Competition rules

Competition participants are required to finish the following sentence: “I am proud of Poland because …”

The winners will be able to meet Władysław Bartoszewski at 11 am on December 3rd at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister.

The answer submission deadline expires on November 17.

10 top reasons to be proud to be Polish – do you agree with my list or do you have other ideas?

* food
* sport
* art
* history
* economy
* traditions
* politics
* science
* literature
* army

Answer these „patriotic” questions

- When abroad, are you proud to say you are Polish or do you prefer to hide this fact?

- When you meet Polish people abroad, do you start a conversation or pretend you don’t understand Polish?

- Would you wear a T-shirt saying “Proud to be Polish” in Poland or abroad?

- Do you think it is patriotic to wear pants in the colours of the national flag?

- If there are 2 identical or very similar products, do you choose the one “made in Poland’, just because of patriotism (for example Polish vs. Italian pasta or biscuits, or Mozzarella cheese)?

- What do you think people in Europe know about Poland?

- Do you ever hang out the Polish flag?

- Do you help teach the younger generation to be proud of being Polish?

- Do you think Polish language is beautiful?

- Do you think the Polish hymn is more beautiful than the hymns of other countries?

- How many stanzas of the Polish hymn do you know by heart?

- Have you ever visited the Museum of the Polish Hymn in Będomino? Would you stop and take time to see it, if you were driving by?

- When did you last sing/hear the Polish hymn?

- What does it mean to be patriotic to you?

- Which nations are the most patriotic in your opinion?