



# Sunday Times /Behaviour & Attitudes Opinion Poll

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# Technical Appendix



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- The results of this opinion poll are based upon a representative sample of 1,001 eligible Irish voters aged 18 years +.
- As such, the results can be deemed to be accurate to within 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.
- Fieldwork was conducted over the period 16<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2011, with interviewing carried out at the Behaviour & Attitudes Computer Aided Telephone Interviewing (CATI) Unit at Milltown House in Dublin.
- Interviewing was conducted across all 43 constituencies in the country with households selected for interview by way of Random Digit Dialling (RDD).
- The sample is split across RDD landline numbers and RDD mobile telephone numbers, so as to ensure that individuals living in landline only households, mobile only households, and households with both a landline and mobile telephone are represented in their correct proportions.

# Technical Appendix

- The subsequent survey results are weighted to reflect the known demographic profile of Irish adults, utilising the most recently published census population estimates from the Central Statistics Office (CSO).
- All aspects of the survey are conducted in accordance with the technical and ethical guidelines set down by the Association of Irish Market Research Organisations (AIMRO) and the European Society of Opinion & Market Research (ESOMAR).

# Chartered Summary



# Sunday Times/Behaviour & Attitudes Government and Party Leader Satisfaction Levels

	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2011 (f/w: 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan - 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2011)	24 <sup>th</sup> August, 2011 (f/w 16 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> August, 2011)
The Government	5%	42%
Brian Cowen (as Taoiseach)	11%	-
Mary Coughlan (as Tánaiste)	14%	-
Michaél Martin	43%	40%
Enda Kenny	40%	62%
Eamon Gilmore	55%	52%
Gerry Adams	40%	48%
John Gormley	27%	-
Eamon Ryan	-	34%

Q.2

Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the manner in which the Government is running the country?

Q.3

Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way (....) is doing his job as (.....)?

# Sunday Times/Behaviour & Attitudes Core Party Support Levels

	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2011 (f/w: 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan - 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2011)	24 <sup>th</sup> August, 2011 (f/w 16 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> August, 2011)
Fianna Fáil	11%	12%
Fine Gael	26%	35%
Labour	17%	9%
Sinn Féin	10%	10%
Green Party	1%	2%
Independents/Others	10%	10%
Undecided	25%	22%

Q.

If there was a General Election tomorrow, to which party or independent candidate would you give your first preference vote?

# Sunday Times/Behaviour & Attitudes Party Support Levels (Excluding Undecideds)

	12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2011 (f/w: 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan - 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2011)	General Election Result 25 <sup>th</sup> February	24 <sup>th</sup> August, 2011 (f/w 16 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> August, 2011)
Fianna Fáil	15%	17%	15%
Fine Gael	34%	36%	44%
Labour	23%	19%	12%
Sinn Féin	14%	10%	13%
Green Party	2%	2%	2%
Independents/ Others	14%	16%	12%

Q.

If there was a General Election tomorrow, to which party or independent candidate would you give your first preference vote?



# Presidential Candidates - First Preference Support Levels

	Core Candidate Support	Candidate Support - Excluding Undecideds	Candidate Support - Excluding Brian Crowley (following re-distribution of Crowley's second preferences)
Brian Crowley (Fianna Fáil)	14%	17%	-
Mary Davis (Independent)	10%	12%	16%
Sean Gallagher (Independent)	11%	13%	16%
Michael D Higgins (Labour Party)	29%	35%	39%
Gay Mitchell (Fine Gael)	19%	23%	26%
Undecided	17%	-	-

Q.

Which of these candidates would you give your first preference vote to in the Presidential Election?

# Presidential Candidates - Second Preference Support Levels

Second Preference Choice	First Preference Choice					
	Total	Brian Crowley	Mary Davis	Sean Gallagher	Michael D Higgins	Gay Mitchell
<i>Base:</i>	<b>828</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>181</b>
Brian Crowley (Fianna Fáil)	11%	-	22%	12%	13%	11%
Mary Davis (Independent)	17%	23%	-	25%	17%	18%
Sean Gallagher (Independent)	13%	16%	28%	-	12%	14%
Michael D Higgins (Labour Party)	18%	25%	20%	20%	-	40%
Gay Mitchell (Fine Gael)	20%	18%	17%	26%	33%	-
No second preference	20%	17%	14%	17%	25%	18%

# Attitudes to Social Welfare Benefits Means Testing

	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leins	Muns	Conn/ Ulster	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indepe ndent/ Others	Undeci ded
UNWTD	1001	488	513	268	400	333	442	513	46	269	269	282	181	112	338	104	111	17	94	225
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes, Should be means tested	70	73	67	73	71	68	74	68	70	68	71	74	66	76	76	66	72	87	60	62
No, Should not be means tested	28	24	31	26	27	29	25	29	26	30	27	24	30	23	22	32	28	13	36	34
No Opinion	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	2	4	1	2	2	1	-	4	4

Q.

Do you feel that all social welfare benefits (e.g. child benefit, free travel, etc.) should be means tested or not?

# Commentary



# Sunday Times/Behaviour & Attitudes Inaugural Opinion Poll

## Background

This report sets down the findings from the inaugural Sunday Times/Behaviour & Attitudes Opinion Poll.

Conducted by Behaviour & Attitudes through its Telephone Interviewing Unit in Dublin, the poll represents an accurate reflection of the views and opinions of the Irish electorate as canvassed over the nine day period 16<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> August last.

As such, surveying was carried out after Gay Byrne had announced his decision not to seek a nomination for the Presidential Election, and ended one day after Brian Crowley also eliminated himself from the fray.

With the vast majority of surveying already completed by the time Brian Crowley pulled out of the race, this poll provides an accurate estimate as to the levels of support his candidature would have received if he had allowed his name to go forward and if, of course, polling had been held over the last couple of weeks.

# Sunday Times/Behaviour & Attitudes Inaugural Opinion Poll

Other events which will have influenced voter opinion prior to and during survey fieldwork include Enda Kenny's well received denouncement of the Vatican with regard to its handling of the Irish church scandals, and the on-going Eurozone and Global Bonds crisis.

Where relevant, we have drawn comparisons between the current opinion poll and the most recently directly comparable one conducted by Behaviour & Attitudes two weeks before the General Election in February of this year.

## Government & Party Leader Support

Perhaps not surprisingly, today's opinion poll registers a significant improvement in Government satisfaction, compared with that conducted immediately in advance of the last General Election.

Almost two-thirds of Fine Gael's supporters are happy with the Government's performance thus far. Opinion is however evenly split amongst Labour Party supporters, suggesting that the party's grassroots are not particularly enamoured with the role and influence it has been afforded in the administration thus far.

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Satisfaction with Enda Kenny as Taoiseach has reached remarkable heights and stands at close to or over 60% amongst all key socio-economic groupings.

Clearly, Kenny is on a roll, and enjoys the support of all sections of the Irish population as he attempts to tackle the economic crisis in what has appeared thus far as a measured and steadfast manner.

Eamon Gilmore's satisfaction rating is down marginally on his pre-election rating of 55%, which will be something of a disappointment to the Labour Party, given his now central role in Government.

Michaél Martin sits at a somewhat underwhelming 40% satisfaction level, while Gerry Adams is the only party leader in addition to Enda Kenny whose popularity has actually increased since before the General Election.

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## Party Support

Party support levels indicate that Fianna Fáil, Sinn Féin and the Green Party are currently enjoying levels of support in or around those achieved at the actual General Election in February of this year.

While the combined Fine Gael and Labour Party support level of 56% is almost identical to that which the two parties achieved together at the General Election (securing 55% of all first preference votes prior to forming a coalition Government), the mood of the electorate has swung noticeably towards the leading Coalition partner, and away from Labour.

Thus, at 44%, Fine Gael would, in the event of a General Election having been held over the last couple of weeks, most likely have secured an overall majority.

Labour, on the other hand, has seen over a third of its General Election vote slip away, as its senior figures have arguably been eclipsed by Fine Gael ministers since the inception of the new Dail.



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## Presidential Election

An analysis of first and second preference voting intentions for each of five named presidential election candidates indicates that Michael D. Higgins of the Labour Party currently enjoys a solid lead over all prevailing contenders, and is favourite to make it to Aras an Uachtaráin, as things stand.

Regardless of whether Brian Crowley had run as an internal Fianna Fáil candidate or not, support for Michael D. Higgins currently stands at well over a third of all first preferences, and is drawing transfers across the board from all other candidates.

Indeed, if the presidential election had been held at any time over the two week period 16<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> August last, Michael D Higgins is likely to have been elected on the fourth count, significantly ahead of Gay Mitchell who would have been the other remaining candidate standing at that stage.

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It is of course a long way to go before polling day, and the entry to the race of a strong independents-nominated candidate could still have a major impact on the outcome of the election. As it stands however, the only person who appears to have any chance of beating Michael D Higgins on the 27<sup>th</sup> October is Gay Mitchell.

In planning his strategy over the next number of weeks, Mitchell should note that his support levels are particularly poor outside the Dublin and Leinster regions, amongst the professional and farming classes, and indeed, within the broad 35-55 age cohort who tend to be the most likely to actually turn out to vote on the day.

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Q1 Are you eligible to vote in Irish General Elections, or not?

Base : All Irish Adults 18+	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support							
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indep/ndent/Others	Undecided	
Total	3,421 100%	1,677 100%	1,744 100%	1,164 100%	1,262 100%	995 100%	1,368 100%	1,811 100%	242 100%	979 100%	885 100%	955 100%	602 100%	2,113 100%	1,308 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%	
UNWTD	1,079	526	553	322	422	335	480	553	46	299	288	299	193	755	324	112	338	104	111	17	94	225	
Yes – eligible	3,172 93%	1,550 92%	1,622 93%	965 83%	1,217 96%	990 100%	1,260 92%	1,670 92%	242 100%	863 88%	824 93%	921 96%	564 94%	1,922 91%	1,250 96%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%	
No – not eligible	216 6%	101 6%	115 7%	169 14%	42 3%	5 0%	101 7%	114 6%	-	94 10%	55 6%	33 3%	33 6%	160 8%	55 4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know	34 1%	27 2%	8 0%	31 3%	3 0%	-	7 1%	27 1%	-	22 2%	6 1%	1 0%	5 1%	31 1%	3 0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Q1 Are you eligible to vote in Irish General Elections, or not?

Base : All Irish Adults 18+	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Pr ob)	Might/ might not	Wouldn' t Vote (Def/Pr ob)
Total	3,421 100%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
UNWTD	1,079	894	36	66
Yes – eligible	3,172 93%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
No – not eligible	216 6%	-	-	-
Don't know	34 1%	-	-	-

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Fieldwork 16th - 24th August

Q2 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the manner in which the Government is running the country?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Independent/Others	Undecided
Total	3,172 100%	1,550 100%	1,622 100%	965 100%	1,217 100%	990 100%	1,260 100%	1,670 100%	242 100%	863 100%	824 100%	921 100%	564 100%	1,922 100%	1,250 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%
UNWTD	1,001	488	513	268	400	333	442	513	46	269	269	282	181	691	310	112	338	104	111	17	94	225
Satisfied	1,325 42%	727 47%	598 37%	350 36%	495 41%	480 48%	621 49%	581 35%	124 51%	378 44%	305 37%	389 42%	252 45%	761 40%	564 45%	114 30%	701 64%	143 48%	60 18%	31 51%	123 40%	153 22%
Dissatisfied	1,662 52%	758 49%	904 56%	521 54%	677 56%	463 47%	585 46%	968 58%	109 45%	442 51%	457 55%	486 53%	276 49%	1,051 55%	611 49%	235 62%	360 33%	135 46%	257 78%	30 49%	157 51%	488 70%
No opinion	185 6%	65 4%	120 7%	93 10%	45 4%	47 5%	54 4%	121 7%	9 4%	42 5%	62 7%	46 5%	35 6%	110 6%	74 6%	28 8%	38 3%	18 6%	13 4%	-	28 9%	59 8%

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Q2 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the manner in which the Government is running the country?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Prob)	Might/might not	Wouldn't Vote (Def/Prob)
Total	3,172 100%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
UNWTD	1,001	894	36	66
Satisfied	1,325 42%	1,286 45%	16 14%	20 10%
Dissatisfied	1,662 52%	1,405 49%	84 77%	162 84%
No opinion	185 6%	163 6%	10 9%	12 6%



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Q3 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Kenny is doing his job as Taoiseach?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indep/ndent/Others	Undecided
Total	3,172 100%	1,550 100%	1,622 100%	965 100%	1,217 100%	990 100%	1,260 100%	1,670 100%	242 100%	863 100%	824 100%	921 100%	564 100%	1,922 100%	1,250 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%
UNWTD	1,001	488	513	268	400	333	442	513	46	269	269	282	181	691	310	112	338	104	111	17	94	225
Satisfied	1,982 62%	991 64%	990 61%	594 62%	729 60%	659 67%	808 64%	1,006 60%	168 69%	498 58%	510 62%	585 63%	389 69%	1,140 59%	841 67%	223 59%	958 87%	186 63%	125 38%	37 61%	174 57%	279 40%
Dissatisfied	1,029 32%	490 32%	538 33%	302 31%	418 34%	308 31%	391 31%	570 34%	67 28%	321 37%	265 32%	283 31%	160 28%	684 36%	344 28%	140 37%	118 11%	93 31%	182 55%	24 39%	120 39%	353 50%
No opinion	161 5%	68 4%	93 6%	69 7%	69 6%	23 2%	61 5%	94 6%	7 3%	43 5%	50 6%	53 6%	15 3%	97 5%	64 5%	15 4%	23 2%	17 6%	24 7%	-	13 4%	69 10%

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Q3 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Kenny is doing his job as Taoiseach?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Prob)	Might/might not	Wouldn't Vote (Def/Prob)
Total	3,172 100%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
UNWTD	1,001	894	36	66
Satisfied	1,982 62%	1,877 66%	53 48%	49 25%
Dissatisfied	1,029 32%	838 29%	52 47%	128 66%
No opinion	161 5%	139 5%	5 5%	17 9%

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Q4 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Gilmore is doing his job as Tanaiste?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indep/ndent/Others	Undecided
Total	3,172 100%	1,550 100%	1,622 100%	965 100%	1,217 100%	990 100%	1,260 100%	1,670 100%	242 100%	863 100%	824 100%	921 100%	564 100%	1,922 100%	1,250 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%
UNWTD	1,001	488	513	268	400	333	442	513	46	269	269	282	181	691	310	112	338	104	111	17	94	225
Satisfied	1,652 52%	813 52%	839 52%	531 55%	605 50%	516 52%	688 55%	852 51%	112 46%	449 52%	415 50%	466 51%	322 57%	988 51%	664 53%	191 51%	723 66%	201 68%	105 32%	39 64%	143 47%	250 36%
Dissatisfied	1,226 39%	611 39%	615 38%	314 32%	523 43%	390 39%	468 37%	661 40%	97 40%	362 42%	312 38%	359 39%	194 34%	752 39%	475 38%	153 40%	274 25%	86 29%	191 58%	16 26%	142 46%	365 52%
No opinion	293 9%	126 8%	167 10%	121 12%	89 7%	84 8%	103 8%	157 9%	33 14%	52 6%	97 12%	96 10%	48 9%	182 9%	111 9%	34 9%	102 9%	9 3%	35 11%	6 10%	22 7%	85 12%

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Q4 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Gilmore is doing his job as Tanaiste?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Prob)	Might/might not	Wouldn't Vote (Def/Prob)
Total	3,172 100%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
UNWTD	1,001	894	36	66
Satisfied	1,652 52%	1,558 55%	38 35%	53 27%
Dissatisfied	1,226 39%	1,049 37%	57 52%	109 56%
No opinion	293 9%	248 9%	14 13%	32 16%

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Q5 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Martin is doing his job as leader of Fianna Fail?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indep/ndent/Others	Undecided
Total	3,172 100%	1,550 100%	1,622 100%	965 100%	1,217 100%	990 100%	1,260 100%	1,670 100%	242 100%	863 100%	824 100%	921 100%	564 100%	1,922 100%	1,250 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%
UNWTD	1,001	488	513	268	400	333	442	513	46	269	269	282	181	691	310	112	338	104	111	17	94	225
Satisfied	1,259 40%	579 37%	680 42%	442 46%	485 40%	331 33%	506 40%	646 39%	106 44%	310 36%	324 39%	344 37%	280 50%	721 38%	538 43%	255 68%	414 38%	138 47%	105 32%	29 47%	103 33%	215 31%
Dissatisfied	1,565 49%	796 51%	769 47%	423 44%	587 48%	555 56%	625 50%	835 50%	105 44%	430 50%	433 53%	460 50%	243 43%	993 52%	572 46%	102 27%	555 50%	123 42%	196 59%	29 48%	172 56%	388 55%
No opinion	348 11%	174 11%	173 11%	99 10%	144 12%	104 11%	129 10%	188 11%	30 13%	122 14%	67 8%	117 13%	41 7%	208 11%	140 11%	20 5%	131 12%	35 12%	29 9%	3 5%	32 11%	97 14%

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Q5 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Martin is doing his job as leader of Fianna Fail?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Prob)	Might/might not	Wouldn't Vote (Def/Prob)
Total	3,172 100%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
UNWTD	1,001	894	36	66
Satisfied	1,259 40%	1,182 41%	33 30%	41 21%
Dissatisfied	1,565 49%	1,368 48%	60 55%	130 67%
No opinion	348 11%	304 11%	17 15%	23 12%

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Q6 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Adams is doing his job as leader of Sinn Fein?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indep/ndent/Others	Undecided
Total	3,172 100%	1,550 100%	1,622 100%	965 100%	1,217 100%	990 100%	1,260 100%	1,670 100%	242 100%	863 100%	824 100%	921 100%	564 100%	1,922 100%	1,250 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%
UNWTD	1,001	488	513	268	400	333	442	513	46	269	269	282	181	691	310	112	338	104	111	17	94	225
Satisfied	1,512 48%	794 51%	718 44%	506 52%	599 49%	406 41%	523 42%	886 53%	102 42%	399 46%	359 43%	459 50%	295 52%	909 47%	603 48%	207 55%	487 44%	114 39%	272 82%	40 65%	127 41%	265 38%
Dissatisfied	1,164 37%	547 35%	617 38%	303 31%	438 36%	423 43%	549 44%	508 30%	107 44%	321 37%	337 41%	311 34%	194 34%	703 37%	461 37%	121 32%	478 43%	106 36%	42 13%	18 30%	118 38%	282 40%
No opinion	496 16%	209 14%	286 18%	156 16%	180 15%	160 16%	187 15%	276 17%	33 14%	142 16%	129 16%	150 16%	75 13%	309 16%	186 15%	49 13%	135 12%	76 26%	18 5%	3 5%	62 20%	153 22%

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Q6 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Adams is doing his job as leader of Sinn Fein?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Prob)	Might/might not	Wouldn't Vote (Def/Prob)
Total	3,172 100%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
UNWTD	1,001	894	36	66
Satisfied	1,512 48%	1,373 48%	56 51%	80 41%
Dissatisfied	1,164 37%	1,056 37%	30 28%	72 37%
No opinion	496 16%	426 15%	23 21%	42 22%



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Q7 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Ryan is doing his job as leader of The Green Party?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indep/ndent/Others	Undecided
Total	3,172 100%	1,550 100%	1,622 100%	965 100%	1,217 100%	990 100%	1,260 100%	1,670 100%	242 100%	863 100%	824 100%	921 100%	564 100%	1,922 100%	1,250 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%
UNWTD	1,001	488	513	268	400	333	442	513	46	269	269	282	181	691	310	112	338	104	111	17	94	225
Satisfied	1,067 34%	436 28%	631 39%	396 41%	396 33%	275 28%	435 34%	549 33%	84 35%	282 33%	292 35%	280 30%	214 38%	681 35%	387 31%	140 37%	410 37%	95 32%	94 28%	47 77%	101 33%	180 26%
Dissatisfied	1,497 47%	818 53%	679 42%	418 43%	589 48%	490 49%	583 46%	802 48%	112 46%	406 47%	368 45%	451 49%	271 48%	844 44%	653 52%	194 51%	525 48%	124 42%	178 54%	11 18%	140 46%	325 46%
No opinion	607 19%	295 19%	312 19%	151 16%	231 19%	225 23%	242 19%	319 19%	46 19%	175 20%	164 20%	190 21%	79 14%	397 21%	210 17%	43 12%	164 15%	76 26%	59 18%	3 5%	66 22%	195 28%

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Q7 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Ryan is doing his job as leader of The Green Party?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Prob)	Might/might not	Wouldn't Vote (Def/Prob)
Total	3,172 100%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
UNWTD	1,001	894	36	66
Satisfied	1,067 34%	1,023 36%	10 9%	35 18%
Dissatisfied	1,497 47%	1,306 46%	73 67%	107 55%
No opinion	607 19%	526 18%	27 24%	52 27%

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Q8 If there was a General Election tomorrow, to which party or independent candidate would you give your first preference vote?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indep/ndent/ Others	Undecided
Total	3,172 100%	1,550 100%	1,622 100%	965 100%	1,217 100%	990 100%	1,260 100%	1,670 100%	242 100%	863 100%	824 100%	921 100%	564 100%	1,922 100%	1,250 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%
UNWTD	1,001	488	513	268	400	333	442	513	46	269	269	282	181	691	310	112	338	104	111	17	94	225
Fianna Fail	377 12%	161 10%	217 13%	132 14%	121 10%	125 13%	132 10%	211 13%	35 14%	69 8%	82 10%	139 15%	88 16%	184 10%	193 15%	377 100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fine Gael	1,099 35%	575 37%	524 32%	288 30%	426 35%	385 39%	489 39%	483 29%	127 52%	239 28%	307 37%	341 37%	212 38%	636 33%	463 37%	-	1,099 100%	-	-	-	-	-
Labour	296 9%	133 9%	163 10%	107 11%	87 7%	102 10%	150 12%	146 9%	-	131 15%	82 10%	50 5%	33 6%	217 11%	79 6%	-	-	296 100%	-	-	-	-
Green Party	61 2%	19 1%	42 3%	29 3%	19 2%	13 1%	32 3%	23 1%	6 3%	23 3%	15 2%	22 2%	-	41 2%	20 2%	-	-	-	-	61 100%	-	
Workers Party	12 0%	12 1%	-	2 0%	4 0%	6 1%	-	12 1%	-	8 1%	4 0%	-	-	12 1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 4%	
Sinn Fein	331 10%	204 13%	127 8%	145 15%	130 11%	56 6%	85 7%	236 14%	10 4%	103 12%	91 11%	92 10%	45 8%	244 13%	87 7%	-	-	-	331 100%	-	-	
Independent	277 9%	140 9%	137 8%	62 6%	129 11%	86 9%	95 8%	154 9%	28 12%	81 9%	62 7%	72 8%	62 11%	155 8%	122 10%	-	-	-	-	-	277 90%	
Socialist Party	18 1%	5 0%	13 1%	-	17 1%	2 0%	13 1%	5 0%	-	15 2%	2 0%	2 0%	-	18 1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 6%	
Don't Know	576 18%	226 15%	350 22%	175 18%	221 18%	180 18%	225 18%	314 19%	37 15%	155 18%	168 20%	148 16%	105 19%	333 17%	243 19%	-	-	-	-	-	-	576 82%
Would not vote	125 4%	75 5%	49 3%	25 3%	63 5%	36 4%	39 3%	86 5%	-	39 5%	12 1%	53 6%	20 4%	81 4%	44 3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	125 18%

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Q8 If there was a General Election tomorrow, to which party or independent candidate would you give your first preference vote?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Prob)	Might/might not	Wouldn't Vote (Def/Prob)
Total	3,172 100%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
UNWTD	1,001	894	36	66
Fianna Fail	377 12%	364 13%	5 5%	5 3%
Fine Gael	1,099 35%	1,056 37%	18 16%	25 13%
Labour	296 9%	279 10%	7 6%	10 5%
Green Party	61 2%	59 2%	- -	2 1%
Workers Party	12 0%	12 0%	- -	- -
Sinn Fein	331 10%	275 10%	26 24%	30 15%
Independent	277 9%	259 9%	8 8%	7 4%
Socialist Party	18 1%	17 1%	- -	- -
Don't Know	576 18%	497 17%	42 38%	32 17%
Would not vote	125 4%	37 1%	4 3%	82 42%

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Q8 If there was a General Election tomorrow, to which party or independent candidate would you give your first preference vote?

Base : All voters excluding undecided	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support					
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Independent/Others
Total	2,471 100%	1,248 100%	1,223 100%	765 100%	933 100%	773 100%	996 100%	1,270 100%	205 100%	668 100%	644 100%	720 100%	439 100%	1,508 100%	964 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%
UNWTD	776	394	382	212	308	256	350	386	40	208	213	217	138	539	237	112	338	104	111	17	94
Fianna Fail	377 15%	161 13%	217 18%	132 17%	121 13%	125 16%	132 13%	211 17%	35 17%	69 10%	82 13%	139 19%	88 20%	184 12%	193 20%	377 100%	-	-	-	-	-
Fine Gael	1,099 44%	575 46%	524 43%	288 38%	426 46%	385 50%	489 49%	483 38%	127 62%	239 36%	307 48%	341 47%	212 48%	636 42%	463 48%	-	1,099 100%	-	-	-	-
Labour	296 12%	133 11%	163 13%	107 14%	87 9%	102 13%	150 15%	146 11%	-	131 20%	82 13%	50 7%	33 8%	217 14%	79 8%	-	-	296 100%	-	-	-
Green Party	61 2%	19 1%	42 3%	29 4%	19 2%	13 2%	32 3%	23 2%	6 3%	23 3%	15 2%	22 3%	-	41 3%	20 2%	-	-	-	-	61 100%	-
Workers Party	12 0%	12 1%	-	2 0%	4 0%	6 1%	-	12 1%	-	8 1%	4 1%	-	-	12 1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 4%
Sinn Fein	331 13%	204 16%	127 10%	145 19%	130 14%	56 7%	85 9%	236 19%	10 5%	103 15%	91 14%	92 13%	45 10%	244 16%	87 9%	-	-	-	331 100%	-	-
Independent	277 11%	140 11%	137 11%	62 8%	129 14%	86 11%	95 10%	154 12%	28 14%	81 12%	62 10%	72 10%	62 14%	155 10%	122 13%	-	-	-	-	-	277 90%
Socialist Party	18 1%	5 0%	13 1%	-	17 2%	2 0%	13 1%	5 0%	-	15 2%	2 0%	2 0%	-	18 1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 6%

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Q8 If there was a General Election tomorrow, to which party or independent candidate would you give your first preference vote?

Base : All voters excluding undecided	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Pr ob)	Might/ might not	Wouldn' t Vote (Def/Pr ob)
Total	2,471 100%	2,320 100%	64 100%	80 100%
UNWTD	776	725	22	26
Fianna Fail	377 15%	364 16%	5 8%	5 7%
Fine Gael	1,099 44%	1,056 46%	18 28%	25 32%
Labour	296 12%	279 12%	7 11%	10 13%
Green Party	61 2%	59 3%	- -	2 2%
Workers Party	12 0%	12 1%	- -	- -
Sinn Fein	331 13%	275 12%	26 41%	30 37%
Independent	277 11%	259 11%	8 13%	7 9%
Socialist Party	18 1%	17 1%	- -	- -

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Q9 Which of these candidates would you give your first preference vote to in the Presidential Election? - First Preference Support Levels

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indep/ndent/Others	Undecided
Total	3,172 100%	1,550 100%	1,622 100%	965 100%	1,217 100%	990 100%	1,260 100%	1,670 100%	242 100%	863 100%	824 100%	921 100%	564 100%	1,922 100%	1,250 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%
UNWTD	1,001	488	513	268	400	333	442	513	46	269	269	282	181	691	310	112	338	104	111	17	94	225
Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	443 14%	198 13%	245 15%	144 15%	151 12%	149 15%	184 15%	214 13%	45 19%	80 9%	62 8%	249 27%	52 9%	199 10%	245 20%	149 40%	105 10%	9 3%	36 11%	7 12%	28 9%	109 16%
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	322 10%	121 8%	201 12%	80 8%	114 9%	128 13%	133 11%	169 10%	20 8%	77 9%	94 11%	63 7%	88 16%	199 10%	123 10%	32 8%	108 10%	12 4%	43 13%	3 5%	46 15%	78 11%
Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	342 11%	153 10%	189 12%	136 14%	137 11%	69 7%	164 13%	145 9%	33 13%	68 8%	87 11%	95 10%	93 17%	182 9%	160 13%	48 13%	101 9%	17 6%	35 11%	5 8%	45 15%	91 13%
Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	928 29%	489 32%	439 27%	248 26%	375 31%	305 31%	377 30%	491 29%	60 25%	310 36%	242 29%	237 26%	140 25%	624 32%	304 24%	55 15%	326 30%	170 57%	81 25%	36 59%	104 34%	156 22%
Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	603 19%	335 22%	268 17%	218 23%	199 16%	187 19%	216 17%	356 21%	30 12%	198 23%	197 24%	119 13%	89 16%	404 21%	199 16%	65 17%	315 29%	43 15%	63 19%	7 11%	32 11%	77 11%
Don't know	209 7%	87 6%	122 8%	85 9%	94 8%	30 3%	53 4%	132 8%	23 10%	52 6%	74 9%	30 3%	53 9%	142 7%	67 5%	12 3%	51 5%	19 6%	28 8%	2 3%	15 5%	82 12%
Would not vote	118 4%	68 4%	51 3%	29 3%	52 4%	37 4%	33 3%	80 5%	5 2%	26 3%	23 3%	47 5%	23 4%	65 3%	53 4%	11 3%	25 2%	7 3%	11 3%	- -	13 4%	51 7%
None of these	207 7%	100 6%	107 7%	26 3%	95 8%	85 9%	98 8%	81 5%	27 11%	53 6%	46 6%	83 9%	25 5%	108 6%	98 8%	5 1%	67 6%	19 6%	34 10%	2 3%	24 8%	55 8%

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Q9 Which of these candidates would you give your first preference vote to in the Presidential Election? - First Preference Support Levels

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Prob)	Might/might not	Wouldn't Vote (Def/Prob)
Total	3,172 100%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
UNWTD	1,001	894	36	66
Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	443 14%	418 15%	2 2%	19 10%
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	322 10%	292 10%	13 12%	17 9%
Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	342 11%	315 11%	12 11%	16 8%
Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	928 29%	876 31%	16 15%	36 19%
Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	603 19%	541 19%	34 31%	24 12%
Don't know	209 7%	166 6%	15 14%	23 12%
Would not vote	118 4%	76 3%	3 2%	40 21%
None of these	207 7%	171 6%	16 14%	19 10%



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Q9 Which of these candidates would you give your first preference vote to in the Presidential Election? - First Preference Support Levels

Base : All voters excluding undecided	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indep/ndent/Others	Undecided
Total	2,638 100%	1,295 100%	1,343 100%	825 100%	975 100%	838 100%	1,075 100%	1,376 100%	187 100%	732 100%	682 100%	762 100%	463 100%	1,607 100%	1,031 100%	349 100%	955 100%	251 100%	258 100%	58 100%	256 100%	511 100%
UNWTD	828	404	424	226	319	283	371	420	37	221	216	240	151	571	257	104	291	87	88	15	76	167
Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	443 17%	198 15%	245 18%	144 17%	151 15%	149 18%	184 17%	214 16%	45 24%	80 11%	62 9%	249 33%	52 11%	199 12%	245 24%	149 43%	105 11%	9 4%	36 14%	7 12%	28 11%	109 21%
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	322 12%	121 9%	201 15%	80 10%	114 12%	128 15%	133 12%	169 12%	20 10%	77 11%	94 14%	63 8%	88 19%	199 12%	123 12%	32 9%	108 11%	12 5%	43 17%	3 5%	46 18%	78 15%
Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	342 13%	153 12%	189 14%	136 16%	137 14%	69 8%	164 15%	145 11%	33 17%	68 9%	87 13%	95 12%	93 20%	182 11%	160 16%	48 14%	101 11%	17 7%	35 14%	5 8%	45 18%	91 18%
Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	928 35%	489 38%	439 33%	248 30%	375 38%	305 36%	377 35%	491 36%	60 32%	310 42%	242 35%	237 31%	140 30%	624 39%	304 30%	55 16%	326 34%	170 68%	81 31%	36 63%	104 40%	156 31%
Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	603 23%	335 26%	268 20%	218 26%	199 20%	187 22%	216 20%	356 26%	30 16%	198 27%	197 29%	119 16%	89 19%	404 25%	199 19%	65 19%	315 33%	43 17%	63 24%	7 11%	32 13%	77 15%

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Q9 Which of these candidates would you give your first preference vote to in the Presidential Election? - First Preference Support Levels

Base : All voters excluding undecided	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Pr ob)	Might/ might not	Wouldn' t Vote (Def/Pr ob)
Total	2,638 100%	2,441 100%	76 100%	112 100%
UNWTD	828	759	27	39
Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	443 17%	418 17%	2 2%	19 17%
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	322 12%	292 12%	13 17%	17 15%
Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	342 13%	315 13%	12 15%	16 14%
Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	928 35%	876 36%	16 21%	36 33%
Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	603 23%	541 22%	34 45%	24 21%

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Q9 Which of these candidates would you give your second preference vote to in the Presidential Election? - Second Preference Support Levels

Base : All voters excluding undecided	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indep/ndent/Others	Undecided
Total	2,638 100%	1,295 100%	1,343 100%	825 100%	975 100%	838 100%	1,075 100%	1,376 100%	187 100%	732 100%	682 100%	762 100%	463 100%	1,607 100%	1,031 100%	349 100%	955 100%	251 100%	258 100%	58 100%	256 100%	511 100%
UNWTD	828	404	424	226	319	283	371	420	37	221	216	240	151	571	257	104	291	87	88	15	76	167
Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	297 11%	121 9%	176 13%	78 9%	120 12%	100 12%	123 11%	154 11%	20 11%	47 6%	73 11%	105 14%	72 16%	168 10%	129 12%	78 22%	83 9%	26 10%	36 14%	3 4%	15 6%	57 11%
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	454 17%	161 12%	293 22%	114 14%	170 17%	169 20%	187 17%	238 17%	29 16%	151 21%	95 14%	117 15%	91 20%	295 18%	159 15%	41 12%	178 19%	34 14%	58 22%	11 19%	41 16%	91 18%
Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	355 13%	208 16%	147 11%	159 19%	114 12%	82 10%	111 10%	220 16%	24 13%	65 9%	105 15%	108 14%	78 17%	213 13%	143 14%	43 12%	111 12%	44 18%	74 29%	4 7%	28 11%	51 10%
Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	486 18%	273 21%	212 16%	139 17%	192 20%	155 18%	188 17%	246 18%	51 28%	101 14%	162 24%	141 18%	83 18%	265 17%	220 21%	80 23%	213 22%	45 18%	20 8%	4 7%	38 15%	86 17%
Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	529 20%	269 21%	260 19%	178 22%	193 20%	158 19%	240 22%	233 17%	55 29%	180 25%	121 18%	160 21%	67 15%	316 20%	212 21%	47 13%	251 26%	53 21%	38 15%	18 32%	48 19%	73 14%
No second preference	517 20%	263 20%	255 19%	156 19%	187 19%	174 21%	226 21%	284 21%	7 4%	188 26%	127 19%	131 17%	72 16%	349 22%	168 16%	61 17%	119 12%	49 19%	32 13%	17 30%	86 34%	154 30%

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Q9 Which of these candidates would you give your second preference vote to in the Presidential Election? - Second Preference Support Levels

Base : All voters excluding undecided	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Pr ob)	Might/ might not	Wouldn' t Vote (Def/Pr ob)
Total	2,638 100%	2,441 100%	76 100%	112 100%
UNWTD	828	759	27	39
Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	297 11%	286 12%	2 2%	5 4%
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	454 17%	414 17%	13 17%	27 24%
Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	355 13%	324 13%	13 18%	15 14%
Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	486 18%	449 18%	22 29%	15 13%
Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	529 20%	493 20%	5 7%	28 25%
No second preference	517 20%	476 20%	20 26%	21 19%

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Second Preference x First Preference

Base : All voters excluding undecided	Total	Presidency First Preference				
		Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate
Total	2,638 100%	443 100%	322 100%	342 100%	928 100%	603 100%
UNWTD	828	129	112	118	288	181
Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	297 11%	- -	70 22%	41 12%	123 13%	63 11%
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	454 17%	104 23%	- -	87 25%	158 17%	106 18%
Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	355 13%	73 16%	89 28%	- -	111 12%	82 14%
Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	486 18%	110 25%	64 20%	68 20%	- -	243 40%
Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	529 20%	81 18%	55 17%	90 26%	303 33%	- -
No second preference	517 20%	75 17%	43 14%	57 17%	233 25%	108 18%

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Q9 Which of these candidates would you give your first preference vote to in the Presidential Election? - Any Preference Support Levels

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Independent/Others	Undecided
Total	3,172 100%	1,550 100%	1,622 100%	965 100%	1,217 100%	990 100%	1,260 100%	1,670 100%	242 100%	863 100%	824 100%	921 100%	564 100%	1,922 100%	1,250 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%
UNWTD	1,001	488	513	268	400	333	442	513	46	269	269	282	181	691	310	112	338	104	111	17	94	225
Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	1,694 53%	807 52%	887 55%	539 56%	628 52%	527 53%	675 54%	870 52%	148 61%	411 48%	426 52%	570 62%	287 51%	980 51%	714 57%	309 82%	594 54%	156 53%	191 58%	43 71%	130 42%	271 39%
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	1,715 54%	790 51%	925 57%	526 55%	645 53%	543 55%	700 56%	884 53%	130 54%	442 51%	470 57%	480 52%	323 57%	1,042 54%	673 54%	218 58%	639 58%	152 51%	205 62%	43 71%	168 55%	290 41%
Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	1,683 53%	847 55%	836 52%	573 59%	627 52%	484 49%	665 53%	879 53%	139 57%	430 50%	452 55%	480 52%	321 57%	1,003 52%	680 54%	248 66%	606 55%	147 50%	209 63%	42 69%	150 49%	281 40%
Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	2,078 66%	1,062 69%	1,017 63%	635 66%	776 64%	667 67%	829 66%	1,094 66%	155 64%	594 69%	531 64%	591 64%	362 64%	1,281 67%	797 64%	241 64%	771 70%	244 83%	214 65%	48 78%	187 61%	374 53%
Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	1,909 60%	960 62%	949 59%	631 65%	703 58%	576 58%	754 60%	1,000 60%	155 64%	522 61%	522 63%	523 57%	343 61%	1,176 61%	734 59%	251 67%	785 71%	177 60%	207 63%	43 70%	148 48%	299 43%
No Preference	534 17%	255 16%	279 17%	140 14%	242 20%	152 15%	185 15%	294 18%	55 23%	131 15%	142 17%	159 17%	101 18%	315 16%	219 18%	29 8%	144 13%	45 15%	72 22%	3 5%	51 17%	189 27%

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Q9 Which of these candidates would you give your first preference vote to in the Presidential Election? - Any Preference Support Levels

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Prob)	Might/might not	Wouldn't Vote (Def/Prob)
Total	3,172 100%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
UNWTD	1,001	894	36	66
Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	1,694 53%	1,591 56%	29 27%	65 33%
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	1,715 54%	1,591 56%	45 41%	74 38%
Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	1,683 53%	1,561 55%	42 38%	72 37%
Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	2,078 66%	1,933 68%	52 48%	88 46%
Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	1,909 60%	1,772 62%	50 46%	82 42%
No Preference	534 17%	413 14%	33 31%	82 42%

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Total	2,638 100%	1,295 100%	1,343 100%	825 100%	975 100%	838 100%	1,075 100%	1,376 100%	187 100%	732 100%	682 100%	762 100%	463 100%	1,607 100%	1,031 100%	349 100%	955 100%	251 100%	258 100%	58 100%	256 100%	511 100%
UNWTD	828	404	424	226	319	283	371	420	37	221	216	240	151	571	257	104	291	87	88	15	76	167
Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	1,694 64%	807 62%	887 66%	539 65%	628 64%	527 63%	675 63%	870 63%	148 79%	411 56%	426 62%	570 75%	287 62%	980 61%	714 69%	309 88%	594 62%	156 62%	191 74%	43 76%	130 51%	271 53%
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Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	1,909 72%	960 74%	949 71%	631 76%	703 72%	576 69%	754 70%	1,000 73%	155 83%	522 71%	522 76%	523 69%	343 74%	1,176 73%	734 71%	251 72%	785 82%	177 71%	207 80%	43 74%	148 58%	299 58%



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Q9 Which of these candidates would you give your first preference vote to in the Presidential Election? - Any Preference Support Levels

Base : All voters excluding undecided	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Pr ob)	Might/ might not	Wouldn' t Vote (Def/Pr ob)
Total	2,638 100%	2,441 100%	76 100%	112 100%
UNWTD	828	759	27	39
Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	1,694 64%	1,591 65%	29 39%	65 58%
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	1,715 65%	1,591 65%	45 59%	74 67%
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Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	2,078 79%	1,933 79%	52 69%	88 79%
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Q9 Which of these candidates would you give your first preference vote to in the Presidential Election? - First Preference Support Levels, Excluding undecideds and Brian Crowley

Base : All voters excluding undecided and Brian Crowley	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Independent/Others	Undecided
Total	2,638 100%	1,295 100%	1,343 100%	825 100%	975 100%	838 100%	1,075 100%	1,376 100%	187 100%	732 100%	682 100%	762 100%	463 100%	1,607 100%	1,031 100%	349 100%	955 100%	251 100%	258 100%	58 100%	256 100%	511 100%
UNWTD	828	404	424	226	319	283	371	420	37	221	216	240	151	571	257	104	291	87	88	15	76	167
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	425 16%	168 13%	257 19%	102 12%	157 16%	166 20%	182 17%	220 16%	24 13%	106 14%	108 16%	110 14%	101 22%	248 15%	177 17%	60 17%	143 15%	13 5%	52 20%	3 5%	55 21%	99 19%
Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	415 16%	197 15%	219 16%	172 21%	155 16%	88 11%	190 18%	183 13%	42 23%	75 10%	98 14%	136 18%	106 23%	211 13%	204 20%	73 21%	121 13%	20 8%	40 16%	9 15%	49 19%	103 20%
Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	1,038 39%	535 41%	503 37%	276 33%	414 43%	348 42%	410 38%	544 40%	83 45%	318 43%	259 38%	299 39%	162 35%	658 41%	380 37%	99 29%	349 37%	174 70%	84 33%	36 63%	112 44%	183 36%
Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	684 26%	365 28%	319 24%	241 29%	227 23%	216 26%	263 24%	387 28%	35 19%	231 32%	203 30%	157 21%	93 20%	465 29%	219 21%	85 24%	338 35%	43 17%	77 30%	7 11%	32 13%	103 20%

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Q9 Which of these candidates would you give your first preference vote to in the Presidential Election? - First Preference Support Levels, Excluding undecideds and Brian Crowley

Base : All voters excluding undecided and Brian Crowley	Total	Likelihood		
		Would vote (Def/Pr ob)	Might/ might not	Wouldn' t Vote (Def/Pr ob)
Total	2,638 100%	2,441 100%	76 100%	112 100%
UNWTD	828	759	27	39
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	425 16%	388 16%	13 17%	25 22%
Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	415 16%	381 16%	13 18%	18 16%
Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	1,038 39%	985 40%	16 21%	36 33%
Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	684 26%	614 25%	34 45%	30 27%

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Q10 Do you feel that all social welfare benefits (e.g. child benefit, free travel, etc.) should be means tested or not?

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indep/ndent/Others	Undecided
Total	3,172 100%	1,550 100%	1,622 100%	965 100%	1,217 100%	990 100%	1,260 100%	1,670 100%	242 100%	863 100%	824 100%	921 100%	564 100%	1,922 100%	1,250 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%
UNWTD	1,001	488	513	268	400	333	442	513	46	269	269	282	181	691	310	112	338	104	111	17	94	225
Yes, Should be means tested	2,231 70%	1,136 73%	1,095 67%	701 73%	861 71%	669 68%	931 74%	1,130 68%	170 70%	586 68%	589 71%	685 74%	371 66%	1,351 70%	880 70%	289 76%	840 76%	195 66%	237 72%	53 87%	184 60%	433 62%
No, Should not be means tested	873 28%	378 24%	495 31%	248 26%	334 27%	292 29%	320 25%	490 29%	64 26%	262 30%	222 27%	218 24%	172 30%	534 28%	339 27%	86 23%	242 22%	95 32%	92 28%	8 13%	111 36%	240 34%
No Opinion	68 2%	36 2%	32 2%	17 2%	22 2%	29 3%	9 1%	51 3%	8 3%	15 2%	14 2%	18 2%	21 4%	37 2%	31 2%	3 1%	17 2%	6 2%	3 1%	-	12 4%	27 4%

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		Would vote (Def/Prob)	Might/might not	Wouldn't Vote (Def/Prob)
Total	3,172 100%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
UNWTD	1,001	894	36	66
Yes, Should be means tested	2,231 70%	2,020 71%	78 71%	130 67%
No, Should not be means tested	873 28%	773 27%	32 29%	64 33%
No Opinion	68 2%	61 2%	- -	- -

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Q11 How likely would you be to vote if there was a General Election tomorrow?

Base : All Irish Voters	Total	Gender		Age			Class			Region				Area		Party Support						
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	F	Dublin	Leinster	Munster	Conn/UIster	Urban	Rural	Fianna Fail	Fine Gael	Labour	Sinn Fein	Green Party	Indep/ndent/Others	Undecided
Total	3,172 100%	1,550 100%	1,622 100%	965 100%	1,217 100%	990 100%	1,260 100%	1,670 100%	242 100%	863 100%	824 100%	921 100%	564 100%	1,922 100%	1,250 100%	377 100%	1,099 100%	296 100%	331 100%	61 100%	307 100%	700 100%
UNWTD	1,001	488	513	268	400	333	442	513	46	269	269	282	181	691	310	112	338	104	111	17	94	225
Would definitely vote	2,497 79%	1,203 78%	1,294 80%	682 71%	1,013 83%	802 81%	1,052 84%	1,254 75%	191 79%	716 83%	655 79%	709 77%	417 74%	1,510 79%	987 79%	307 81%	971 88%	260 88%	217 66%	49 80%	252 82%	442 63%
Would probably vote	357 11%	185 12%	172 11%	171 18%	98 8%	89 9%	129 10%	201 12%	26 11%	64 7%	90 11%	119 13%	84 15%	212 11%	145 12%	57 15%	86 8%	19 6%	57 17%	10 17%	35 11%	93 13%
Might/might not vote	109 3%	43 3%	66 4%	47 5%	42 3%	21 2%	36 3%	65 4%	9 4%	31 4%	21 3%	29 3%	28 5%	64 3%	45 4%	5 1%	18 2%	7 2%	26 8%	- -	8 3%	45 6%
Would probably not vote	85 3%	45 3%	40 2%	33 3%	23 2%	30 3%	16 1%	64 4%	6 2%	19 2%	34 4%	17 2%	15 3%	47 2%	38 3%	2 1%	14 1%	6 2%	- -	- -	4 1%	59 8%
Would definitely not vote	109 3%	67 4%	42 3%	33 3%	35 3%	40 4%	26 2%	76 5%	7 3%	33 4%	18 2%	41 4%	17 3%	77 4%	32 3%	4 1%	11 1%	4 1%	30 9%	2 3%	4 1%	55 8%
Don't know	14 0%	6 0%	8 0%	- -	6 1%	8 1%	- -	11 1%	3 1%	- -	6 1%	5 0%	3 1%	11 1%	3 0%	3 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	5 2%	6 1%

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		Would vote (Def/Prob)	Might/might not	Wouldn't Vote (Def/Prob)
Total	3,172 100%	2,855 100%	109 100%	194 100%
UNWTD	1,001	894	36	66
Would definitely vote	2,497 79%	2,497 87%	- -	- -
Would probably vote	357 11%	357 13%	- -	- -
Might/might not vote	109 3%	- -	109 100%	- -
Would probably not vote	85 3%	- -	- -	85 44%
Would definitely not vote	109 3%	- -	- -	109 56%
Don't know	14 0%	- -	- -	- -

# Questionnaire





## DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE

Good Morning/afternoon/evening my name is ..... (Name) and I am calling from Behaviour and Attitudes, the independent market research company based in Dublin.

We are currently conducting a study on a variety of different topics. The study should take around 10 minutes depending on your answers.

The interview will be conducted in accordance with Market Research Society guidelines - all results will be shown in aggregate form and for quality control purposes this call may be monitored by a supervisor.

### ASK ALL ADULTS 18YRS+

Q.1 Are you eligible to vote in Irish General Elections, or not?

Yes - eligible	1	<b>CONTINUE</b>
No - not eligible	2	<b>CLOSE</b>
Don't know	3	<b>CLOSE</b>

Q.2 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the manner in which the Government is running the country?

Satisfied	1
Dissatisfied	2
No opinion	3

Q.3 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Kenny is doing his job as Taoiseach?

Satisfied	1
Dissatisfied	2
No opinion	3

Q.4 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Gilmore is doing his job as Tanaiste?

Satisfied	1
Dissatisfied	2
No opinion	3

Q.5 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Martin is doing his job as leader of Fine Fail?

Satisfied	1
Dissatisfied	2
No opinion	3

Q.6 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Adams is doing his job as leader of Sinn Fein?

Satisfied	1
Dissatisfied	2
No opinion	3

Q.7 Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Mr. Ryan is doing his job as leader of The Green Party?

Satisfied	1
Dissatisfied	2
No opinion	3

Q.8 If there was a General Election tomorrow, to which party or independent candidate would you give your first preference vote? **DO NOT READ OUT**

Fianna Fail	1
Fine Gael	2
Labour	3
Green Party	4
Workers Party	5
Sinn Fein	6
Independent	7
Other specify _____	8
Don't know	9
Would not vote	10

As you are probably aware, the election for President of Ireland takes place in October of this year.

I am now going to read out a list of possible candidates for the Presidential Election. **READ OUT LIST IN FULL**

Q.9 Which of these candidates would you give your first preference vote to in the Presidential Election? And your second preference? **CONTINUE TO RESPONDENT'S THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH PREFERENCE, ALL THE WAY DOWN THE LIST**

	<u>Preference</u>
Gay Byrne, Independent Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Crowley, Fianna Fail Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Davis, Independent Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Gallagher, Independent Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael D Higgins, Labour Party Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gay Mitchell, Fine Gael Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know.....	1
Would not vote.....	2

Q.10 Do you feel that all social welfare benefits (e.g. child benefit, free travel, etc.) should be means tested or not? **PROBE TO APPROPRIATE CODE**

Yes, should be means tested	1
No, should not be means tested	2
No opinion	3

Q.11 How likely would you be to vote if there was a General Election tomorrow? **PROBE TO APPROPRIATE CODE**

Would definitely vote	1
Would probably vote	2
Might/might not vote	3
Would probably not vote	4
Would definitely not vote	5
Don't know	6

# Thank You

