

Non-religious or religious? The vision of the Polish state in catholic press – 2005-2015.

The thesis is devoted to the study of the Polish state's vision presented by popular catholic weeklies between 2005-2015. The study corpus consisted of materials published by „Gość Niedzielny”, „Niedziela”, „Przewodnik Katolicki” and „Tygodnik Powszechny”. The author was interested in the three areas: newspapers' attitude to state's financing of the Catholic Church, newspapers' attitude to school education (religious education and sexual education) and the way the newspapers refer to the bioethics issues. In the course of the study, three hypotheses were verified: the first hypothesis was related to the thesis' title. The author assumed that catholic weeklies' discourse presented the vision of – as defined in literature – a „*de facto* religious state”. The second hypothesis said that „Tygodnik Powszechny” discourse was different from other discourses analysed. The third hypothesis was related to the language sphere, the author presumed that the weeklies' language was characterised by a confrontational rhetoric. As the study showed, the hypotheses proved to be based in reality – the weeklies (with an exception of „Tygodnik Powszechny”) presented the state's vision that was different from the non-religious model.