**Questionnaire**

**OF THE**

**Voter Study**

**of the**

**European Elections Study 2019**

**the Republic of IRELAND**

Q1 What do you think is the most important issue or problem facing the Ireland at the moment?

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98 Don’t know

Q2 Which political party do you think would be best at dealing with this problem?

1 Fine Gael (FG)

2 Labour Party (LP)

3 Fianna Fáil (FF)

4 Green Party (GP)

5 Sinn Féin (SF)

6 Solidarity - People Before Profit

10 other party

11 none of the parties

98 Don’t know

Q3 On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Ireland? Are you…

1 very satisfied

2 fairly satisfied

3 not very satisfied

4 not at all satisfied

98 Don’t know

Q4 All in all again, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in the European Union?

1 very satisfied

2 fairly satisfied

3 not very satisfied

4 not at all satisfied

98 Don’t know

Q5 Let us now come back to Ireland. Do you approve or disapprove the government's record to date?

1 approve

2 disapprove

98 Don’t know

Q6 The European Parliament elections were held on Friday 24 May 2019. For one reason or another, some people in Ireland did not vote in these elections. Did you vote in the recent European Parliament elections?

1 yes, voted

2 no, did not vote

98 Don’t know go to Q8

Q7 Which party did you vote for in the European Parliament elections?

1 Fianna Fáil

2 Fine Gael

3 Labour Party

4 Green Party

5 Sinn Féin

6 Solidarity-People Before Profit

7 Social Democrats

8 Independents 4 Change

9 Independent

90 other party

96 did vote blanc or nil

98 do not remember

Q8 How closely did you follow the campaign ahead of the European Parliament elections in the media or on social media? Please indicate using any number on an 11-point-scale. On this scale, where 0 means "not at all" and 10 means "very closely" which number best describes your situation?

                            0 Not at all

                            1

                            ...

                            9

                            10 Very closely

                            98 Don’t know

Q9 Which party did you vote for at the Irish General Election of 2016?

1 Fine Gael

2 Labour Party

3 Fianna Fáil

4 Green Party

5 Sinn Féin

6 Socialist Party

7 Anti Austerity Alliance

8 Independent Alliance

9 Independents4Change

10 Social Democrats

11 Independent

90 other party

96 did vote blanc or nil

97 did not vote

98 do not remember

Q10 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".

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0  not at  all  probable | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  very  proba-  ble | Don’t know the party |
| Fine Gael | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 98 |
| Labour Party | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 98 |
| Fianna Fáil | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 98 |
| Green Party | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 98 |
| Sinn Féin | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 98 |
| Solidarity - People Before Profit | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 98 |

Q11 In political matters people talk of "the left" and "the right". What is your position? Please indicate your views using any number on an 11-point-scale. On this scale, where 0 means "left" and 10 means "right," which number best describes your position?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0  Left | 1 | 2 | 3 |  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  Right | DON’T KNOW |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |

Q13 And about where would you place the following political parties on this scale

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0  Left | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  Right | Don’t know how to place the party |
| Fine Gael | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |
| Labour Party | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |
| Fianna Fáil | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |
| Green Party | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |
| Sinn Féin | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |
| Solidarity - People Before Profit | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |

Q14 Now I would like you to tell me your views on various issues. For each issue, we will present you with two opposite statements and we will ask your opinion about these two statements. We would like to ask you to position yourself on a scale from 0 to 10, where '0' means that you "fully agree with the statement at the top" and '10' means that you "fully agree with the statement at the bottom". Then if your views are somewhere in between, you can choose any number that describes your position best.

Q14.1 What do you think of state regulation and control of the economy

*0 You fully in favour of state intervention in the economy*

*1*

*...*

*9*

*10 You fully opposed of state intervention in the economy*

*98 Don’t know*

Q14.2 Redistribution of wealth

*0 You fully in favour of redistribution from the rich to the poor in Ireland*

*1*

*...*

*9*

*10 You fully opposed of redistribution of wealth from the rich to the poor in Ireland*

*98 Don’t know*

Q14.3 Same-sex marriage

*0 You fully in favour of same sex marriage*

*1*

*...*

*9*

*10 You fully opposed of same sex marriages*

*98 Don’t know*

Q14.4 Civil liberties

*0 You fully support privacy rights even if they hinder efforts to combat crime*

*1*

*...*

*9*

*10 You fully support restricting privacy rights in order to combat crime*

*98 Don’t know*

Q14.5 Immigration

*0 fully in favour of a restrictive policy on immigration*

*1*

*...*

*9*

*10 fully opposed of a restrictive policy on immigration*

*98 Don’t know*

Q14.6 Environment

*0* Environmental protection should take priority even at the cost of economic   
 growth

*1*

*...*

*9*

*10* Economic growth should take priority even at the cost of environmental  
 protection

*98 Don’t know*

Q15 Imagine there were a referendum in Ireland tomorrow about the membership of the European Union. Would you vote for Ireland to remain a member of the European Union or to leave the European Union?

1 Remain a member of the EU

2 Leave the EU

3 (Would submit a blank ballot paper)

4 (Would spoil the ballot paper)

5 (Would not vote)

6 (Not eligible to vote)

Q16 How important is it for you to live in a country that is governed democratically? On this scale where 1 means it is “not at all important” and 10 means “absolutely important” what position would

you choose?

1 not at all important

2

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4

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10 absolutely important

98 Don’t know

Q17To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Fully agree | Agree | | Neither agree or disagree | Disagree | Fully disagree | DON’T KNOW |
|  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Independent judges should be able to overrule the decisions of democratically elected government if the decisions violate the rights of individuals or groups in society. | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 98 |
| 2 | Governments should be allowed to prohibit a peaceful protest if many citizens will be offended by its slogans. | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 98 |
| 3 | In order to secure the independence of the public media, elected politicians should have no influence on the content of their broadcasting. | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 98 |
| 4 | Having a strong leader in government is good for Ireland even if the leader bends the rules to get things done. | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 98 |
| 5 | The people, and not politicians, should make our most important policy decisions. | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 98 |

Q18 For each of the following statements, please tell me to what extent it corresponds or not to your attitude or opinion.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Yes, totally | Yes, somewhat | | Neither trust or distrust | No, not  really | No, not at all | Don’t know |
| 1 | You trust the Dáil Éireann | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 98 |
| 2 | You trust the European Parliament | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 98 |

Q19 What do you think about the economy? Compared to 12 months ago, do you think that the general economic situation in Ireland

1 a lot better

2 a little better

3 stayed the same

4 a little worse

5 a lot worse

98 Don’t know

Q20 And over the next 12 months, how do you think the general economic situation in Ireland will be? Will it….?

1 get a lot better

2 get a little better

3 stay the same

4 get a little worse

5 get a lot worse

98 Don’t know

Q21 To what extent would you say you are interested in politics? Very, somewhat, a little, or not at all?

1 very

2 somewhat

3 a little

4 not at all

98 Don’t know

Q22 Generally speaking, do you think that Ireland’s membership of the European Union is..?

1 good thing

2 bad thing

3 neither

98 Don’t know

Q23 Some say European unification should be pushed further. Others say it already has gone too far. What is your opinion? Please indicate your views using a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means unification ‘has already gone too far’ and 10 means it ‘should be pushed further’. What number on this scale best describes you position?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0  unification  has already  gone too far | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  unification  should be  pushed  further | DON’T KNOW |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |

Q24 And about where would you place the following parties on this scale, where 0 means “already gone too far” and 10 means “should be pushed further”?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0 unification has already gone too far | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  unification should be pushed further | Don’t know how to place the party |
| Fine Gael | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |
| Labour Party | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |
| Fianna Fáil | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |
| Green Party | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |
| Sinn Féin | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |
| Solidarity - People Before Profit | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 99 |

Q25 Do you consider yourself to be close to any particular party? If so, which party do you feel close to?

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| 1 No, you do not feel close to any party |
| 2 Fianna Fáil  3 Fine Gael  4 Labour Party  5 Green Party  6 Sinn Féin  7 Solidarity-People Before Profit  8 Social Democrats  90 Other  98 Don’t know |  |

Q26 Do you feel yourself to be very close to this party, fairly close or merely a sympathiser?

1 very close

2 fairly close

3 merely a sympathiser

98 Don’t know

## Q27 For each of the following candidates for President of the next European Commission, can you tell me which European Party Group or which [nationality] party supports their nomination?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Socialists & Democrats / Labour Party | European People's Party/ Fine Gael | Liberals and Allies Group/ Fianna Fáil | The European Conservative and Reformists | DON’T KNOW |  |
| 1 | Manfred Weber | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 98 |  |
| 2 | Frans Timmermans | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 98 |  |
| 3 | Jan Zahradil | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 98 |  |

Q28 The British have decided to leave the European Union, what do you think the consequences for United Kingdom will be, if any?

1 United Kingdom will be better off

2 There will be no significant change

3 United Kingdom will be worse off

98 Don’t know

Q29 The British have decided to leave the European Union, what do you think the consequences for Ireland will be, if any?

1 Ireland will be better off

2 There will be no significant change

3 Ireland will be worse off

98 Don’t know

Q30 Which of these statements best represent your general view towards Britain leaving the European Union?

1 Britain should stay a member of the European Union

2 Britain is right to leave the European Union

3 Britain should have never joined the European Union

98 Don’t know

**Experiment** *[placed at the end]*

**QT. Treatments** *[respondents randomly assigned to three groups]*

**Group 1:** Britain leaving the EU is expected to reduce growth and may lead to an economic recession in Britain

**Group 2:** Britain leaving the EU will mean that Britain will have more control over its own laws, including controlling migration

**Group 3: *[****Control group: no information -> go straight to question]*

If Ireland decided to leave the European Union, what do you think the consequences for your country will be, if any?

1 Ireland will be better off

2 There will be no significant change

3 Ireland will be worse off

98 Don’t know

**Suggestive Demographics**

D1 Are you yourself a member of a trade union or is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?

1Yes, you are a member of a trade union

2 Yes, someone else in your household is a member of a trade union

3 Yes, you and someone else in your household are members of a trade

union

4 No, no one in your household is a memeber of a trade union

D2 How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

xy [age in years]

97 still studying

D3 Are you …

1 male

2 female

3 Other

D4 What year were you born?

wxyz [year]

D4a In which country were you born?

1 The Republic of Ireland

2 other, please specify

D4b [IF OTHER]

When did you first come to the Republic of Ireland?

wxyz [year]

D5 Could you tell me which of these best describes your own current situation?

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| MARRIED OR REMARRIED |
| 1 Living without children |
| 2 Living with the children of this marriage |
| 3 Living with the children of a previous marriage |
| 4 Living with the children of this marriage and of a previous marriage |
| SINGLE LIVING WITH A PARTNER |
| 5 Living without children |
| 6 Living with the children of this partnership |
| 7Living with the children of a previous marriage/partnership |
| 8Living with the children of this partnership and of a previous m arriage/partnership |
| SINGLE |
| 9 Living without children |
| 10 Living with children |
| DIVORCED OR SEPARATED |
| 11 Living without children |
| 12 Living with children |
| WIDOW/ER |
| 14Living without children |
| 15Living with children |

D6 What is your current work situation? Are you:

1 self-employed

2 employed

3 in school

4 working in the household

5 retired

6 unemployed

7 other

D6a [IF SELF-/EMPLOYED, UNEMPLOYED or RETIRED] Are/were you working in …

1 agriculture

2 state industry

3 private industry

4 public services

5 private services

6 other

D7 If you were asked to choose one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong to - the working class, the lower middle class, the middle class, the upper middle class or the upper class?

1 working class

2 lower middle class

3 middle class

4 upper middle class

5 upper class

6 other

D8 Would you say you live in a…?

1 rural area or village

2 small or middle size town

3 large town or city

D9Do you consider yourself to be…?

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| 1. Catholic |
| 2. Orthodox |
| 3. Protestant |
| 4. Other Christian |
| 5. Jewish |
| 6. Muslim |
| 7. Sikh |
| 8. Buddhist |
| 9 .Hindu |
| 10 Atheist |
| 11 Non believer/Agnostic |
| 12. Other |

D10 Apart from weddings or funerals, about how often do you attend religious services?

1 More than once a week

2 once a week

3 once a month

4 About each 2 or 3 month

5. Only on special holy days

6 About once a year

7 Less often

D11 Taking everything into account, at about what level is your family’s standard of living?

If you think of a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means a poor family, 7 a rich family, and the other numbers are for the positions in between, about where would you place your family?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 poor family | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 rich family | DON’T KNOW |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 98 |