



## National Election and Democracy Study

### General Election 2024/2025 – Post-election Poll

**Q.SCREEN1** Before we go into some areas around consent and your data privacy, can you please confirm that you are eligible and registered to vote in Irish general elections? We are interested in your opinion whether you have or have not actually voted in recent elections.

#### PROBE TO PRECODES

1. I am registered to vote in Irish general Elections (**GO TO Q. SCREEN 2**)
2. I am eligible to vote but am not registered (**GO TO Q. SCREEN 2**)
3. I am eligible to vote but am not sure if I am registered (**GO TO Q. SCREEN 2**)
4. I am not sure if I am eligible to vote in Irish General Elections (**CLOSE**)
5. I am not eligible to vote in Irish general Elections (**CLOSE**)

#### ASK ALL. RANDOMISE. MULTI CODE. CLOSE IF CODES 1-4. SHOW SHOWCARD A

SCREEN2. Do you, or does any member of your household, work in any of these occupations?

1. Market Research (**CLOSE**)
2. Journalism (**CLOSE**)
3. Public Relations (**CLOSE**)
4. Politics (**CLOSE**)
5. Teaching
6. Retail
7. Commerce
8. None of these



## CONSENT

The survey will take around 30 minutes to complete and is entirely confidential. Only the RED C research team involved in this study will be able to see your individual answers. RED C will retain your Eircode and address for analysis purposes and they will not share this with any other organisation. Your survey responses will be combined with others and summarised into data reports. RED C will securely remove your personal data from its systems by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The research is being conducted as part of the National Election and Democracy Study, which is funded by the Electoral Commission.

The types of questions I will ask as part of this survey are: your age, gender, nationality/ethnicity, religious affiliation, if you have a physical or mental illness condition or disability, demographic make-up of your household, and political views. Some of the questions will ask about areas you might find sensitive including politics, and other issues relating to economics, immigration, personal finances and current affairs. You may refuse to answer any individual questions or to stop the interview at any stage.

Consent Q. Can you please confirm that you have understood the information I have provided you and are happy to proceed? If you do not wish to participate, there are no consequences, and it will not impact your rights.

You may withdraw your consent to participate at any time, without obligation. If you withdraw consent during the interview, no answers you have provided will be stored.

After the interview, you can withdraw consent from this research at any time by calling RED C at +353 1 818 6316 or emailing [info@redcresearch.ie](mailto:info@redcresearch.ie). The RED C privacy policy is available at <https://redcresearch.com/privacy-policy/>

Are you happy to participate in this survey?

**INTERVIEWER: Click yes if the respondent agrees to participate in the survey.**

Yes – Continue

No – thank and close



## SECTION A – DEMOGRAPHICS I

**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE. INTERVIEWER TO CODE.**

C1. Are you?

1. Male
2. Female
3. Other
4. Prefer not to say [DNRO]

**ASK ALL**

C2i. Please tell me in what year you were born?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Refused [DNRO]

C2ii And in what month were you born?

1. January
2. February
3. March
4. April
5. May
6. June
7. July
8. August
9. September
10. October
11. November
12. December
13. REFUSED [DNRO]

IF REFUSED @ C2ib

C2ib Can you tell which of the following age brackets you fall into?

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 54-64
- 65+



**ASK ALL. PROBE TO PRECODES.**

C3. Please indicate to which occupational group the Chief Income Earner in your household belongs, or which group fits best.

This could be you: the Chief Income Earner is the person in your household with the largest income. If the Chief Income Earner is retired and has an occupational pension please answer for their most recent occupation.

If the Chief Income Earner is not in paid employment but has been out of work for less than 6 months, please answer for their most recent occupation

- Higher managerial / professional / administrative (e.g. Established doctor, Solicitor, Board Director in a large organisation (200+ employees, top level civil servant/public service employee)
- Intermediate managerial / professional / administrative (e.g. Newly qualified (under 3 years) doctor, Solicitor, Board director small organisation, middle manager in large organisation, principal officer in civil service/local government)
- Supervisory or clerical / junior managerial / professional / administrative (e.g. Office worker, Student Doctor, Foreman with 25+ employees, salesperson, etc) OR Student
- Skilled manual worker (e.g. Skilled Bricklayer, Carpenter, Plumber, Painter, Bus/ Ambulance Driver, HGV driver, AA patrolman, pub/bar worker, etc)
- Semi or unskilled manual work (e.g. Manual workers, all apprentices to be skilled trades, Caretaker, Park keeper, non-HGV driver, shop assistant)
- Casual worker – not in permanent employment OR Housewife / Homemaker OR Retired and living on state pension OR Unemployed or not working due to long-term sickness OR Full-time carer of other household member
- Farmer / Agricultural worker

**Recode**

- A
- B
- C1
- C2
- D
- E
- F



**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE.**

C4. What is the highest level of education you have attained to date? **PROBE TO PRECODES.**

1. Early childhood education
2. Primary
3. Lower secondary (junior cert)
4. Upper secondary (leaving cert)
5. Post-secondary non-tertiary (level 5 cert)
6. Short-cycle tertiary (level 6 cert)
7. Bachelor's degree or equivalent
8. Master's degree or equivalent
9. Doctoral or equivalent
10. Don't know
11. Refused

**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE.**

C5: And which of these best describes your current living situation **READ OUT**

1. Homeowner
2. Renter – privately from landlord
3. Renter – local authority / housing association
4. Live with parent(s)
5. Don't know [**DNRO**]
6. Prefer not to say [**DNRO**]
7. Other (write in)



**ASK ALL**

**INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT IS UNCLEAR, SHOW SCREEN TO RESPONDENT SHOW SHOWCARD B**

C.6i What is your ethnic group/background?

White

- 1 Irish
- 2 Irish Traveller
- 3 Roma
- 4 Any other White background

Black or Black Irish

- 5 African
- 6 Any other Black background

Asian or Asian Irish

- 7 Chinese
- 8 Indian/Pakistani/Bangladeshi
- 9 Any other Asian background

Other, including mixed group/background

- 10 Arabic
- 11 Mixed, write in description
- 12 Other, write in description

**ASK ALL. DO NOT PROMPT.**

C6ii Can you tell us your country of birth?

Republic of Ireland  
Northern Ireland  
Great Britain  
Other specify\_\_\_\_\_

**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE.**

C6iii Were either or both of your parents born outside of the Republic of Ireland?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Refused [DNRO]
- d. Don't Know [DNRO]



## SECTION B – PAST VOTER BEHAVIOR

### **ASK ALL REGISTERED TO VOTE(CODE 1@ Q.SCREEN1). SINGLE CODE.**

A1. Many people were unable to vote in the previous elections for a variety of reasons. How about you? Can you tell me, as far as you can remember, if you voted, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

1. The most recent general election 2024
  2. The general election in 2020
- 
- A. I definitely voted
  - B. I normally vote, but didn't manage to that time
  - C. I was ineligible or too young
  - D. I did not vote
  - E. Can't remember

### **ASK ALL NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE BUT ELIGIBLE (CODE 2 @QSCREEN1). RANDOMISE.**

A2. Please can you tell us if each of the following would have encouraged you to register?

- A. More information online about how to register
  - B. More information in public buildings about how to register
  - C. Someone calling to my home, college or workspace to assist me with registering
  - D. More information on TV/radio or in newspapers about how to register
- 
1. Yes
  2. No



**ASK ALL WHO DID NOT VOTE/CAN'T REMEMBER - CODES B TO E AT A1 FOR MOST RECENT GENERAL ELECTION. MULTICODE. SCRIPTER: NOT TO BE ASKED IN PILOT. AUTOCODE CODE F (NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE) FOR THOSE WHO CODE 2 @QSCREEN1) SHOW SHOWCARD C**

A3. You mentioned that you did not vote in most recent general election.

Which of the following best describes why you did not vote? *Please select all that apply.*

- A. Caring commitments
- B. Work commitments
- C. Study commitments
- D. Away from home on the day
- E. Illness/Disability
- F. Not registered to vote
- G. Could not decide how to vote
- H. My vote doesn't matter
- I. Not interested in politics
- J. Other, write-in: \_\_\_\_\_
- K. Prefer not to say [DNRO]





**ASK ALL CODE A AT A1 FOR MOST RECENT GENERAL ELECTION. SINGLE CODE.**

**Note for interviewer: Show showcard D to the respondent. If they say 'other' then go to showcard E which shows more parties, and lastly if they still say 'other', go to showcard F**

A4a. I would now like you to think back, to the **most recent General Election in 2024**. Please select the party or independent candidate, if any, you actually gave your first preference to in the polling station at that election? **SHOW SHOWCARD D,E,F (AS REQUIRED)**

**SHOWCARD D:**

- A. Fianna Fáil
- B. Fine Gael
- C. Sinn Féin
- D. Labour
- E. Social Democrats
- F. Aontú
- G. The Green Party
- H. People Before Profit-Solidarity
- I. Independent Ireland
- J. An independent candidate: Specify \_\_\_\_\_
- K. Can't remember [DNRO]
- L. Prefer not to say [DNRO]

**IF OTHER, SHOWCARD E:**

- M. The Workers' Party
- N. Kerry Independent Alliance
- O. Workers and Unemployed Action
- P. Independents 4 Change
- Q. The National Party
- R. Irish Freedom Party
- S. The Right to Change Party
- T. Ireland First
- U. 100% Redress
- V. The Irish People

**IF OTHER, SHOWCARD F:**

- W. Communist Party of Ireland
- X. Éirígí For a New Republic
- Y. Fís Nua
- Z. Liberty Republic
- AA. Centre Party of Ireland
- BB. United People
- CC. Human Dignity Alliance
- DD. Glór – Voice of the People
- EE. Party for Animal Welfare
- FF. Farmers Alliance
- GG. Rabharta



**ASK ALL CODE A AT A1 FOR MOST RECENT GENERAL ELECTION. SINGLE CODE.**

A4b. And in the **most recent General Election in 2024**, who did you give your **second preference vote to**. Please select the party or independent candidate, if any, you actually gave your second preference to in the polling station at that election?

- A. INSERT PARTY LIST**
- B. Can't Remember [DNRO]
- C. Prefer not to say [DNRO]
- D. Did not give a second preference vote

**ASK ALL WHO SELECTED ANY PARTY AT A4B. SINGLE CODE. SCRIPTER: NOT TO BE ASKED IN PILOT**

A4c. **And who did you give your third preference vote to?** Please select the party or independent candidate, if any, you actually gave your third preference to in the polling station at that election.

- E. INSERT PARTY LIST**
- F. Can't Remember [DNRO]
- G. Prefer not to say [DNRO]
- H. Did not give a third preference vote

**ASK ALL CODE A AT A1 FOR MOST RECENT GENERAL ELECTION. SINGLE CODE. SCRIPTER: NOT TO BE ASKED IN PILOT**

A5 Can you tell me when you finally made up your mind about who you would give your first preference to? **PROBE TO PRE-CODES. SHOWCARD DEC**

- 1. Within 24 hours of voting
- 2. Within a few days of voting
- 3. A week before voting
- 4. 2-3 weeks before the election
- 5. When the election was called
- 6. Sometime before the election was called
- 7. I always vote for the same party
- 8. Can't remember (DO NOT READ OUT)

**ASK ALL WHO SELECT ANY PARTY/CANDIDATE AT A4A**

A6 If your first preference candidate had been running for [If party - "any of the other parties" / IF Independent "a political party"], would you still have given a first preference to him/her?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Depends on the party
- 4. Don't Know [DNRO]



**ASK ALL WHO DEFINITELY VOTED IN 2020 *GENERAL ELECTIONS* (CODE A @A1). SINGLE CODE.  
INCLUDE SAME NOTE AS A4 r.e. SHOWCARDS. SHOW SHOWCARD 2020**

A7. You said you voted in the General Elections in February 2020 Which party, or independent candidate, did you give your first preference vote to?

**1. Fianna Fáil**

**2. Fine Gael**

**3. Labour**

**4. Sinn Féin**

**5. Social Democrats**

**6. Green Party**

**7. An Independent Candidate**

**8. Solidarity-People Before Profit**

**9. Renua**

**10. Workers Party**

**11. Aontú**

**Can't remember (DNRO)**

**Refused (DNRO)**



## SECTION C – VOTER EXPERIENCE/PERCEPTIONS

**ASK ALL WHO VOTED IN MOST RECENT GENERAL ELECTION. ASK ALL CODE A AT A1 FOR MOST RECENT GENERAL ELECTION.**

V1. How was your experience with voting in the most recent GENERAL ELECTION? Please give your answer on a 4-point scale where 1 is Very Easy, and 4 is very difficult.

1. Very easy (straightforward, with no problems – a positive experience)
2. Quite easy (some issues, but broadly positive experience)
3. Quite difficult (some issues - a generally negative experience)
4. Very difficult (numerous issues – a very negative experience)

**ASK ALL WHO VOTED. SAME ROUTING AS V1.**

V2. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements based on your recent voter experience. Please give your answer on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is strongly agree, and 5 is strongly disagree. **RANDOMISE STATEMENTS SHOWCARD G**

1. I did not get the assistance I needed from the polling station staff
  2. I was confident that I understood how to cast my vote
  3. The layout of the ballot paper was difficult to follow
  4. I am confident my ballot papers are secret once I have put them in the ballot box
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1. Strongly agree
  2. Somewhat agree
  3. Neither agree nor disagree
  4. Somewhat disagree
  5. Strongly disagree
  6. Not applicable [DNRO]
  7. Don't know [DNRO]



**ASK ALL**

V3. The following are statements that people have made about voting. Please tell us if you believe that these are true or false. **RANDOMISE STATEMENTS**

1. Every one of my preferences I mark on the ballot paper may contribute to the candidate being elected
  2. For my vote to be counted I must give a preference to each candidate on the ballot paper
  3. I need my polling card in order to vote
  4. My vote will only count if I use the pencil provided at the polling station
  5. After I have marked my preferred choices on the ballot paper, if I feel like it, I can write my name or a message and my vote will still be counted
  6. I am obliged to bring ID with me to the polling station
- A. True  
B. False  
C. Don't know

**ASK ALL**

V4. Thinking more about electoral procedures in Ireland. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements. Please give your answer on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is strongly agree, and 5 is strongly disagree. **RANDOMISE STATEMENTS SHOWCARD G**

1. Elections are well managed
  2. Information about voting procedures is not widely available
  3. Election officials are fair
  4. Elections are conducted in accordance with the law
- 
1. Strongly agree
  2. Somewhat agree
  3. Neither agree nor disagree
  4. Somewhat disagree
  5. Strongly disagree
  6. Don't know [**DNRO**]

### ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE

D1. In some countries, people believe that the elections are conducted fairly. In other countries, people believe that elections are conducted unfairly. Thinking of the election that just occurred in Ireland, where would you place it on a scale of one to five where ONE means that the election was conducted fairly and FIVE means that the election was conducted unfairly?

1. Election was conducted fairly
- 2,3,4
5. Election was conducted unfairly
6. Refused [DNRO]
7. Don't Know [DNRO]

### ASK ALL

D3. Different people feel differently about voting. For some, voting is a DUTY. They feel that they should vote in every election however they feel about the candidates and parties. For others, voting is a CHOICE. They feel free to vote or not to vote in an election depending on how they feel about the candidates and parties. For you personally, is voting a duty or a choice?

1. Duty
2. Choice
3. Not sure [DNRO]



**ASK ALL. RANDOMISE. SINGLE CODE.**

D4. The following are two different statements that people have made about registering to vote in Ireland. Please tell me which you agree more with.

- A. Everyone should be automatically registered by the state once they are 18 years of age and they can choose whether to vote or not
- B. People should have a choice whether to register to vote or not.
- C. Don't know [**DNRO**]

**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE**

D5. Some people say that no matter who people vote for, it won't make any difference to what happens. Others say that who people vote for can make a big difference to what happens. Using the scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means it won't make any difference, and 5 means it can make a big difference, where would you place your own view?

- 1. Who people vote for won't make any difference
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5. Who people vote for can make a big difference
- 6. Refused [**DNRO**]
- 7. Don't know [**DNRO**]

## SECTION E – VOTER REGISTRATION

### ASK ALL VOTED IN EITHER LOCAL & OR MOST RECENT ELECTION

**R1.** Did you register to vote for the first time in the past year?

1. Yes
2. No

#### IF YES AT R1 ASK:

**R2.** Please pick the statement which most applies to you with regard to your decision to register to vote in the past year? **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE. RANDOMISE. SHOW SHOWCARD REG**

- I always intended to register when I became 18
- My family or school encouraged me to register
- My friends or peers encouraged me to register
- I saw ads on social media which encouraged me to register
- I saw/heard an ad on radio/tv which encouraged me to register
- Newspaper articles and adverts encouraged me to register
- None of the above

#### IF YES AT R1 ASK:

**R3.** How did you register to vote? **PROBE TO PRE-CODES. SINGLE CODE.**

1. Online registration portal (e.g. Check the Register or Voter.ie)
2. Sent registration form to my Local Authority
3. Other **[DNRO]** **[CLOSED CODE]**
4. Don't know **[DNRO]**

#### IF YES AT R1 ASK:

**R5.** How was your experience with registration? **PROBE TO PRE-CODES**

1. Very easy (straightforward, with no problems – a positive experience)
2. Quite easy (some issues, but broadly positive experience)
3. Quite difficult (some issues - a generally negative experience)
4. Very difficult (numerous issues – a very negative experience)



## SECTION F – MEDIA USAGE

In the next questions, we would like to know what kind of media you used to follow news about parties and candidates during the recent election campaign.

**ASK ALL REGISTERED TO VOTE(CODE 1@ Q.SCREEN1). RANDOMISE. SHOWCARD I**

M1. How often, if at all, do you use the following sources of information to form an opinion before voting? **READ OUT**

1. Newspapers (including websites of newspapers e.g. Irish Times, Irish Independent, Irish Examiner)
  2. RTÉ
  3. Social media (e.g. Facebook, TikTok, Instagram)
  4. Messaging apps (WhatsApp, Telegram, Snapchat)
  5. Information directly from political party/candidate (e.g. leaflet, website)
- 
- A. Often
  - B. Sometimes
  - C. Seldom
  - D. Never
  - E. Don't know [DNRO]

**ASK ALL REGISTERED TO VOTE (CODE 1@ Q. SCREEN 1). RANDOMISE. 0-10 SCALE. INCLUDE DK OPTION. SAME SOURCES AS M1. SHOWCARD J**

M2. To what extent, if at all, do you trust the following sources of information to form an opinion before voting?

*Please give your answer on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means do not trust at all, and 10 means trust completely.*

**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE.**

M3. And how often during a typical day did you use social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or TikTok to follow news about parties, candidates and election issues – only about once per day, several times per day, or at least ten times per day?

1. Only about once per day
2. Several times per day
3. At least ten times per day
4. Less often
5. Refused [DNRO]
6. Don't Know DNRO)



ROTATE SECTIONS G, H and I. ASK ALL RESPONDENTS ALL SECTIONS, BUT ROTATED ORDER.

SECTION G – ELECTION STUDIES: ATTITUDES TOWARDS POLITICS/POLITICIANS

**ASK ALL WHO VOTED IN GENERAL ELECTION (CODE A @ A1)**

P1. Thinking about the issues that influenced your decision about which party or political candidate you cast your vote for in the latest general election. What would you say was the most important issue?

[OPEN ENDED TEXT BOX]

**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE**

P2. Now thinking about the performance of the Irish government in general, how good or bad a job do you think the government has done over the past five or so years since its election in 2020? Has it done a very good job, A good job, A bad job or A very bad job? SHOWCARD K

1. Very good job
2. Good job
3. Bad job
4. Very bad job
5. Refused [DNRO]
6. Don't know [DNRO]

**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE. ASK FOR PARTIES ON SHOWCARD A.**

P3. We have a number of parties in Ireland each of which would like to get your vote. How probable is it that you will ever vote for the following parties? Please answer on a scale where 0 means "not at all probable" and 10 means "very probable. SHOWCARD L

0 – Not at all probable  
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9  
10 – Very Probable  
Don't Know [DNRO]  
Refused [DNRO]



**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE. ASK FOR 4 LEADERS AT RANDOM.**

P4. And what do you think of the party leaders? After I read the name of a party leader, please rate them on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you strongly dislike that candidate and 10 means that you strongly like that candidate. If I come to a party leader you haven't heard of or you feel you do not know enough about, just say so. SHOWCARD M

**RANDOMISE**

- A. Micheál Martin
- B. Simon Harris
- C. Mary Lou McDonald
- D. Ivana Bacik
- E. Roderic O’Gorman
- F. Holly Cairns
- G. Peadar Tóibín

The first leader is \_\_\_\_\_

Using the same scale, where would you place Leader B

Using the same scale, where would you place Leader C

**etc.**

0 – Strongly Dislike

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

10 – Strongly Like

Haven’t heard of leader

Refused [**DNRO**]

Don’t know enough about this leader

**ASK ALL**

P5a Do you usually think of yourself as close to any particular party?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Refused [**DNRO**]
- 4. Don’t Know [**DNRO**]

**ASK ALL CODE 1 AT P5A**

P5b. Which party do you feel closest to?

**INSERT FULL PARTY LIST**



ASK ALL WHO VOTED IN 2024 GENERAL ELECTION (CODE A @ A1)

P6. Did you change your mind as to how you would vote in the election during the course of the campaign?

Yes

No

Don't Know (DNRO)

## SECTION H – ELECTION STUDIES: INTEREST AND TRUST IN POLITICS

### ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE

E1. How interested would you say you are in politics?

1. Very interested
2. Somewhat interested
3. Not very interested
4. Not at all interested
5. Refused [DNRO]
6. Don't know [DNRO]

### ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE SHOWCARD G

E2. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements:

#### RANDOMISE

1. You feel you understand the most important political issues of this country.
2. The courts should be able to stop the government acting beyond its authority.
3. Democracy is always and under all circumstances preferable to any other kind of government
4. Having a strong leader in government is good for Ireland even if the leader bends the rules to get things done

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Strongly disagree
6. Don't know [DNRO]
7. Refused [DNRO]



**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE SHOWCARD N**

E3. We would now like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions and groups. For each of the following institutions, please tell me if you trust it a lot, trust it somewhat, do not trust it very much, or do not trust it at all?

**RANDOMISE**

- A. Dáil Eireann
- B. The government
- C. The Electoral Commission
- D. The judiciary
- E. The civil service
- F. Political parties
- G. Citizen's Assemblies

- 1. Trust a lot
- 2. Trust somewhat
- 3. Do not trust very much
- 4. Do not trust at all
- 5. Refused [DNRO]
- 6. Don't know [DNRO]

**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE. RANDOMISE.**

E4. In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place [PARTY A] on a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?

Where would you place [PARTY B]?

Where would you place [PARTY C]

**etc.**

- A. Fianna Fáil
- B. Fine Gael
- C. Sinn Féin
- D. Labour
- E. Social Democrats
- F. Aontú
- G. The Green Party
- H. People Before Profit-Solidarity
- I. Independent Ireland

0 – Left

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

10 – Right

Haven't heard of left-right [DNRO]

Haven't heard of party [DNRO]

Refused [DNRO]

Don't know where to place [DNRO]



**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE**

E5. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

0 – Left

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

10 – Right

Haven't heard of left-right [DNRO]

Refused [DNRO]

Don't know where to place [DNRO]

**ASK ALL.**

E6. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

**RANDOMISE STATEMENTS SHOWCARD G**

- a) I find the things that happen directly in my local area more interesting than news about national and international developments
- b) The TDs in my area are generally competent and hard working
- c) The level of aggression towards politicians is unacceptable in these times
- d) Protesting outside of politicians' houses is sometimes acceptable
- e) Following politicians and recording videos of them to post on social media is acceptable.

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Somewhat agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Somewhat disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree
- 6. Don't know

## SECTION I – ELECTION STUDIES: TOPICAL ISSUES

### ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE

E7. Would you say that over the past twelve months, the state of the economy in Ireland has gotten much better, gotten somewhat better, stayed about the same, gotten somewhat worse, or gotten much worse?

1. Gotten much better
2. Gotten somewhat better
3. Stayed about the same
4. Gotten somewhat worse
5. Gotten much worse
5. Refused [DNRO]
6. Don't know [DNRO]

### ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE

E8. And if you compare your economic situation with what it was 12 months ago, has it improved, stayed the same or has it gotten worse? **PROBE TO PRE-CODES**

1. Gotten much better
2. Gotten somewhat better
3. Stayed about the same
4. Gotten somewhat worse
5. Gotten much worse
5. Refused [DNRO]
6. Don't know [DNRO]

E8ii And over the next twelve months, how do you think the general economic situation in Ireland will be? Do you think it will get much better, get somewhat better, stay the same, get somewhat worse, get a lot worse?

Get much better  
Get somewhat better  
It will stay the same  
Get somewhat worse  
Get much worse  
Refused (DNRO)  
Don't know (DNRO)

### ASK ALL

E9. On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means you strongly believe there should be a total ban on abortion, and 10 means that you strongly believe that abortion should be freely available in Ireland to any woman who wants to have one, where would you place your view?



0 – Strongly believe there should be a total ban on abortion

10 - Strongly believe that abortion should be freely available

Prefer not to say [DNRO]

Don't know [DNRO]

**ASK ALL. RANDOMISE. SINGLE CODE.**

E10. In terms of the long-term future of Northern Ireland, which would you prefer? **READ OUT**

1. Remain in the UK with a direct and strong link to Britain
2. Remain in the UK and have a strong Assembly and Government in Northern Ireland
3. Unify with the Republic of Ireland
4. Other [DNRO] [CLOSED]
5. Don't know [DNRO]

**ASK ALL. RANDOMISE.**

E11. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statement using a 5-point scale where 5 is strongly Disagree and 1 is strongly agree. SHOWCARD G

1. Measures to ensure equality for women have gone too far
2. The government should spend more on national defence
3. I would be willing to accept a cut in my standard of living in order to protect the environment

By law, assisted dying should be available to patients whose suffering is unbearable and have no hope for recovery

4. The government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services
5. There is nothing wrong with some people being a lot richer than others
6. Gay or lesbian couples should be legally permitted to adopt children
7. European unification should be pushed further
8. The government should focus on encouraging the private sector to solve the housing crisis

1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree Slightly
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree slightly
5. Strongly Disagree
6. Don't Know [DNRO]



## SECTION J – CONSPIRACY THEORIES/POPULISM

### ASK ALL. RANDOMISE. SHOW SHOWCARD O

**E13.** There is often debate about whether the public is told the whole truth about various important issues. Please indicate the degree to which you believe each statement is either definitely not true, probably not true, not sure, probably true or definitely true.

1. A small, secret group of people is responsible for making all major decisions in world politics
  2. Groups of scientists manipulate, fabricate or suppress evidence in order to deceive the public
  3. Experiments involving new drugs or technologies are routinely carried out on the public without their knowledge or consent
  4. Viruses and/or diseases have been deliberately disseminated to infect certain populations
  5. Elected officials want more immigration to bring in obedient voters who will vote for them
  6. The establishment is replacing white Irish people with non-white immigrants
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- a) Definitely not true
  - b) Probably not true
  - c) Not sure
  - d) Probably true
  - e) Definitely true

### ASK ALL. RANDOMISE.

**E14.** Looking at the below statements which have been made by others, please select the extent to which you agree or disagree with each. SHOWCARD G

1. There should be very strict limits on the number of immigrants coming to live in Ireland
  2. I would welcome a traveller as a member of the family
  3. The people, and not the politicians, should make our most important policy decisions
  4. Immigrants are good for Ireland's economy
  5. Most politicians are trustworthy
  6. The Government should be able to censor media sources that are too critical
  7. Most politicians only care about the interests of the rich and powerful
  8. Ethnic minorities should adapt to Ireland's way of life
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- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Somewhat agree
  - C. Neither agree nor disagree
  - D. Somewhat disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree
  - F. Don't know [DNRO]



## SECTION K – DEMOGRAPHICS II

Thank you for staying with us. We just have a few final demographic questions.

**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE. PROBE TO PRECODES**

C7. Which of the following best describes your current marital status?

**NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE CURRENT MARITAL OR CIVIL UNION STATUS. A PERSON WHO IS BOTH DIVORCED AND LIVING AS MARRIED SHOULD BE CODE AS LIVING AS MARRIED.**

1. Married
2. In a civil partnership
3. Living as married/co-habiting
4. Single, never married
5. Divorced
6. Widowed
7. Separated
8. Other [DNRO] [CLOSED]
9. Refused [DNRO]
10. Don't know [DNRO]

**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE.**

C8. Which of the following best describes where you live?

1. In a town or city with a population of more than 5,000 (large town/city)
2. On the suburbs of a large town or city
3. In a town with a population of more than 1,500
4. In a rural area with a population of less than 1,500

**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE.**

C9. Which of the following best describes your current working status?

1. Employed - full time (32 or more hours weekly)
2. Employed - part time (15 to less than 32 hours weekly)
3. Employed - less than 15 hours
4. Helping family member
5. Unemployed
6. Student, in school, in vocational training
7. Retired
8. Housewife, homemaker, home duties
9. Permanently disabled
10. Others, not in labour force [DNRO] [CLOSED]
11. Refused [DNRO]
12. Don't Know [DNRO]



**ASK ALL. SINGLE CODE. PROBE TO PRE-CODES.**

C10. How frequently, if at all, do you attend any form of church or religious service?

1. Never
2. Less often
3. Once a year
4. Two to eleven times a year
5. Once a month
6. Two or more times a month
7. Once a week/more than once a week
8. Refused [DNRO]
9. Don't Know [DNRO]

**ASK ALL. MULTICODE**

C.11 Do you have a longstanding physical or mental condition or disability that has lasted or is likely to last 12 months and which has a substantial adverse effect on your ability to carry out day-to-day activities? You are not obligated to answer this question if you do not wish to. You have the right to withdraw any response you provide at any time. This information will be retained by RED C alongside your personal data until March 31<sup>st</sup> after which point all of your survey responses will be anonymised.

1. Yes - physical disability/ condition
2. Yes- emotional or psychological condition/ mental health issue
3. Yes – intellectual disability or difficulty with learning
4. No
5. Prefer not to say

**ASK ALL WORKING PARTTIME OR FULLTIME (CODE 1-3 AT C9)**

C.12 Which of the following best describes your employment sector?

1. Public Sector
2. Private Sector
3. Mixed
4. 'Third sector'/non-profit sector

**ASK ALL SHOW SHOWCARD J**

C.13 Please indicate which the following bands most closely describes your annual household income before taxes.

1. Less than €20,000
2. €20,000-€39,999
3. €40,000-€59,999
4. €60,000-€79,999
5. €80,000-€99,999
6. €100,000+



7. Refused [DNRO]

**ASK ALL. MINIMUM 1.**

C.14 How many people live in your household?

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Refused [DNRO]

Don't Know [DNRO]

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