

[Paweł Adamowicz](#) was one of the best, most distinguished representatives of the generation, for whom the regaining of independence and democracy opened the way to act in the public sphere. He showed how much can be done in conditions of freedom. He has left behind a great legacy.

Paweł was killed by hate. I am sure that this hate will not prevail. The good which Paweł served will prevail. However, I must say here that the hate that killed Paweł was aroused and fuelled by slandering his good name, charging base intentions and dishonesty. This is how he was portrayed in the so-called public media. I appeal to those who determine our public life, and so most of all to the government, to renounce such practices. Let us learn from this cruel lesson. Let the tragedy that befell Paweł and his family, and filled Gdańsk and all of Poland with grief, never happen again.

Paweł Adamowicz has left a clear testament. He showed how we should treat each other. How to do good. He showed how important it is to protect democratic values, the constitution and the independence of the judiciary. He showed that politics can really be a rational service for the common good.

Paweł, we will be true to your testament.