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**BETWEEN ANTI-CLERICALISM AND ORTHODOXY.  
RELIGIOSITY OF POLES AS REFLECTED IN THE EUROPEAN VALUES STUDY**

Poles' religiosity is sometimes presented as a case falsifying the secularization paradigm. One of the main explanations for this phenomenon was proposed by José Casanova in his theory of public religion, which shows that the socio-political commitment of the Church immunizes against secularization. Basing on data from the European Values Study, this article aims to verify this thesis on the example of Poland. The analysis shows that while the influence of the Catholic church on the representation of the desired socio-political order is systematically weakening, on the other hand the level of beliefs remains more or less unchanged and high. Poles have also been and are reluctant to accept public religion, which leads to the privatization of religion and contradicts the assumptions of the Casanova theory.

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