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**European Election Study 2004**

**Country Specific Questionnaire  
Ireland**



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A team of researchers across Europe is interested in people's attitudes to politics at this time of European Parliament elections. We would ask you to please complete this questionnaire and return it, as soon as possible, in the pre-paid envelope to the Department of Political Science at Trinity College, Dublin. **ALL ANSWERS WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.** The identity of our respondents will never be revealed to any outside body and the information you give us will be used only for research purposes.

**Most questions will require you to put a tick (✓) in a single box or series of boxes. For example:**

Very Satisfied..... <sub>1</sub>      Fairly Satisfied ..... <sub>2</sub>      Not very Satisfied ..... <sub>3</sub>      Not at all Satisfied.....<sub>4</sub>

Please complete using a pen and mark your answers as clearly as possible. It is important that only the person to whom this questionnaire was sent should fill in the questionnaire. It should not be filled in by anyone else at the same address.

**EVERYONE WHO COMPLETES AND RETURNS THIS SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE ENTERED INTO A LOTTERY, WITH A FIRST PRIZE OF €500; A SECOND PRIZE OF €250; A THIRD PRIZE OF €100 AND THREE €50 PRIZES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

**Q1a. What do you think is the most important problem in Ireland at present?**

*(Please write in the problem below in full)*

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**Q1b. What do you think are the other important problems in Ireland at present?**

*(Please write in the other problems in full)*

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**Q2. Which political party do you think would be best at dealing with the most important problem?**

[Please tick (✓) one box only]

Fianna Fáil.....<sub>1</sub>      Labour ..... <sub>4</sub>      Other party..... <sub>10</sub>  
 Fine Gael.....<sub>2</sub>      Progressive Democrats .... <sub>5</sub>      None of the parties..... <sub>11</sub>  
 Green Party .....<sub>3</sub>      Sinn Féin..... <sub>6</sub>

**Q 3. As of today, is the most important issue mainly dealt with by regional, national or European political authorities?**

[Please tick (✓) one box only]

Regional..... <sub>1</sub>  
 National ..... <sub>2</sub>  
 European..... <sub>3</sub>

**Q 4. And who do you think would be most appropriate to deal with the most important issue: regional, national or European political authorities? [Please tick (✓) one box only]**

Regional..... <sub>1</sub>  
 National ..... <sub>2</sub>  
 European..... <sub>3</sub>

**Q5. Normally, how many days of the week do you watch the news on television? [Please tick (✓) one box only]**

None ..... <sub>1</sub>      Four..... <sub>5</sub>  
 One ..... <sub>2</sub>      Five..... <sub>6</sub>  
 Two..... <sub>3</sub>      Six..... <sub>7</sub>  
 Three..... <sub>4</sub>      Seven ..... <sub>8</sub>

**Q6a. Which channels or television news programmes do you watch regularly?** [Please tick (✓) all that apply]

	lunch- time	early evening	night- time
RTE One news programme.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Network Two news programme .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
TV3 news programme .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

**Q7. And normally, how many days of the week do you read a newspaper?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

None .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Four.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
One .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Five.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Two.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Six.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Three.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Seven .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

**Q7a. Which newspaper or newspapers do you read regularly?** [Please tick (✓) all boxes that apply]

Irish Sun.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Irish Times.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Irish Mirror .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Evening Herald .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Irish Star .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Local newspaper .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 11
Irish Independent .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Other .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 12
Irish Examiner .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	None .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 99

**Q8. How often did you do any of the following during the three or four weeks before the recent European Parliament election?**

[Put a tick (✓) in the box on each line that shows how often you did the following...]

How often did you:	HOW OFTEN?		
	often	some- times	never
<b>Q8a.</b> ... watch a program about the election on television .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
<b>Q8b.</b> ...read about the election in a newspaper .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
<b>Q8c.</b> ...talk to family and friends about the election.. ..	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
<b>Q8d.</b> ...attend a public meeting or rally about the election.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
<b>Q8e.</b> ...look into a website concerned with the election.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

**Q9. Thinking back to just before the elections for the European Parliament were held, how interested were you in the campaign for those elections? Were you:** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Very Interested....1      Somewhat Interested....2      Not Very Interested....3      Not at all Interested.....4

**Q10. A lot of people abstained in the European Parliament elections of June 11<sup>th</sup>, while others voted. Did you cast your vote?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Yes ...1      No.....2 → go to Q12

**Q11. Which party did you give your first preference vote to?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Fianna Fáil.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Progressive Democrats.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Fine Gael .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Sinn Féin.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Green Party.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Independent candidate .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
Labour.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Other party .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

**Q12. Which party did you give your first preference vote to at the General Election of 2002?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fianna Fáil.....           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Sinn Féin.....             | <input type="checkbox"/> 6  |
| Fine Gael.....             | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Independent candidate..... | <input type="checkbox"/> 7  |
| Green Party.....           | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Other party.....           | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 |
| Labour.....                | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | Did not vote.....          | <input type="checkbox"/> 97 |
| Progressive Democrats..... | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |                            |                             |

**Q13. And if there were a General Election tomorrow, which party would you give your first preference vote to?**  
[Please tick (✓) one box only]

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fianna Fáil.....           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Sinn Féin.....             | <input type="checkbox"/> 6  |
| Fine Gael.....             | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Independent candidate..... | <input type="checkbox"/> 7  |
| Green Party.....           | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Other party.....           | <input type="checkbox"/> 8  |
| Labour.....                | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | Don't know.....            | <input type="checkbox"/> 9  |
| Progressive Democrats..... | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | Would not vote.....        | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 |

**Q13a. We have a number of political parties in Ireland each of which would like to get your vote. How probable is it that you will ever give your first preference vote to the following parties? Please tick the numbers on the scale below to indicate your views, where '1' means 'not at all probable' and '10' means 'very probable'.**  
[Please tick (✓) one box on each line]

**How probable is it that you will ever give your first preference vote to...**

**Q13b. Fianna Fáil?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Not at all Probable <span style="float: right;">→ Very Probable</span>										
FIANNA FÁIL	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

**Q13c. Fine Gael?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Not at all Probable <span style="float: right;">→ Very Probable</span>										
FINE GAEL	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

**Q13d. The Green Party?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Not at all Probable <span style="float: right;">→ Very Probable</span>										
GREEN PARTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

**Q13e. The Labour Party?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Not at all Probable <span style="float: right;">→ Very Probable</span>										
LABOUR PARTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

**Q13f. The Progressive Democrats?** [Please tick (✓) one box only].

Not at all Probable <span style="float: right;">→ Very Probable</span>										
PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

**Q13g. Sinn Féin?** [Please tick (✓) one box only].

Not at all Probable <span style="float: right;">→ Very Probable</span>										
SINN FÉIN	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

**Q13h. An Independent Candidate?** [Please tick (✓) one box only].

Not at all Probable <span style="float: right;">→ Very Probable</span>										
INDEPENDENT	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

**Q14a. Please tell me on a score of 1 – 10 how much you personally trust each of the institutions below. ‘1’ means that you do not trust an institution at all, and ‘10’ means you have complete trust. Firstly how much do you personally trust the Dáil?** [Please tick (✓) one box on each line]

Do not trust at all	→										Complete Trust
Dáil	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Q14b. And how much do you trust the European parliament?**

Do not trust at all	→										Complete Trust
European Parliament	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Q14c. And how much do you trust the Irish government?**

Do not trust at all	→										Complete Trust
Irish government	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Q14d. And how much do you trust the European Commission?**

Do not trust at all	→										Complete Trust
European Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Q14e. And how much do you trust the Council of Ministers?**

Do not trust at all	→										Complete Trust
Council of Ministers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Q15. In political matters, people talk of the “left” and the “right”. What is your position? Please indicate your views using any number on a 10-point-scale. On this scale, where ‘1’ means “left” and ‘10’ means “right” which number best describes your position?** [Please tick (✓) one box only].

Left	→										Right
YOURSELF	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Q15a. And where would you place the following parties on this scale? How about Fianna Fáil?**

[Please tick (✓) one box on each line]

Left	→										Right
FIANNA FÁIL	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Q15b. Fine Gael?**

Left	→										Right
FINE GAEL	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Q15c. The Green Party?**

Left	→										Right
GREEN PARTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Q15d. The Labour Party?**

Left	→										Right
LABOUR PARTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Q15e. The Progressive Democrats?**

Left	→										Right
PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Q15f. Sinn Féin?**

Left	→										Right
SINN FÉIN	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	

**Q16. What do you think about the economy? Compared to 12 months ago, do you think that the general economic situation in this country is....?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

A Lot Better <input type="checkbox"/> 1	A Little Better <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Stayed the same <input type="checkbox"/> 3	A little worse <input type="checkbox"/> 4	A lot worse <input type="checkbox"/> 5
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**Q16b. And over the next 12 months, how do you think the general economic situation in Ireland will be?**  
[Please tick (✓) one box only]

Get A Lot Better <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Get a Little Better <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Stay the same <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Get a little worse <input type="checkbox"/> 4	Get a lot worse <input type="checkbox"/> 5
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**Q17. To what extent would you say you are interested in politics – are you:** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Very Interested.....1    Somewhat Interested.....2    Not Very Interested....3    Not at all Interested.....4

**Q18. Generally speaking, do you think that Ireland’s membership of the European Union is...** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

A Good thing.....1    A Bad thing.....2    Neither good nor bad....3

**Q19. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following three statements. When jobs are scarce, employers should give priority to Irish people over citizens from other EU member-countries who want to work here.** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Strongly agree.....1    Agree.....2    Disagree....3    Strongly disagree.....4

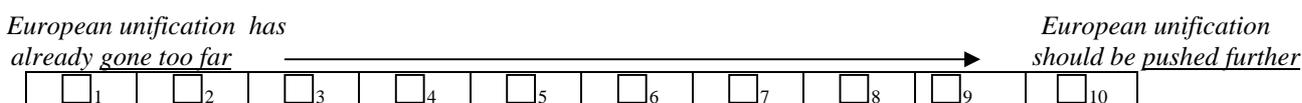
**Q20. Citizens from other EU member-countries who live in Ireland should be entitled to vote in local elections.**  
[Please tick (✓) one box only]

Strongly agree.....1    Agree.....2    Disagree....3    Strongly disagree.....4

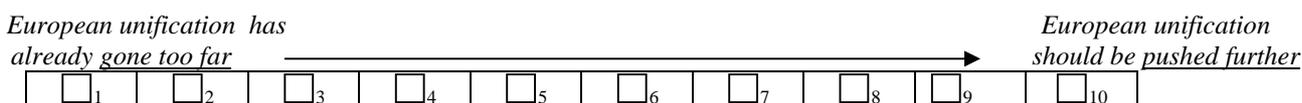
**Q21. Citizens from other EU member-countries who live in Ireland should not be entitled to social security or unemployment benefits.** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Strongly agree.....1    Agree.....2    Disagree....3    Strongly disagree.....4

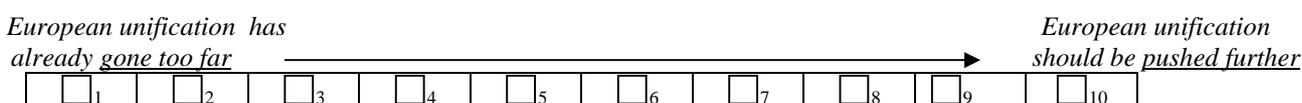
**Q22. Some say European unification should be pushed further. Others say it already has gone too far. What is your opinion? Please indicate your views using a 10-point scale. On this scale, 1 means unification ‘has already gone too far’ and 10 means it ‘should be pushed further’. What number on this scale best describes your position?**  
[Please tick (✓) one box on each line]



**Q22a. And about where would you place the following parties on this scale? How about Fianna Fáil?**  
[Please tick (✓) one box only]



**Q22b. How about Fine Gael?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]



**Q22c. How about the Green Party?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

European unification has already gone too far European unification should be pushed further

<input type="checkbox"/>										
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**Q22d. How about the Labour Party?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

European unification has already gone too far European unification should be pushed further

<input type="checkbox"/>										
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**Q22e. How about the Progressive Democrats?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

European unification has already gone too far European unification should be pushed further

<input type="checkbox"/>										
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**Q22f. How about Sinn Féin?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

European unification has already gone too far European unification should be pushed further

<input type="checkbox"/>										
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**Q23. Do you ever think of yourself not only as an Irish citizen, but also as a citizen of the European Union?**

[Please tick (✓) one box only]

Often.....1      Sometimes.....2      Never.....3

**Q24. Are you personally proud or not to be a citizen of the European Union? Would you say you are...**

[Please tick (✓) one box only]

Very proud....1      Fairly proud.....2      Not very proud.....3      Not at all proud.....4

**Q25a. Thinking back to the second referendum held in Ireland on the Nice Treaty of the European Union in October 2002, do you remember whether you cast your vote and, if so, whether you voted in favour or against?**

[Please tick (✓) one box only]

Did not cast a vote.....1      Voted in favour.....2      Voted against.....3

**Q26 Now I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in people from various countries. Let's start with the Austrians: do you trust them a lot or not very much? And the Belgians?** [Please tick (✓) one box on each line]

*I would have:*

(a) A lot of trust      (b) Not very much trust

- |                     |                          |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Austrians .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Belgians .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. British .....    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Bulgarians.....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Cypriots .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Czechs .....     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Danes.....       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Dutch .....      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Estonians .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Finns .....     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. French.....     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Germans .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Greek .....     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Hungarians..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*I would have:*

(a) A lot of trust      (b) Not very much trust

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15. Irish .....         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. Italians .....      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Latvians.....       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Lithuanians.....    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Luxembourgers ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. Maltese .....       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. Poles .....         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22. Portuguese.....     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 23. Romanians.....      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24. Slovaks .....       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25. Slovenes .....      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 26. Spaniards.....      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 27. Swedes .....        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 28. Turks .....         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Q27. On the whole are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in Ireland? Are you...** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Very Satisfied ..... <sub>1</sub>      Fairly Satisfied..... <sub>2</sub>      Not very Satisfied..... <sub>3</sub>      Not at all Satisfied..... <sub>4</sub>

**Q28. 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?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Very Satisfied ..... <sub>1</sub>      Fairly Satisfied..... <sub>2</sub>      Not very Satisfied..... <sub>3</sub>      Not at all Satisfied..... <sub>4</sub>

**Q29. Let us now come back to Ireland. Do you approve or disapprove of the government's record to date?**  
[Please tick (✓) one box only]

Approve..... <sub>1</sub>      Disapprove..... <sub>2</sub>

**Q.30a. Do you usually consider yourself to be close to any particular party? If so, which party do you feel close to?**  
[Please tick (✓) one box only]

Fianna Fáil ..... <sub>1</sub>      Progressive Democrats..... <sub>5</sub>  
Fine Gael..... <sub>2</sub>      Sinn Féin..... <sub>6</sub>  
Green Party ..... <sub>3</sub>      Other party ..... <sub>10</sub> → go to Q31  
Labour ..... <sub>4</sub>      Not close to any party ..... <sub>11</sub> → go to Q31

**Q30b. Do you feel yourself to be very close to this party, fairly close, or merely a sympathiser?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Very close.... <sub>1</sub>      Fairly close ..... <sub>2</sub>      Merely a Sympathiser..... <sub>3</sub>

**Q.31. How much confidence do you have that decisions made by the European Union will be in the interest of Ireland?**  
[Please tick (✓) one box only]

A great deal of confidence.... <sub>1</sub>      A fair amount ..... <sub>2</sub>      Not very much..... <sub>3</sub>      No confidence at all ..... <sub>4</sub>

**Q.32. How much confidence do you have that decisions made by the European Union will be in the interest of people like you?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

A great deal of confidence.... <sub>1</sub>      A fair amount ..... <sub>2</sub>      Not very much..... <sub>3</sub>      No confidence at all ..... <sub>4</sub>

**D1. Now, can we ask you a few questions about yourself?**  
**Are you yourself a member of a trade union or is anyone else in your household a member of a trade union?**  
[Please tick (✓) one box only]

Yes, I am.... <sub>1</sub>      Yes, someone else is ..... <sub>2</sub>      Yes, both I am and someone else is..... <sub>3</sub>      No..... <sub>4</sub>

**D2. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?** Please write in age in years        Still studying.....

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**D3. Are you....** [Please tick (✓) one box only]      Male..... <sub>1</sub>      Female..... <sub>2</sub>

**D4. In what year were you born?** Please write year in boxes

**D4a. In what country were you born?** [Please tick (✓) one box only]

Ireland..... <sub>1</sub>      Other..... <sub>2</sub> (please write in country) \_\_\_\_\_

**D4b. If other, when did you first come to Ireland?**  
Please write in year in boxes

**D5. How many people live in your household, including yourself, who are 18 years of age or older?**  
[Please tick (✓) one box only]

One ..... <sub>1</sub>      Six .....

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- Two.....<sub>2</sub>      Seven.....
- <sup>7</sup> Three.....<sub>3</sub>      Eight.....
- <sup>8</sup> Four.....<sub>4</sub>      Nine or more.....
- <sup>9</sup> Five.....<sub>5</sub>

**D6. What is your current work situation? Are you:**

[Please tick (✓) one box only]

- Self-employed..... <sub>1</sub> → go to QD6a
- Employed..... <sub>2</sub> → go to QD6a
- <sup>1</sup> In school..... <sub>3</sub>
- <sup>2</sup> Working in the household..... <sub>4</sub>
- <sup>3</sup> Retired..... <sub>5</sub> → go to QD6a
- <sup>4</sup> Unemployed..... <sub>6</sub> → go to QD6a
- <sup>5</sup> Other..... <sub>7</sub>

**D6a. Are/were you working in...?**

[Please tick (✓) one box only]

- Agriculture.....
- State Industry.....
- Private Industry.....
- Public Services.....
- Private Services.....
- Other.....

**D7. If you were asked to choose one of these five names for your social class, which one would you say you belong to?**

[Please tick (✓) one box only]

- <sup>4</sup> Working class..... <sub>1</sub>      Upper middle class.....
- Lower middle class..... <sub>2</sub>      Upper class.....
- <sup>5</sup> Middle class..... <sub>3</sub>      Other.....
- <sup>6</sup>

**D8. Would you say you live in a rural area or village, in a small or middle size town, or in a large town or city?**

[Please tick (✓) one box only]

- Rural area or village.... <sub>1</sub>      Small or middle size town..... <sub>2</sub>      Large town or city..... <sub>3</sub>

**D9. Do you consider yourself as belonging to a particular religion? (If yes) Which one? [Please tick (✓) one box only]**

- Roman Catholic..... <sub>1</sub>
- Protestant..... <sub>2</sub>

- Other..... <sub>8</sub>
- None..... <sub>9</sub> → go to D11

**D10. How often nowadays do you attend religious services? [Please tick (✓) one box only]**

- Several times a week..... <sub>1</sub>
- Once a week..... <sub>2</sub>
- A few times a year..... <sub>3</sub>
- Once a year or less..... <sub>4</sub>
- Never..... <sub>5</sub>

**D11. We also need some information about the income of this household to be able to analyse the survey results for different types of household. Please count the total wages and salaries per month of all members of this household; all pensions and social insurance benefits; child allowances and any other income like rents etc. Of course your answer, as with all other replies in this survey, will be treated confidentially. Can you please tell me what is the approximate monthly income of your household?**

Please write in the amount →

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