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Lisbon Treaty Referendum Survey Ireland 2009

Irish questionnaire

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FLASH 265 - IRELAND AND THE LISBON TREATY

Q1. What does the EU mean to you? Please describe in a few words, what comes to your mind, when you hear about the European Union.

[WRITE IN ALL ANSWERS VERBATIM]

Q2. Do you generally support or oppose Ireland's membership of the European Union?

- Support..... 1
- Oppose 2
- [Can't decide] 3
- [DK/NA] 9

Q3. Which of the following would you consider a worry that you personally would like the EU to help with in Ireland?

[READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS ARE POSSIBLE]

- Jobs 1
- The economy..... 2
- The environment..... 3
- Workers' rights..... 4
- Consumer issues 5
- Womens rights 6
- Future of our youth..... 7
- [DK/NA] 9

Q4. Which of the following statements best apply to you?

[READ OUT- ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE]

- I understand extremely well what the EU means for people like me..... 1
- I somewhat understand what the EU means for people like me..... 2
- I am confused about what the EU means for people like me 3
- I am completely unaware of what the EU means for people like me..... 4
- [DK/NA] 9

Q5. Do you recall seeing or hearing RECENTLY a campaign about the EU's role in Ireland?

- Yes 1
- No 2 GO TO Q7
- [DK/NA] 9 GO TO Q7

Q6. Do you recall the name of that campaign? If yes, can you please tell me what it was?

- Yes, correct - (talktoeu or eumatters)..... 1
- Yes, but not the correct name 2
- No 3
- [DK/NA] 9

Q7.	Did you vote in the Referendum on the Treaty of Lisbon in June 2008?	
-	Yes –voted.....	1
-	No –did not vote	2
-	Was not old enough to vote.....	8
-	[DK/NA]	9

IF Q7=1

Q8A.	How did you vote in the Referendum?	
-	Voted “Yes” /Voted in favour	1
-	Voted “No” / Voted against it	2
-	[DK/NA]	9

IF Q7=2

Q8B.	If didn’t vote, why not?	
	<i>[OPEN ENDED WITH PRECODES]</i>	
-	I did not know enough about the Treaty	1
-	Couldn’t be bothered/too busy	4
-	Undecided/uncertain what way to vote	5
-	Dislike/distrust politicians/politics (the political campaigns around the referendum turned you off)	6
-	You are not interested in politics or you never vote.....	7
-	You believed that voting in this referendum would not change anything	8
-	Other	9
-	[DK/NA]	99

IF Q8A=1

Q9A.	Please tell me the reasons you voted “YES”?	
	<i>[OPEN ENDED WITH PRECODES - MULTIPLE ANSWERS ARE POSSIBLE]</i>	
-	EU has been/is good for Ireland.....	1
-	The Treaty is good for Ireland	2
-	Maintain Irish influence in Europe	3
-	It will help the Irish economy.....	5
-	The Treaty is good for the EU.....	6
-	It gives EU a more effective way of taking decisions	7
-	Other	8
-	[DK/NA]	9

IF Q8A=2

Q9B.	Please tell me the reasons you voted NO to the Treaty	
-	Lisbon Treaty is bad for Ireland.....	1
-	Lack of information/ treaty too complex	2
-	Not convinced by Yes arguments.....	3
-	To respect / save the Irish identity.....	4

- Protect the tax system 5
- Not believing in more EU 6
- to protest against politicians..... 7
- Other 8
- [DK/NA] 9

ASK ONLY IF Q8A=9

Q9C. In your opinion is the Lisbon Treaty good or bad for Ireland?

- Good..... 1
- Bad 2
- [DK/NA] 9

Q10. When you are interested to get more information about the Lisbon Treaty and the related issues whom do you trust?

(ROTATE - MAX 3 ANSWERS)

- Irish government..... 1
- European Commission information office 2
- Family, friends, colleagues 3
- Trade-unions 4
- Political parties..... 5
- NGOs 6
- Public life personalities 7
- Journalists 8
- The Referendum Commission 9
- [DK/NA] 99

Q11. And which of the following channels of communication, do you use most in order to be informed about these issues?

(ROTATE - MAX 2 ANSWERS)

- Internet news sites..... 1
- Television 2
- Radio 3
- Newspapers 4
- Debates, public meetings..... 5
- Blogs..... 6
- Personal discussions, conversations 7
- [None of these] 8
- [DK/NA] 9

Q12. Have you heard about the guarantees EU gave to the Irish Government in relation to the Lisbon Treaty?

- Yes 1
- No..... 2

- [DK/NA] 9

The Irish Government has announced that the Lisbon Treaty will be put to a second referendum on 2 October 2009 after agreeing with the EU on issues of concern to Irish people.

IF Q12 = 1

Q13A. Are you satisfied or not with the guarantees received?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- [DK/NA] 9

Q14. The European Union has agreed that each Member State, will continue to have an EU Commissioner should the Lisbon Treaty come into force. In your view how important is this for Ireland?

- Very Important 1
- Important 2
- Not Very Important 3
- Not at all Important 4
- [DK/NA] 9

Q15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements. The guarantees on the Lisbon Treaty secured by the Irish Government will:

- Strongly Agree 4
- Somewhat Agree 3
- Somewhat disagree 2
- Strongly disagree 1
- [DK/NA] 9

A. Mean that Ireland will remain in control of its own tax rates 4 3 2 1 9
B. Mean that Ireland's neutrality will not be affected 4 3 2 1 9
C. Mean that Ireland will retain control of sensitive ethical issues such as abortion 4 3 2 1 9
D. Mean that Worker's Rights will be better protected 4 3 2 1 9
E. Mean that Ireland will retain a Commissioner in Europe 4 3 2 1 9
F. These guarantees do not make any difference 4 3 2 1 9

Q18. Did the fact that Ireland has received these guarantees, change your intention to vote in the Referendum in October 2009?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- [DK/NA] 9

Q19. Do you intend to vote in the Referendum?

- Yes 1
- No 2 SKIP TO INTRO BEFORE Q22B
- [DK/NA] 9 SKIP TO INTRO BEFORE Q22B

IF Q19=1

Q20. Will you vote in favour or against the Lisbon Treaty in the second referendum?

- Yes, will vote in favour 1

- No, will vote against..... 2
- [DK/NA] 9

IF Q20=1

Q21A. Please tell me what are the reasons why you would be voting YES to the Treaty?

[OPEN ENDED WITH PRECODES PLEASE WRITE IN ALL ADDITIONAL (OTHER) SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]

- EU has been/is good for Ireland..... 1
- The Treaty is good for Ireland 2
- Maintain Irish influence in Europe 3
- It will help the Irish economy..... 5
- The Treaty is good for the EU..... 6
- It gives EU a more effective way of taking decisions 7
- [Other]..... 8
- [DK/NA] 9

IF Q20=2

Q21B. Please tell me what are the reasons why you would be voting NO to the Lisbon Treaty?

[OPEN ENDED WRITE IN ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]

- Lisbon Treaty is bad for Ireland..... 1
- Lack of information/ treaty too complex 2
- Not convinced by Yes arguments..... 3
- To respect / save the Irish identity..... 4
- Protect the tax system 5
- Not believing in more EU 6
- to protest against politicians..... 7
- [Other]..... 8
- [DK/NA] 9

IF Q7=8 OR Q7=9 OR Q8A=9 OR Q19=9 OR Q20=9 GO TO Q23

ASK IF Q8A=1 AND Q19=2

Q22A. If you voted yes in 2008 and are not voting in 2009 what has changed your opinion?

[OPEN ENDED WRITE IN ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]

ASK IF Q8A=1 AND Q20=2

Q22B. If you voted yes in 2008 and are voting no in 2009 what has changed your opinion?

[OPEN ENDED WRITE IN ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]

ASK IF Q8A=2 AND Q19=2

Q22C. If you voted no in 2008 and are not voting in 2009 what has changed your opinion?

[OPEN ENDED WRITE IN ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]

ASK IF Q8A=2 AND Q20=1

Q22D. If you voted no in 2008 and are voting yes in the 2009 referendum, what has changed your opinion?

[OPEN ENDED WRITE IN ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]

ASK IF Q8A=2 AND Q20=2

Q22E. If you voted No in 2008 and are still voting No in the 2009 referendum, what has made you decide this?

[OPEN ENDED WRITE IN ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]

ASK IF Q7=2 AND Q19=2

Q22F. If you didn't vote in 2008 and are not voting in the 2009 referendum, what has made you decide this?

[OPEN ENDED WRITE IN ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]

ASK IF Q7=2 AND Q20=1

Q22G. If you didn't vote in 2008 and are voting yes in the 2009 referendum what has changed your opinion?

[OPEN ENDED WRITE IN ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]

ASK IF Q7=2 AND Q20=2

Q22H. If you didn't vote in 2008 and are voting no in the 2009 referendum what has changed your opinion?

[OPEN ENDED WRITE IN ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]

Q23. In your opinion which campaign for the October Referendum is more convincing, the YES or the NO campaign?

- The "YES" campaign 1
- The "No" campaign 2
- Both of them, about equally 3
- None of them 4
- [Did not follow the campaign] 5
- [DK/NA] 9

Q24. Thinking about the referendum campaigns, would you say that you agree or disagree with the following opinions:

- Strongly Agree 4
 - Somewhat Agree 3
 - Somewhat disagree 2
 - Strongly disagree 1
 - [DK/NA] 9
- A. The YES campaign is treating the citizens as responsible decision makers 4 3 2 1 9
- B. The NO campaign is treating the citizens as responsible decision makers 4 3 2 1 9
- C. the YES campaign is emotionally engaging, using the right arguments 4 3 2 1 9
- D. the NO campaign is emotionally engaging, using the right arguments 4 3 2 1 9
- E. The YES campaign is paternalistic/patronizing/overprotecting, talking "down" to citizens... 4 3 2 1 9
- F. The NO campaign is paternalistic/patronizing/overprotecting, talking "down" to citizens ... 4 3 2 1 9

Q25. Did you vote in the Dáil election in 2007?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- [DK/NA] 9

IF ANSWER IS YES IN Q25

Q26. Which party did you vote for?

[ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE]

- Fianna Fáil 1
- Fine Gael 2
- Labour Party 3
- Green Party 4
- Sinn Féin 5
- Other please indicate 6
- [DK/NA] 9

D1. Gender

(DO NOT ASK- MARK APPROPRIATE)

- Male 1
- Female 2

D2. How old are you?

- [][] years old
- [9 9] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

(Write in THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED)

- [][] years old
- [9 9] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]
- [0 1] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [0 0] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]

D4. As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity? Does it mean that you are a(n)...

[IF A RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CATEGORY IS GIVEN, READ OUT THE RESPECTIVE SUB-CATEGORIES - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Self-employed

- i.e. :
 - farmer, forester, fisherman 11
 - owner of a shop, craftsman 12
 - professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...) 13
 - manager of a company 14
 - other 15

- Employee

- i.e. :
 - professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect) 21
 - general management, director or top management 22
 - middle management 23
 - Civil servant 24
 - office clerk 25
 - other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...) 26
 - other 27

- Manual worker

- i.e. :
 - supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc...) 31

- Manual worker	32	
- unskilled manual worker		33
- other	34	
- Without a professional activity		
→ i.e. :		
- looking after the home	41	
- student (full time).....	42	
- retired	43	
- seeking a job.....	44	
- other	45	
- (Refusal)	99	

D5. Irish Nuts regions

IE011 Border

IE012 Midland

IE013 West

IE021 Dublin

IE022 Mid-East

IE023 Mid-West

IE024 South-East

IE025 South-West

D6. Would you say you live in a ...?

- metropolitan zone.....	1
- other town/urban centre.....	2
- rural zone.....	3
- (Refusal)	9

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II. Survey Details

This Flash Eurobarometer 265 “2009 Lisbon Treaty Referendum Survey” was conducted on behalf of the European Commission Representation in Ireland by Gallup Hungary.

Telephone interviews were conducted in each region of Ireland between the 24 and 28 August 2009 by Gallup UK.

Representativeness of the results

Each regional sample is representative of the population aged 18 years and over. Results were weighted to population marginals in terms of sex, age, region, and economic activity.

Sizes of the sample

1010 interviews were conducted in total.

Questionnaires

The questionnaire prepared for this survey is reproduced at the end of this section (see hereafter).

Table of results

VOLUME C: RESPONDENTS' DEMOGRAPHICS

The VOLUME B presents the results broken down by the following socio-demographic variables:

- Sex (male, female)
- Age (18-24, 25-39, 40-54, 55 +)
- Education (15&-, 16-20, 21&+, still in full time education)
- Subjective urbanisation (metropolitan zone; other town/urban centre; rural zone)
- Occupation (self-employed, employee, manual worker, without a professional activity)
- Prospective vote in the 2009 referendum (yes, no, DK)
- Level of information of EU (extremely well, somewhat, and not informed)

Statistical significance of the results

The results in a survey are valid only between the limits of a statistical margin caused by the sampling process.

STATISTICAL MARGINS DUE TO THE SAMPLING PROCESS (AT THE 95 % LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE)

Various sample sizes are in rows;

Various observed results are in columns:

	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%
N=500	1.9	2.6	3.1	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4
N=1000	1.4	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1

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