

# [***UFC Legend Conor McGregor Teases Run For Irish Presidency And Gets Nod From Musk***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69TH-0KK1-JBCM-F3TH-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** McGregor hasn t fought in mixed martial arts for more than two years and has focused his time on recovering from a gruesome injury and promoting his whiskey brand.

**Body**

**Topline**

Former UFC featherweight and lightweight champion Conor McGregor kept hinting at a run for president of Ireland on Wednesday, following days of tweets in which he criticizedpresidential candidatesand theIrish governmentfor failed policies in protecting and securing the country s citizens joining a wave of recent backlash from Ireland s right wing.

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McGregor captured double champ status in 2016. (Photo by Roy Rochlin/Getty Images)

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**Key Facts**

In a series of tweets, McGregor playfully indicated he might make a run for president in Ireland.

The mixed martial artist alsoblasted Ireland s immigration policies, which are under fire from Ireland s right wing following astabbingthat left three children and two adults injured and sparked what the government called far-right riotslast week.

The tweets from McGregor come after a string of other posts in which the mixed martial arts star compared himself to other presidential candidates, saying former Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams and former prime ministers Bertie Ahern and Enda Kenny had unbreakable ties to their individual parties' ***politics***.

McGregor, 35, has boasted about his youth andsaid on Xthat he has no affiliation/bias/favoritism toward any party.

McGregor has specifically focused his would-be policies around immigration so far, saying there s a real lapse in national security in Ireland and that the country needs to deport illegal migrants and form a task force founded to assess all entrants into Ireland one he would call Ireland Protect.

X owner and Tesla CEO Elon MusksupportedMcGregor s potential presidential bid, saying I think you could take them all single-handed.

**Tangent**

The recent stabbing in Ireland resulted in strong blowback from people the country s authorities have called far-right. The backlash was largely driven by citizens who claimed the attacker was originally from Algeria, often adoptinganti-immigrant toneand chants. The BBCreportedthe suspect hailed from Algeria, though Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said he has lived in Ireland for 20 years and is a citizen.

**Surprising Fact**

Irish presidents hold office for seven years and can be reelected for two terms maximum, though their roles are largely ceremonial. The next election will take place in 2025.

**Key Background**

McGregor s last UFC fight took place in 2021, when he suffered fractures to his left tibia and fibula in a loss to No. 3 lightweight Dustin Poirier. Since then, the former UFC champion has spent his time on other ventures, including further development of his Proper 12 whiskey brand and a foray onto the silver screen, making hisacting debuton an Amazon remake of Roadhouse that stars Jake Gyllenhaal and has yet to release.

**Further Reading**

Violent clashes erupt in Dublin after stabbing of 5 people, as police blame far-right ideology (CNN)

Elon Musk touts Conor McGregor's possible run for Irish president, says 'not even fair' for rivals (Fox)

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