

TOPIC -

**“ SOME BRIEF  
RECENT STATISTICS  
ON POLISH  
AMERICANS  
IN USA “**

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY  
{ “STS” }**

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**ON POLISH AMERICANS IN USA**

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**“ THINK TANK “ & DATA RESOURCE**  
**ON POLISH & POLISH-AMERICAN**  
**ISSUES**

**OFFICIAL CENSUS NUMBERS SHOW:**

**9% INCREASE IN POLES IN USA IN ONLY 5 YEARS**

**ALMOST 1 MILLION**

**POLES MAKE UP ABOUT 3.1% OF USA POPULATION**

**78% LIVE IN 13 STATES WITH HIGHEST POLISH POPULATION**

**TOP 13 POLISH STATES – POPULATION & % CHANGE**

**NEW YORK 986,106, +1%**

**ILLINOIS 995,445, +7% - SHOULD BE FIRST?**

**MICHIGAN 919,007, +8%**

**PENNSYLVANIA 885,218, +7%**

**NEW JERSEY 572,918, “-1%” - ONLY LOSS**

**WISCONSIN 533,787,+7%**

**CALIFORNIA 530,733, +8%**

**FLORIDA 523,162, +22% - RETIREMENT FACTOR?**

**OHIO 474,569, +10%**

**MASSACHUSETTS 325,663, +1%**

**CONNECTICUT 303,047, +7%**

**MINNESOTA 265,706, +11%**

**TEXAS 261,511, +15% - RETIREMENT FACTOR?**

## **MOST POLISH METROPOLITAN AREAS: DECREASING ORDER**

**CHICAGO, IL**

**DETROIT, MI**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA**

**NEW YORK, NY**

**BUFFALO-NIAGARA FALLS, NY**

**PITTSBURGH, PA**

**MILWAUKEE-WAUKESHA, WI**

**CLEVELAND-LORAIN-ELYRIA, OHIO**

**MINNEAPOLIS-ST, PAUL, MN**

**LOS ANGELES, CA**

**BOSTON, MA**

**NEWARK, NJ**

**BERGEN-PASSAIC, NJ**

**ST, LOUIS, MO**

**HOUSTON, TX**

**OMAHA, NE**

**JERSEY CITY, NJ**

**POLISH AMERICANS [TOTAL USA POPULATION]**

**88% HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES [80%]**

**33% BACHELOR OR HIGHER DEGREES [24%]**

**73% HOUSE OWNERS [66%]**

**27% RENT [34%]**

**6% LIVE BELOW POVERTY LINE [ABOUT 12%]**

**\$61,635 MEDIUM INCOME [\$50,046]**

**\$137,300 MEDIAN VALUE POLISH HOUSING UNIT  
[\$119,600]**

**SO NEED TO GET THE “FACTS” IN ORDER  
TO BETTER UNDERSTAND POLISH AMERICANS  
& NOT BE SO INFLUENCED BY PAST PREJUDICES  
& MISCONCEPTIONS, MISINFO, ETC.**

**CLEARLY, POLISH AMERICANS HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO USA DESPITE MAKING UP ONLY  
ABOUT 3.1% OF POPULATION**

**WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO COMPARE TO:**

**NEW / RECENT POLISH IMMIGRANTS FROM NEWLY  
LIBERATED EUROPEAN AREAS AFTER  
GREAT CHANGES IN RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT**

**NUMBERS & % FROM VARIOUS GENERATIONS OF  
IMMIGRANTS – BEFORE 1900, EARLY 1900’S,  
WW II YEARS 1930’S & 1940’S, 1950’S, 1960’S, ETC.**

**SUCH INFORMATION MAY ASSIST IN BETTER  
UNDERSTANDING & MANAGING NEEDS OF NEW  
IMMIGRANTS OF TODAY [E.G. LATINOS, ASIAN,  
MIDDLE EASTERN, EASTERN EUROPEAN, CARIBBEAN,  
ETC.]**

**ALONG WITH HOW NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN  
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY  
[STS] MIGHT AFFECT THEM.**

**COULD AID IN BETTER PLANNING FOR FUTURE – LOCAL,  
STATE, NATIONAL & GLOBAL**

FOR ME –

**MY GRANDPARENTS CAME FROM GALICIA UKRAINE JUST BEFORE WW I STARTED**

**THEY BECAME CITIZENS & WERE VERY PROUD OF THEIR GED'S !**

**THEY WERE OF COURSE VERY ACTIVE IN THEIR ORTHODOX CHURCH & LOCAL POLITICS**

**THEY WORKED VERY HARD TO PROVIDE THEIR CHILDREN & THOSE WHO CAME AFTER THEM WITH ALL WE HAVE SO MUCH OF TODAY.**

**IT WAS A LARGE INTERNATIONAL FAMILY SINCE THEIR CHILDREN MARRIED MANY DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES**

**I LEARNED MUCH FROM THEM ESPECIALLY FROM THEIR WISDON WHICH YOU GET ONLY FROM LIVING LIFE NOT BOOK LEARNING !**



***I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND SIMILAR INFORMATION  
ON UKRAINE AS I HAVE FOUND ON POLAND HOWEVER***

**MY FATHER WAS POLISH & AN ORPHAN, SO  
FAMILY WAS ALL FOR HIM !**

**HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO FIX ALMOST ANYTHING  
IF I COULD GET THE PARTS**

**MOM TAUGHT ME THE DOMESTIC STUFF SO I  
COULD  
BE ON MY OWN WITH EVERY DAY LIFE**

**MY LIFE HAS BEEN WELL BEYOND MY WILDEST  
DREAMS WITH MANY & MUCH TO BE THANKFUL  
TO & FOR !**

**MANY OF MY “ SECOND “ GENERATION OF THE  
FAMILY HAVE MANY SIMILAR STORIES TO TELL  
ESPECIALLY FOR OTHER GENERATIONS SO THEY  
KNOW WHY & HOW THEY HAVE SO MUCH TODAY!**

**FAMILY GATHERINGS FOR HOLIDAYS & OTHER EVENTS  
BECAME VERY BIG AS THE FAMILY BECAME LARGER – OVER 40 !**

**ALL IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD KNEW WHEN THERE WAS ONE –  
MANY HAPPY STORIES & MEMORIES TO TELL !**

**EACH FAMILY BROUGHT THEIR OWN FAVORITE FOOD SO THERE WAS  
GREAT VARIETY – ALL SO WELL DONE – MY GRANDMOTHER TAUGHT  
ALL FIVE [5] DAUGHTERS TO COOK EXCEPTIONALLY.**

**AROUND NOON, CHILDREN ALWAYS ATE FIRST, THEN THE MEN  
& FINALLY THE WOMEN**

**MY COUSIN CAROL, ABOUT MY AGE – WE GREW UP LIKE BROTHER  
& SISTER DID THE DISHES – I WASHED & SHE DRIED – THE WOMEN  
THEN COULD PUT ALL AWAY PROPERLY & CHAT**

**THE MEN WOULD PLAY DARTS OR PINOCHLE**

**THE WOMEN WOULD JUST CHAT !**

**THEN ABOUT 5 – 6 PM SECOND SERVING WAS DONE  
& TO MAKE SURE ALL LEFT WITH PLENTY OF LEFTOVERS  
FOR THE WEEK !**

**THE TAPPING OF THE KEG OF BEER WAS THE HIGHLIGHT  
AT THE BEGINNING – MY GRANDFATHER RAN A GRILL FOR  
THE NEARBY STEEL MILL !**

**THE LATEST CARS WERE PARKED OUT FRONT & ALL THE  
MEN HAD THE LATEST SHIRTS FROM THE LOCAL SHIRT  
FACTORIES THE WOMEN WORKED IN !**

**CHILDREN WHEN OLDER WERE ALLOWED TO GO FOR  
ICE CREAM AT THE LOCAL ICE CREAM PARLOR TO TAKE  
SOME LOCAL WALKS !**

**THERE WAS MUCH LOVE BUT ALSO MUCH WAS EXPECTED.**

**IF I DID NOT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO, MY MOM FOUND  
MANY PRODUCTIVE THINGS TO KEEP ME OCCUPIED !**

**SO I WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THOSE YEARS IN SO MANY WAYS**

**IN HIGH SCHOOL ESPECIALLY THAT RESULTED IN A FULL  
TUITION FOUR YEAR SCHOLARSHIP TO COLLEGE.**

**I WAS THE FIRST TO GO TO COLLEGE & A PH.D. WAS WELL  
BEYOND WHAT THEY COULD IMAGINE BUT THEY KNEW  
I HAD TO DO IT !**

**ALL DID VERY WELL IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS  
AS DID THE CHILDREN OF THE SECOND GENERATION**

**MANY STORIES TO TELL OF COURSE !**

***MUCH ETHNIC MUSIC & ETHNIC GROUPS  
ARE GREATLY BENEFITING FROM THE  
RELATIVELY NEW -***

***“ INTERNET RADIO “***

***THAT PROVIDES OVER 50,000 STATIONS  
WORLDWIDE & MUSIC OF ALMOST EVERY  
GENRE !***

**FOR SEVERAL YEARS I HAVE BEEN VERY  
PLEASED WITH THE GRACE INTERNET RADIO  
SYSTEM FOR ABOUT \$200 - \$300**

**IT INVOLVES MANY OPTIONS TO GET MANY  
INTERNET RADIO STATIONS.**

**PANDORA IS EXCEPTIONAL !**

**MINE IS CONNECTED BY CABLE THAT WE RECENTLY  
GOT IN OUR SO RURAL AREA OF SE PA USA**

***POLKA JAMMER AND 24 / 7 POLKA HEAVEN***

***ARE TWO [2] THAT ARE THRIVING !***

***IT HAS **SAVED** POLKA MUSIC IN SO MANY WAYS  
& NEWER GENERATIONS ARE TAKING OVER***

***IT IS NOT THE SAME AS WOULD BE EXPECTED,  
BUT IT IS THRIVING IN NEW & DIFFERENT WAYS  
AS SOCIETY PROGRESSES IN NEW & DIFFERENT  
WAYS !***

***HAPPY LOUIE WAS A FAVORITE AT MANY WEDDINGS  
BACK IN THE 1950'S SO I FAVOR THE " OLD EASTERN  
STYLE POLKAS "***

***BUT APPRECIATE IT ALL OF COURSE !***



**THERE ARE ALSO MANY LOCAL SMALL STATIONS THAT PROVIDE VERY DIVERSE, PERSONALIZED, ETC. MUSIC AGAIN 24 / 7**

**IN ADDITION SOME INTERNET RADIO STATIONS ALSO PROVIDE -**

**LIVE " CHAT ROOMS " WHERE YOU CAN " CHAT " BY POSTING ON THE SITE WITH PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD !**

**SOME ALSO PROVIDE LIVE & RECORDED VIDEO FOR EVENTS YOU CANNOT GET OUT TOO & FOR THEIR SPONSORS ALSO.**

**WDVR - FM IN SERGENTSVILLE, NJ AND WRDV - FM HATBORO, PA ARE TWO [2] I HAVE LISTENED TO FOR MANY YEARS.**

**SPECIALTY INTERNET RADIO STATIONS I ALSO LISTEN TO ARE -**

**BRASS BANDS - MOSTLY OF THE BRITISH VARIETY  
DISMUKE RADIO - 1920'S TO 1930'S - MUCH VERY  
RARE !**

**AS I WORK ON MY COMPUTERS & AROUND OUR PROPERTY  
I HAVE SIMPLE INEXPENSIVE FM TRANSMITTERS THAT ALLOW  
ME TO LISTEN WHEREEVER I AM.**

**THE RADIO STATIONS PROVIDE NEWS, ENTERTAINMENT,  
EDUCATION, MUSIC, TALK SHOWS, ETC. TO KEEP YOU  
COMPANY & INFORMED**

**THEY BECOME AN “ EXTENDED “ FAMILY FOR THOSE OF US  
WITH FEW FAMILY LEFT AS THE YEARS GO BY AS EXPECTED.**

**THE DJ'S / IJ'S BECOME LIKE OLD FRIENDS VISITING EVERY DAY**

**WE PHONE, EMAIL, WRITE, ETC. TO EACH OTHER ON SPECIAL  
TOPICS OF COURSE !**

**I AM NOT INTO TV MUCH AT ALL FOR MANY REASONS.**

**TO BE CONTINUED AS**

**INTEREST &**

**RESOURCES PERMIT**

**JUST LET ME KNOW !**

