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TREATY OF NICE REFERENDUM SURVEY
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ASK ALL ADULTS AGED 18+

Q.1a) On the 7th June last, a referendum was held on the Treaty of Nice (*pronounced Niece*). As you may remember, many people did not vote in that referendum.

How about you? Did you vote in the Referendum on the Nice Treaty?

IF VOTED ASK, OTHERS GO TO

Q.3a):

b) How did you vote in that referendum - in favour or against the Nice Treaty?

SHOW CARD "A"

(c) Using this card, can you tell me roughly when did you make up your mind how you would vote in the Nice referendum?

<p>Q.1a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yes – voted 1 ▪ Did not vote 2 <p>-----</p> <p>Q.1b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Voted - In favour..... 1 ▪ Voted - Against..... 2 <p>-----</p> <p>Q.1c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At the time the referendum was announced..... 1 ▪ Fairly early on during the referendum campaign..... 2 ▪ In the final week of the campaign..... 3 ▪ On the day of the referendum itself 4 	
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Q.2a) What were the main reasons why you voted in favour/against (AS APPROPRIATE) the Nice Treaty. **PROBE FULLY AND RECORD VERBATIM** Any other reasons? Anything else?

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Q.2b) When you had made up your mind to vote in the referendum, how certain were you about your decision to vote in favour of/against (as appropriate) the Nice Treaty. **READ OUT** - Were you?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Absolutely certain..... 1 ... Pretty certain..... 2 ... Some reservations/doubts 3 ... Not at all certain..... 4 	
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IF DID NOT VOTE ASK: OTHERS GO TO Q.4

Q.3a) Why did you not vote? **PROBE FULLY AND RECORD VERBATIM** Any other reasons? Anything else?

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Q.3b) Had you voted in the Referendum on 7th June, would you have voted in favour or against the Nice Treaty?

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| ■ Would have voted in favour | 1 |
| ■ Would have voted against..... | 2 |
| ■ Don't know | 3 |

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SHOW CARD "B"

Q.4 There are many different ways by which people get information in relation to referendums. I have a list here of several possible sources of information. Please say how useful, if at all, you found each of them in the lead up to the referendum on the Nice Treaty, on 7th June. Using this card, would you say you found each of the sources mentioned very valuable, somewhat valuable, of little or no value or did you not notice or see the source at all?

READ OUT. ROTATE ORDER. TICK START. ↓	Very Valuable	Some- What Valuable	Of Little or No Value	Did Not Notice/ See	No Opinion/ DK
• Advertisements and leaflets put out by the Referendum Commission	1	2	3	4	5
• The Government's White Paper or a summary of it.....	1	2	3	4	5
• The Nice Treaty itself	1	2	3	4	5
• Newspaper articles.....	1	2	3	4	5
• Television news and current affairs programmes.	1	2	3	4	5
• Radio news and current affairs programmes	1	2	3	4	5
• Leaflets/brochures circulated by the parties and organisations campaigning for a YES vote	1	2	3	4	5
• Leaflets/brochures circulated by the parties and organisations campaigning for a NO vote	1	2	3	4	5
• Posters on roadways and in public places	1	2	3	4	5
• Offices of the European Commission and European Parliament in Ireland	1	2	3	4	5
• Internet/websites	1	2	3	4	5
• Discussion with family, friends and colleagues ...	1	2	3	4	5

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- SHOW CARD “C”**
- Q.5 By the date of the referendum (June 7th), how good was your understanding of the issues involved? Please use this card to choose the phrase that applies best to you.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I had a good understanding of what the Treaty was all about..... 1 ▪ I understood some of the issues but not all that was involved..... 2 ▪ I was only vaguely aware of the issue involved..... 3 ▪ I did not know what the Treaty was about at all..... 4 | |
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- SHOW CARD “D”**
- Q.6 I have a number of statements here that people sometimes make about Europe. I would like you to indicate on this scale which of each pair of opposing statements comes closest to your view. A score of one would indicate that you agree fully with the statement on the left. A score of nine would indicate that you agree fully with the statement on the right. Of course your view could be somewhere in between. Also of course there may be issues that you have no particular view on. If so, please just say this and we will move on to the next item.

Ireland should participate fully in all the peace-keeping and peace-making operations decided on by the European Union	Ireland should refuse to participate in any of the peace-keeping and peace-making operations decided on by the European Union	No Opinion/ Don't Know
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		X

The current proposals for the development of the European Union will make things like divorce and abortion more easily available in Ireland	The current proposals for the development of the European Union will have no effect whatsoever on whether things like divorce and abortion will become more easily available in Ireland.	No Opinion/ Don't Know
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		X

I am quite satisfied with the way in which policies and decisions are made in the EU	I am quite dissatisfied with the way in which policies and decisions are made in the EU	No Opinion/ Don't Know
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		X

Ireland should do everything it can to strengthen its neutrality even if this means being less involved in EU co-operation on foreign and defence policy	Ireland should be willing to accept limitations on its neutrality so that it can be more fully involved in EU co-operation on foreign and defence policy	No Opinion/ Don't Know
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		X

The big countries in the EU have far too much power and influence					The small countries in the EU are well able to defend their own interests					No Opinion/ Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		X

I am very interested in issues relating to the European Union					I have little or no interest in issues relating to the European Union					No Opinion/ Don't Know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		X

Q.7a) It is envisaged that, over the coming years, there will be further enlargement of the EU. The EU is at present negotiating with 12 candidate countries. 10 of these countries are in eastern and central Europe. The other two are Cyprus and Malta. We are interested in how people feel about further enlargement of the EU and what people see as the possible advantages and possible disadvantages of such enlargement.

First of all, in general terms, are you in favour or against such enlargement of the EU?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ In favour..... 1 ■ Against..... 2 ■ Don't know..... 3 	
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Q.7b) Secondly, what do you see as the possible advantages of enlargement of the EU? **PROBE FULLY.** Any other advantages? Anything else?

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Q.7c) And what about possible disadvantages? **PROBE FULLY.** Any other disadvantages? Anything else?

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SHOW CARD "E"

Q.8a) As regards the European Union in general, which of the following comes closest to your own views?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ireland should do all it can to unite fully with the European Union..... 1 ■ Ireland should do all it can to protect its independence from the European Union 2 ■ Can't choose, don't know 3 	
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ASK IF CODES 1 or 2 AT Q8a, OTHERS GO TO Q9

Q.8b) Could you tell me whether you are very certain about this view, somewhat certain or not certain at all?

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| ▪ Very certain..... | 1 |
| ▪ Somewhat certain..... | 2 |
| ▪ Not certain at all..... | 3 |

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SHOW CARD “F “

Q.9a) Using this card, please tell me how many European Union Member States are there at present ?

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| ▪ Nine..... | 1 |
| ▪ Twelve | 2 |
| ▪ Fifteen | 3 |
| ▪ Eighteen | 4 |
| ▪ Don't know | 5 |

CONTINUE SHOWING CARD “F “

Q.9b) How many Irish Members are there in the European Parliament?

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| ▪ Nine..... | 1 |
| ▪ Twelve | 2 |
| ▪ Fifteen | 3 |
| ▪ Eighteen | 4 |
| ▪ Don't know | 5 |

SHOW CARD “G “

Q.9c) What is the name of the **President** of the European Commission in Brussels? .

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| ▪ Jacques Delors | 1 |
| ▪ Jacques Santer..... | 2 |
| ▪ Gerhard Schroeder..... | 3 |
| ▪ Romano Prodi | 4 |
| ▪ Don't know | 5 |

SHOW CARD “H “

Q.9d) On what date will the Euro notes and coins come into circulation?

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| ▪ 1 October 2001..... | 1 |
| ▪ 1 January 2002..... | 2 |
| ▪ 1 June 2002..... | 3 |
| ▪ 31 December 2002..... | 4 |
| ▪ Don't know | 5 |

Q.10 Finally, there have been **seven** general elections in Ireland in the last 20 years. Thinking about these or **[IF RESPONDENT LOOKS AS IF HE OR SHE COULD BE UNDER 35]** about the ones for which you have been eligible to vote, would you say that, as far as you can remember, you have? **READ OUT**

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| ... Voted in all of them | 1 |
| ... Voted in most of them | 2 |
| ... Voted in only some of them..... | 3 |
| ... Not voted in any of them | 4 |



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