The Issue of the War in Ukraine in Opinion-Forming Newspapers in Poland
The Case of “Polityka” (February-August 2022)

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ABSTRACT
The main purpose of the article is to determine how, between February and August 2022, the “Polityka” weekly presented events directly and indirectly related to the Russian-Ukrainian conflict: what issues were most often raised, what overtones they carried, to what extent the political nature of this title influenced the transmission of information. Research methods: press content analysis method, literature analysis and criticism method, statistical method and partly historical method were used. The following categories were used: Ukraine, Russia, Russian-Ukrainian war, European Union, European Union countries, sanctions, refugees, NATO. Results and conclusions: The conducted study allowed us to answer the research questions posed in the introduction and to demonstrate the variety of issues raised directly and indirectly related to the discussed conflict. It was found that the authors of the newspaper maintained their objectivity in most of the topics they addressed. An exception were messages related to the assessment of the actions of the authorities in Poland in the context of the war. Information on this subject was clearly critical.

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