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# Agata Kornhauser-Duda

**Agata Kornhauser-Duda** (born 2 April 1972) is a Polish former teacher and the current first lady of Poland. She is married to the president of Poland, Andrzej Duda.

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## Background and family

Kornhauser was born in Kraków, the child of Julian Kornhauser, Polish of Jewish descent writer, translator and literary critic<sup>[1][2]</sup> and Alicja Wojna, a Polonist. She has one brother, Jakub, a poet and translator.<sup>[3]</sup>

She has been married to Andrzej Duda since 21 December 1994. Together they have one daughter, Kinga, born in 1995, a law student.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Professional career

She is a German teacher at the Jan III Sobieski High School, Kraków,<sup>[5]</sup> where she has worked since 1998. She has been described as a demanding but fair and dedicated teacher, and during the presidential campaign only took one day off, vowing to stay with her students until the end of the school year.<sup>[6]</sup> The school is her husband's alma mater, she herself attended its rival Bartłomiej Nowodworski High School.<sup>[7]</sup> She wrote her dissertation on the tetralogy of Horst Bienek<sup>[8]</sup> at the Jagiellonian University,<sup>[6]</sup> where she and her husband met.<sup>[9]</sup>

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#### First Lady of Poland

##### Assumed role

6 August 2015

**President**   Andrzej Duda

**Preceded by**   Anna Komorowska

##### Personal details

**Born**   Agata Kornhauser  
2 April 1972  
Kraków, Poland

**Political party**   Law and Justice

**Spouse(s)**   Andrzej Duda (m. 1994)

**Children**   Kinga

**Parent(s)**   Julian Kornhauser  
Alicja Wojna

**Residence(s)**   Presidential Palace

**Alma mater**   Jagiellonian University

**Awards**

# First Lady of Poland

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She became the first lady of Poland on 6 August 2015, when her husband became president. On 24 May 2015, he won the second round of the presidential election, achieving 51.55% of the vote against the 48.45% won by his rival, the incumbent Bronisław Komorowski.<sup>[10]</sup> During the campaign she supported her husband by appearing in party broadcasts. In terms of her own political beliefs, she has been described as more liberal than Andrzej Duda by her brother.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Honours

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### Foreign honours

- Belgium: Grand Cordon of the Order of Leopold (13 October 2015)
- Norway: Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit (23 May 2016)
- Finland: Grand Cross of the Order of the White Rose of Finland (24 October 2017)

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