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## **LEGAL ASPECTS**

**Teachers can not be prosecuted for accepting bribes because bribing teachers is not considered to be a crime in Poland.**

**According to the Polish Penal Code only public persons can be prosecuted for corruption.**

**Teachers are not considered to be public persons.**

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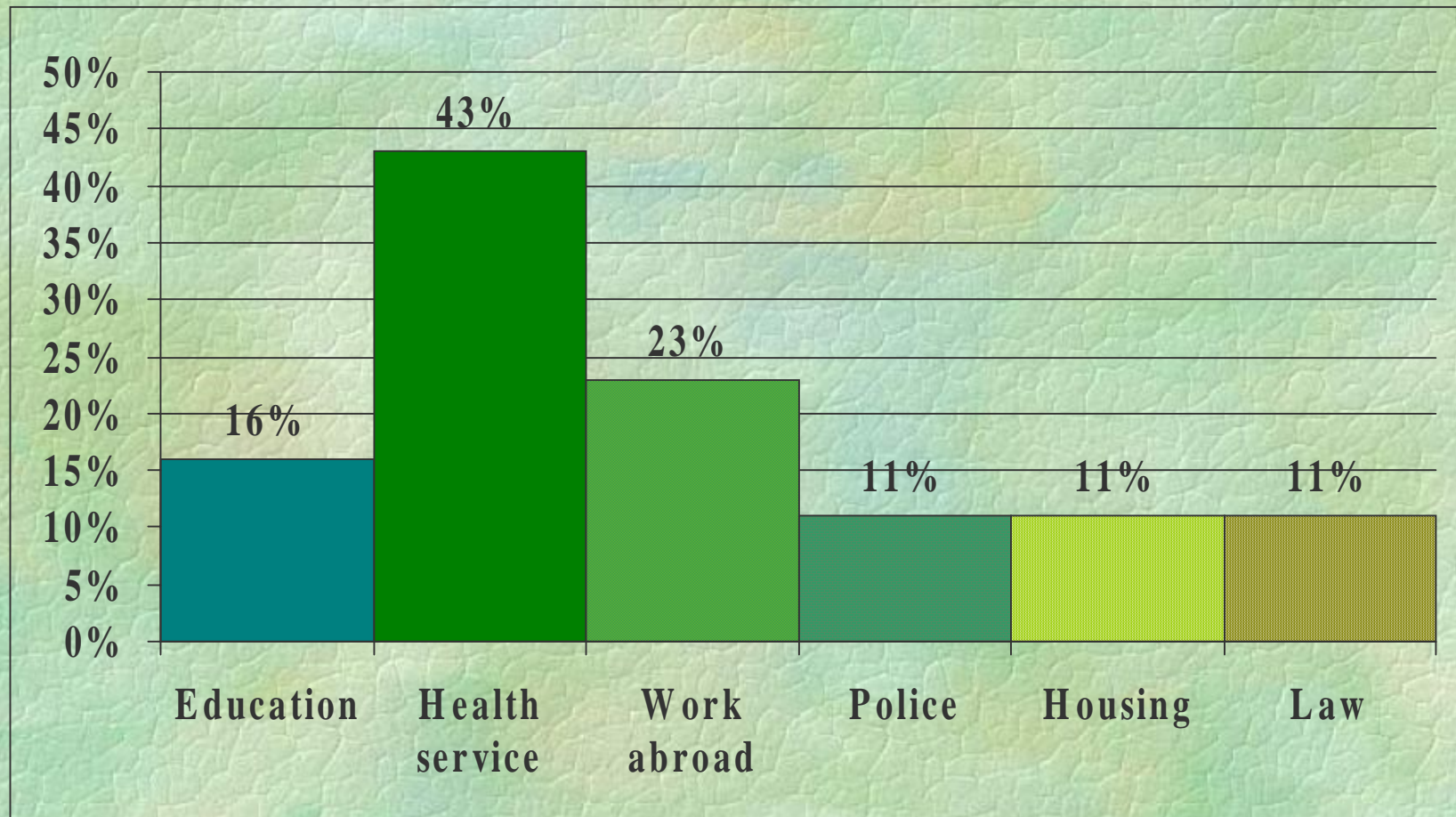
## ETHIC ASPECT

*Corruption in education has a very demoralising impact on the young generation - there exists a growing conviction that money is more important than individual learning effort and intellectual capacities.*

Beata Łaciak *Corruption in education - forms and scope*, Warsaw 2000, p. 79

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## Thing that can be arranged by giving a bribe



"Opinie o łapówkach", komunikat z badań CBOS, Warszawa, 1999.

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## FORMS OF CORRUPTION IN EDUCATION

- ☞ „buying” positive grades
- ☞ “buying” entrance examinations to secondary schools and universities
- ☞ “selling” tests, final examination forms
- ☞ giving additional private lessons
- ☞ system of incentives for selecting specific text books

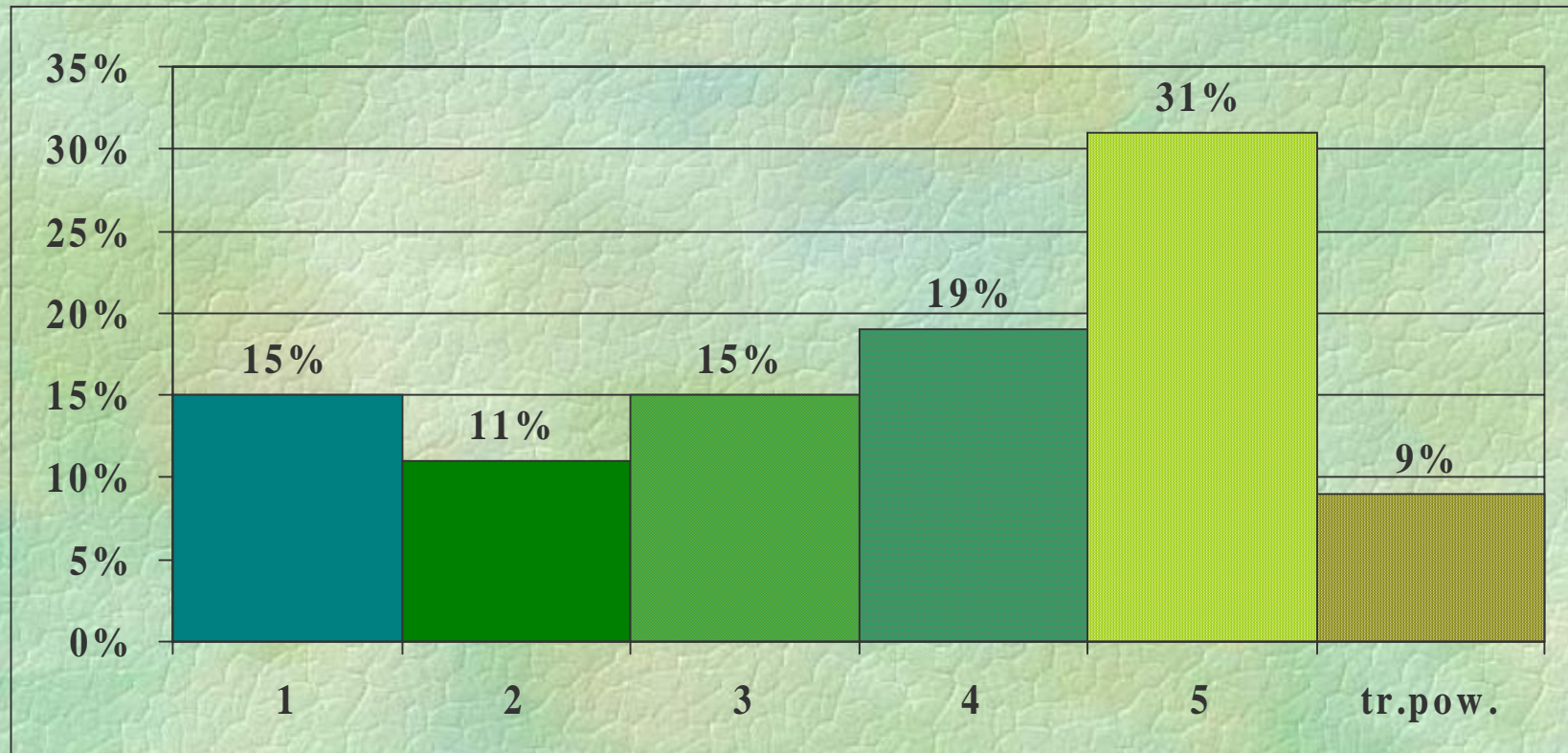
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## ETHICAL SOCIAL CONTEXT

- ✎ low prestige of teaching profession - negative selection
- ✎ lack of teacher's ethical code
- ✎ social acceptance of cheating during examinations
- ✎ gifts

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Teacher to parents during meeting at school: “Your children will not cope with the program without additional private lessons. Either me or my friends can arrange for it”



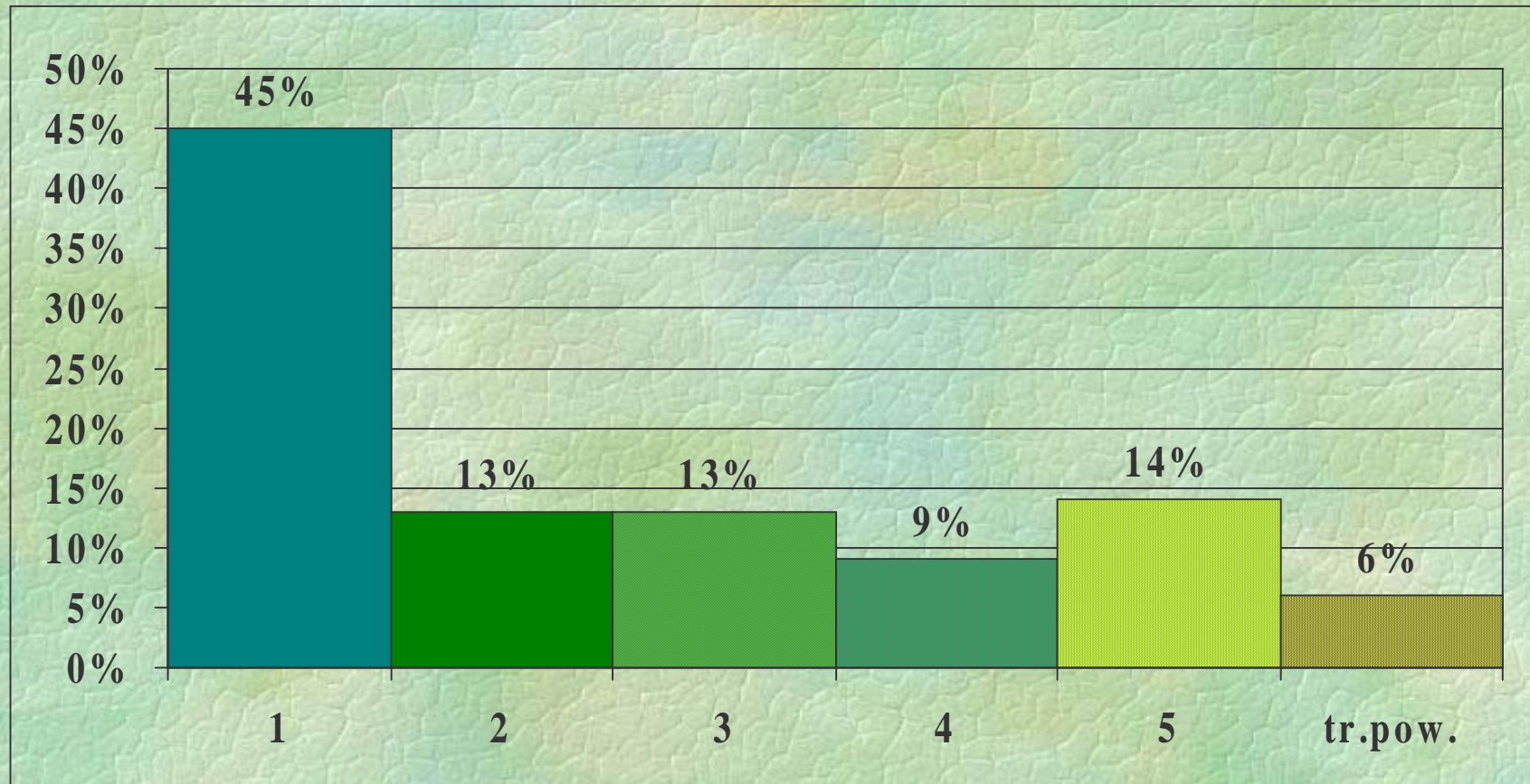
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## Teachers accepting gifts from the class (worth more than \$ 100)



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## FUTURE PLANS

### Activities proposed by Anti-Corruption Working Group

- ✎ **social education and information campaign**
- ✎ **introducing standards for student assessment and examinations in all types of schools**
- ✎ **undertaking legal actions against “buying” examinations, selling and violating copy rights of dissertations.**

*Anti-corruption strategies in Poland* developed by Anti-Corruption Working Group