

**Title:** Polish journalism: a profession in transition?

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**Abstract**

The comparison of the results of the studies on Polish media people conducted in the 1980s, the 1990s, and in the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century revealed that professional values of journalism in Poland are shifting from a traditional profile (a social educator and a watchdog) to new ones (such as a news provider). The surveys also showed differences between generations of journalists, that is those who have been working for the media organizations for several decades now, those who entered the profession right after the political transition in the late 1980s, and those who just recently graduated from the universities. This paper aims in presenting ongoing changes that might be observed among Polish journalists by comparing empirical data on professional features, values and standards of Polish journalists with expectations and attitudes of Polish journalism students. The paper concludes with predictions concerning further transformation of journalism in Poland based on a study on current and prospective journalists