**Irish Parliament Candidates:**

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| create(n1:Candidate{Id: '1', Name:'Ann Phelan' ,Sex: 'Female', Party: 'Labour', Constituency: 'Clare', Age: '54', Occupation: 'TD and Minister of State', Biography:'She was a Kilkenny county councillor from 2004 until she was elected to the Dáil in 2011. She is Minister of State at the Departments of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Transport, Tourism and Sport with responsibility for Rural Economic Development and Rural Transport.'}), |
| create (n2:Candidate{Id: '2', Name:'Michael McNamara', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency: 'Clare', Age:'41', Occupation: 'TD', Biography:' Elected to the Dáil on his first attempt in 2011, he had previously ran unsuccessfully in the 2009 European elections. Formerly a barrister and human rights lawyer with the OCSE, he is a member of the IFA and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.' }) |
| create (n3: Candidate {Id: '3', Name: 'Seán Sherlock', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency: 'Cork-East', Age: '42', Occupation:' TD and Minister of State', Biography:' Co-opted first onto Cork County Council in 2003, he was re-elected in 2004 and served until he was elected as a TD in 2007. A sitting TD since, he is the current Minister of State with special responsibility for Trade Promotion, Development and North South Co-Operation and is a former party spokesperson on agriculture and food. '}) |
| create(n4:Candidate{Id:' 4', Name:'Kathleen Lynch', Sex:'Female', Party:'Labour', Constituency:'Cork North-Central', Age:'62', Occupation:' TD and Minister of State', Biography:' She first entered the Dáil after successfully contesting a 1994 by-election as part of the Democratic Left. She failed to retain her seat in the 1997 election but ran successfully for the Labour Party in 2002 and has been a TD since. She is Minister for State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for primary care, mental health and disability.'}) |

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| create (n5:Candidate{Id: '5', Name: 'Ciarán Lynch', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Cork South-Central ', Age:'51', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' The chairperson of the Banking Inquiry, he was first elected to the Dáil in 2007. Previously, he was a Cork city councillor from 2004 to 2007 and is the former chairperson of the Oireachtas Finance Committee. '})  create (n6:Candidate{Id: '6', Name: 'Michael McCarthy', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Cork South-West', Age:'38', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' Elected first as a Cork county councillor in 1999, he was elected to the Seanad in 2002 and to the Dáil on his third attempt in 2011. He is the chairman of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment, Local Government and Culture and participated in the Constitutional Convention.'})  create (n7:Candidate{Id: '7', Name: 'Aodhán O Ríordain', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:'Dublin Bay North', Age:'39', Occupation:' TD and Minister of State', Biography:'He was elected as a Dublin city councillor in 2004 before winning a seat in the 2011 general election. He is Minister of State at the Department of Health, with responsibility for the National Drugs Strategy and also Minister of State with responsibility for New Communities, Culture and Equality.'})  create (n8:Candidate{Id: '8', Name: 'Kevin Humphreys', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:'Dublin Bay South', Age:'57', Occupation:'TD and Minister of State', Biography: 'First elected to the Dáil in 2011 having served as a Dublin city councillor for 12 years prior to that. A long-standing member of the Labour Party, he was appointed a Minister of State for Employment, Community and Social Support in July 2014.'})  create (n9:Candidate{Id: '9', Name: 'Joe Costello', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Dublin Central', Age:'70', Occupation:'TD and Minister of State', Biography:' He was first elected to the Dáil in 1992, having served previously as a senator. He lost his seat in 1997 but was re-elected in 2002 and has held a seat since. A former Minister of State for Trade and Development, he also served as chairperson of the European Union Affairs Committee.'})  create (n10:Candidate{Id: '10', Name: 'Joanna Tuffy', Sex:'Female', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Dublin Mid-West', Age:'50', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' Elected first as a south Dublin county councillor in 1999, she became a senator in 2002 after failing to secure a Dáil seat in the 2002 general election. A long-standing member of the Labour Party, she was elected to the Dáil in 2008 and retained her seat in 2011.'})  create (n11:Candidate{Id: '11', Name: 'John Lyons', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Dublin North-West', Age:'38', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' He was first elected to Dublin City Council in 2009, before being elected as a TD in 2011. A former teacher, he is the vice-chairperson of the Oireachtas Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and is one of the first openly gay TDs to be elected to the Dáil.'})  create (n12:Candidate{Id: '12', Name: ' Eric Byrne', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Dublin South-Central', Age:'68', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' A long-standing politician, he was first elected as a councillor in 1985. He has been elected to the Dáil and lost his seat on a number of occasions and was most recently elected in 2011. He is on the board of Crumlin Children’s Hospital, and is a director of Treasure Tots Community Childcare, Ballyfermot.'})  create (n13:Candidate{Id: '13', Name: 'Pamela Kearns', Sex:'Female', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Dublin South-West', Age:'56', Occupation:' Councillor and pre-school owner', Biography:' First elected to South Dublin County Council in 2009, she was re-elected in 2014 but failed to secure a Dáil seat in a 2014 by-election. She was deputy mayor of SDCC in 2011 and is engaged in community activism in her local area.'})  create (n14:Candidate{Id: '14', Name: 'Joan Burton', Sex:'Female', Party:'Labour', Constituency: 'Dublin West', Age:'66', Occupation:' TD, Tánaiste and Minister', Biography:' She was first elected to the Dáil in 1992, before losing her seat in 1997. She regained it in 2002 and has been a TD since. The Tánaiste and current Minister for Social Protection, she is also the leader of the Labour Party and has held a number of junior minister portfolios throughout her political career.'})  create (n15:Candidate{Id: '15', Name: 'Lorraine Higgins', Sex:'Female', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Galway East', Age:'36', Occupation:' Senator and barrister', Biography:' She unsuccessfully contested both the 2009 local elections and the 2011 general election before she was appointed as a senator in 2011 by the Taoiseach. A barrister by profession, she is the Labour Party Seanad spokesperson on foreign affairs, trade and reform.'})  create (n16:Candidate{Id: '16', Name: 'Derek Nolan', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Galway West', Age:'33', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' He was elected first as a Galway city councillor in 2009 before being elected as a TD in 2011. A member of the Dáil Public Accounts Committee, he is also vice chairman of the Public Service Oversight and Petitions Committee.'})  create (n17:Candidate{Id: '17', Name: 'Arthur Spring', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Kerry', Age:'N/A', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' Elected first as a Kerry county councillor in 2009, he won a seat in the Dáil in 2011. He is an entrepreneur and nephew of former Labour tánaiste Dick Spring. He is also the grandson of former TD Dan Spring and a former mayor of Tralee.'})  create (n18:Candidate{Id: '18', Name: 'Emmet Stagg', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Kildare North', Age:'71', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' Elected first as a TD in 1987, he has been a member of the Dáil since. Currently the Labour Party chief whip, he is a former Minister of State and former party spokesperson on a number of portfolios.'})  create (n19:Candidate{Id: '19', Name: ' John Whelan', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Laois', Age:'54', Occupation:'TD and Minister of State', Biography:' Elected to the Seanad Labour Panel in 2011, he had contested the general election but failed to secure a seat. A journalist by profession, he is a published novelist and is active in his local community, where he has founded a number of festivals and supported local organisations.'})  create (n20:Candidate{Id: '20', Name: 'Jan O Sullivan', Sex:'Female', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Limerick City', Age:'64', Occupation:' TD and Minister', Biography:' First elected as a TD in a 1998 by-election, she had run unsuccessfully in two previous general elections. She has retained her seat since and is the current Minister for Education and Skills. She was formerly the Labour Party spokesperson for health as well as justice and equality.'})  create (n21:Candidate{Id: '21', Name: 'Kevin Humphreys', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:'Dublin Bay South', Age:'57', Occupation:'TD and Minister of State', Biography:' First elected as a TD in a 1998 by-election, she had run unsuccessfully in two previous general elections. She has retained her seat since and is the current Minister for Education and Skills. She was formerly the Labour Party spokesperson for health as well as justice and equality.'})  create (n22:Candidate{Id: '22', Name:'Willie Penrose', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Longford-Westmeath', Age:'59', Occupation:'TD and Minister of State', Biography:' First co-opted onto Westmeath County Council in 1984, he was elected to the Dáil in 1992 and has been a sitting TD since. A former Minister of State for Housing and Planning, he resigned his position in November 2011 over the closure of an army barracks in Mullingar. He is qualified as a barrister and previously contested for the deputy leadership of the Labour Party.'})  create (n23:Candidate{Id: '23', Name: ' Mary Moran', Sex:'Female', Party:'Labour', Constituency:'Dublin Bay South', Age:'55', Occupation:' Senator', Biography:' She ran unsuccessfully in the 2011 general election before being nominated to the Seanad. A former secondary school teacher, she is the Labour Seanad spokesperson for education, disability, mental health and equality and is a member of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection.'})  create (n24:Candidate{Id: '24', Name: ' Dominic Hannigan', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Meath East', Age:'50', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' Elected first as an independent Meath county councillor in 2004, he subsequently joined Labour and ran unsuccessfully in a 2005 by-election and the 2007 general election before being elected to the Seanad in 2007. He was elected to the Dáil in 2011 and is chairperson of the European Union Affairs Committee and director of Belongto.org.'})  create (n25:Candidate{Id: '25', Name: ' John Kelly', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Roscommon-Galway', Age:'55', Occupation:' Senator', Biography:' Elected first as an Independent Roscommon county councillor in 2004, he has ran for the Dáil three times unsuccessfully. Now a member of the Labour Party, he was elected to the Seanad in 2011. He is the party Seanad spokesperson on arts, heritage and Gaeltacht affairs and training and skills.'})  create (n27:Candidate{Id: '27', Name: 'Susan O Keeffe', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency: 'Sligo-Leitrim', Age:'55', Occupation:' Senator', Biography:' She ran unsuccessfully in the 2009 European elections and the 2011 general election before being elected to the Seanad in 2011. A journalist by profession, she is the Labour Seanad spokesperson on agriculture and tourism and is a member of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine as well as a member of the Banking Inquiry.'})  create (n28:Candidate{Id: '28', Name: ' Alan Kelly', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency: 'Tipperary', Age:'40', Occupation:'TD and Minister', Biography:' Elected first as a senator in 2007, he was also elected as an MEP before taking a Dáil seat in 2011. The current Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, he formerly worked for Fáilte Ireland as an eBusiness Manager and is a former Minister of State for Public and Commuter Transport.'})  create (n29:Candidate{Id: '29', Name: ' Ciara Conway', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency: 'Waterford', Age:35, Occupation:'TD ', Biography:' Elected first as a TD in 2011 on her first attempt, she was formerly a Dungarvan town councillor. A former employee of the HSE, she is the vice-chairperson of the Oireachtas Committee on Health, Children and Youth Affairs, and is a member of the Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform.'})  create (n30:Candidate{Id: '30', Name: 'Brendan Howlin', Sex:'Male', Party:'Labour', Constituency:' Wexford', Age:'59', Occupation:'TD and Minister', Biography:' First elected to the Dáil in 1987, he has been a sitting TD since. The current Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, he is a former Minister for the Environment and Minister for Health. He is a former deputy leader of Labour and has challenged for the leadership on a number of occasions.'})  create (n31:Candidate{Id: '31', Name: ' Anne Ferris', Sex:'Female', Party:'Labour', Constituency:'Wicklow', Age:'61', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' Co-opted onto Wicklow County Council in 2003 after she failed to secure a seat in 1999, she served on the council until 2009. A TD since 2011, she was briefly expelled from the Labour Party last year for voting against the government on a bill which called for the legalisation of abortion in the case of fatal foetal abnormalities. She is vice-chairperson of the Justice, Equality and Defence Committee.'})  create (n32:Candidate{Id: '32', Name: 'Adrienne Wallace', Sex:'Female', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:' Carlow-Kilkenny', Age:'25', Occupation:'Waitress', Biography:' She is an active member with the Carlow Right to Water group and with Carlow’s Palestine Solidarity Group and is recent graduate of English and Philosophy from St. Patrick’s College in Carlow. She ran unsuccessfully in the Carlow-Kilkenny by-election in 2015, receiving 3.6% of first preference votes.'})  create (n33:Candidate{Id: '33', Name: ' Ciara Leonardi Roche', Sex:'Female', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Cork East', Age:'22', Occupation:'Community Activist', Biography:' An active member of the anti-water charges movement, she is one of the youngest candidates running in the election. She joined the AAA in late 2014 after becoming involved with the anti-water charges protests and is also a prominent anti-austerity campaigner.'})  create (n34:Candidate{Id: '34', Name: 'Conor Mac Liam', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:' Carlow-Kilkenny', Age:'55', Occupation:'Teacher', Biography:' He works as a teacher in Kilkenny and is a trade unionist and a member of the ASTI. He ran unsuccessfully in the 2011 general election as well as the 2014 local elections and is an active anti-water charges campaigner.'})  create (n35:Candidate{Id: '35', Name: 'Mick Barry', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Cork North-Central', Age:'52', Occupation:' Full-time councillor',Biography:' He is a Cork city councillor, having sat on the Council since 2004. He has unsuccessfully contested three general elections and is a member of the Socialist Party. He is involved heavily in the anti-water charges movement and is a prominent campaigner against austerity.'})  create (n36:Candidate{Id: '36', Name: 'Fiona Ryan', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Cork South-Central', Age:'26', Occupation:' Financial services worker', Biography:' An active anti-austerity campaigner, this is her first time running for an election. She is a prominent member of the Repeal the 8th campaign, which advocates for constitutional change in relation to abortions in Ireland.'})  create (n37:Candidate{Id: '37', Name: ' John Lyons', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Dublin Bay North', Age:'36', Occupation:'TD and Minister of State', Biography:' He ran unsuccessfully in the 2011 general election before being elected as a Dublin city councillor in 2014. He ran both times as a member of the People Before Profit Alliance and is a prominent anti-water charges campaigner. He holds masters degrees in history and Irish studies.'})  create (n38:Candidate{Id: '38', Name: ' Terry Kelleher', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Dublin Fingal', Age:'N/A', Occupation:' Clerical worker (An Post)', Biography:' He ran in the 2007 and 2011 general elections but failed to secure a seat in either. A long-standing member of the Socialist Party and a trade unionist, he has been involved in a number of campaigns throughout the years, including the anti-water charges protest and the right to housing movement.'})  create (n39:Candidate{Id: '39', Name: ' Paul Murphy', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Dublin South-West', Age:'32', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' A prominent member of the Socialist Party, he first entered political office when he was co-opted to the European Parliament in 2011. He failed to get re-elected in 2014 but secured a Dáil seat in a 2014 by-election. A high-profile anti-water charges and anti-austerity campaigner, he has been involved in some of the largest protests around the country.'})  create (n40:Candidate{Id: '40', Name: ' Ruth Coppinger', Sex:'Female', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Dublin West', Age:'N/A', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' Co-opted first onto Fingal County Council in 2003, she served as a councillor until being elected to the Dáil on her second attempt in a 2014 by-election. A member of the Socialist Party, she is a prominent anti-austerity campaigner and is a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht.'})  create (n41:Candidate{Id: '41', Name: ' Richard Boyd Barrett', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:' Dún Laoghaire', Age:'47', Occupation:'TD', Biography:' A left-wing political activist and anti-war campaigner, he ran for both local and national office unsuccessfully before he was elected to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in 2009. A TD since 2011, he is a prominent figure in the anti-austerity movement and has been involved in a number of nationwide protests.'})  create (n42:Candidate{Id: '42', Name: ' Tommy Holohan', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:' Galway West', Age:'63', Occupation:'Painter', Biography:' This is his first time running in a general election after he ran unsuccessfully in the 2014 local elections for Galway City Council. A self-employed painter and community activist, he is involved with a number of local and charitable organisations and has run the New York Marathon almost 20 times to raise money for good causes.'})  create (n43:Candidate{Id: '43', Name: 'Brian Finucane', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Kerry', Age:'41', Occupation:'PAYE worker', Biography:' He ran in the 2014 local elections for Kerry County Council but failed to secure a seat. He is a local community activist, and has been engaged with protests against the water and household charges. He is the founder of Right2Water Kerry.'})  create (n44:Candidate{Id: '44', Name: ' Ashling Merriman', Sex:'Female', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Kildare North', Age:'46', Occupation:'Care Attendant', Biography:' A prominent activist in her local area, this is her first time running for general election. A care attendant by profession, she is heavily involved with the anti-water charges protest movement and campaigns against other austerity measures.'})  create (n45:Candidate{Id: '45', Name: ' Cian Prendiville', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Limerick City', Age:'26', Occupation:'Full-Time Councillor', Biography:' A Limerick city councillor, he was elected in 2014 after failing to secure a seat in the 2011 general election for the Socialist Party. He is a founding member of the anti-water charges We Wont Pay campaign and is involved in local community activist groups in his area.'})  create (n46:Candidate{Id: '46', Name: ' Dominic Parker', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Longford-Westmeath', Age:'N/A', Occupation:'Activist', Biography:' A prominent anti-austerity campaigner, this is his first time running for an election. He is strongly involved with local protest groups in his area and has been an active campaigner against the water charges.'})  create (n47:Candidate{Id: '47', Name: ' Tom Moran', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Mayo', Age:'74', Occupation:' Retired aviation engineer', Biography:' An aviation engineer from Westport, this is his first time running for election. He has worked abroad in Africa and the Middle East and worked in the control tower at Shannon Airport for 30 years. He is involved with local campaigns in his area, protesting against the water charges.'})  create (n48:Candidate{Id: '48', Name: ' Garrett Weldon', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Louth', Age:'N/A', Occupation:'Activist', Biography:' A prominent anti-austerity campaigner in his local area, this is his first time running for election. He has been heavily involved with anti-water charges protest groups as well as protesting against the property tax. A community worker, he lists reversing austerity cuts and revitalising the health service as among his top priorities.'})  create (n49:Candidate{Id: '49', Name: ' Eddie Conroy', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Roscommon-Galway', Age:'39', Occupation:'Service Manager', Biography:' He is a local community activist in his area and is a prominent member of Right2Water, which protests against the water charges. He is also involved with protests against other austerity measures and is running under the banner that Roscommon has been neglected and forgotten by successive governments.'})  create (n50:Candidate{Id: '50', Name: ' Nigel Gallagher', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Sligo-Leitrim', Age:'29', Occupation:'Graphic Designer', Biography:' A prominent anti-water charges activist in Sligo, he has been a member of the People Before Profit Alliance for over two years. He is a graphic designer by profession and works with the Hawks Well Theatre in Sligo. He was heavily involved with local councillor Seamie O Boyles election campaign.'})  create (n51:Candidate{Id: '51', Name: ' Una Dunphy', Sex:'Female', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Waterford', Age:'48', Occupation:'Teacher', Biography:' A teacher to early school leavers, this is her first time running for election. She is an active trade unionist and currently president of the Waterford Council of Trade Unions. She is also a prominent activist in the Right2Water and Repeal the 8th campaigns.'})  create (n52:Candidate{Id: '52', Name: 'Deirdre Wadding', Sex:'Female', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Wexford', Age:'53', Occupation:'Full-Time councillor', Biography:' Elected first as a Wexford county councillor in 2014, this is her first time running in a general election. A local activist in her area, she is involved in campaigns protesting the water charges and other austerity measures and used to work as a storyteller.'})  create (n53:Candidate{Id: '53', Name: ' Anna Doyle', Sex:'Female', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Wicklow', Age:'43', Occupation:'Unemployed Activist', Biography:' A prominent activist and campaigner in her local area, this is her first time running for general election after she failed to secure a seat in the 2014 local elections. She is a prominent campaigner against the water and household charges and is a human rights activist for LGBTQ Wicklow.'})  create (n54:Candidate{Id: '54', Name: ' Sharon Briggs', Sex:'Female', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Wicklow', Age:'49', Occupation:'Student', Biography:' This will be her first time running for a Dáil seat after she ran unsuccessfully in the 2014 local elections. She is a prominent campaigner against austerity measures including the water and household charges and was arrested in 2014 at an anti-water charges protest.'})  create (n55:Candidate{Id: '55', Name: 'Jim O Connell ', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:' Cork South-Central ', Age:'56', Occupation:' Community activist/political organiser ', Biography:' An active member of the People Before Profit Alliance, he has worked with a number of protest groups, focusing on anti-austerity and the upkeep of social housing. He has also campaigned nationally on issues such as protecting the national assets of Ireland. '})  create (n56:Candidate{Id: '56', Name: 'Michael O Brien', Sex:'Male', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Dublin Bay North', Age:'40', Occupation:' Full-time councillor', Biography:' A member of the Socialist Party and a trade union activist, he was elected to Dublin City Council in 2014. He is heavily involved with the anti-water charges campaign and is a member of the North Central Area Joint Policing Committee in Dublin City Council.'})  create (n57:Candidate{Id: '57', Name: ' Sandra Fay ', Sex:'Female', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Dublin South-West', Age:'36', Occupation:'Teacher', Biography:' A secondary school teacher, this is her first time running for office. She is heavily involved with the anti-water charges campaign and came to prominence following the Jobstown protests in December 2014. She is an active campaigner in her local community. '})  create (n58:Candidate{Id: '58', Name: ' Diana O Dwyer ', Sex:'Female', Party:'AAA-PBP', Constituency:'Dublin Central', Age:'37', Occupation:'Researcher', Biography:' A socialist and womens rights activist, this is her first time running for an election. She is a prominent campaigner on a number of issues including the Repeal the Eighth Amendment campaign, which advocates for the legalisation of abortion, and the anti-water charges protests. '}) |