

IRELAND
QUESTIONNAIRE

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Good morning/afternoon/evening. My name is _____ from Irish Marketing Surveys Limited. We are carrying out a survey and I would be grateful for your help in answering some questions.

First of all, I would like to ask you some questions about politics?

ASK ALL

Q.1a) If there were to be a general election tomorrow (say if contact under 18: and you had to vote), which Party would you give your first preference vote to?

IF WOULD NOT VOTE/UNDECIDED/REFUSED ASK:

Q.1b) To which Party would you be most inclined to give your first preference vote?
CODE IN GRID BELOW.

	Q.1a) (12)		Q.1b) (13)	
Fianna Fail.....	1	} Go to Q.2	1	} (12-13)
Fine Gael.....	2		2	
Progressive Democrats	3		3	
Labour.....	4		4	
Democratic Left.....	5		5	
Workers' Party.....	6		6	
The Green Party	7		7	
Other Party (State _____ & Code).....	8		8	
Would vote blank	9	} Ask Q.1b)	9	
Would not vote.....	0		0	
Undecided	X		X	
Refused	V		V	

Q.2 Generally speaking, do you think that Ireland's membership of the European Union (European Community) is?
READ OUT.

A good thing.....	1	} (14)
A bad thing.....	2	
Neither good, nor bad	3	
Don't know/No reply	4	

Q.3 Taking everything into consideration, would you say that Ireland has on balance benefited or not from being a member of the European Union (European Community)? **READ OUT.**

Has benefited.....	1	} (15)
Has not benefited.....	2	
Don't know/No reply	3	

Q.4 On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in Ireland? **READ OUT**

<i>Would you say you are</i>	(16)
Very satisfied	1
Fairly satisfied	2
Not very satisfied.....	3
Not at all satisfied.....	4
Don't know/no reply	5

The European Union is a group of European Countries which take many decisions together through a network of common institutions such as "The Council" of Ministers delegated by the national governments of the Member States.

Q.5 In your opinion, do the representatives of Ireland have a lot of influence, a fair amount of influence, not a lot of influence or no influence at all, on the decisions taken within the European Union?

A lot of influence.....	1	(17)
A fair amount of influence	2	
Not a lot of influence	3	
No influence at all	4	
Don't know/no reply.....	5	

Q.6 Compared to twelve months ago, would you say that the situation of Ireland is now better, not as good as before or that it has not changed regarding **READ OUT AND ROTATE**

	Better	Not As Good	Has Not Changed	Don't Know No Reply	
READ OUT & ROTATE ↓					
a) The economic situation	1	2	3	4	(18)
b) Employment	1	2	3	4	(19)
c) Purchasing power.....	1	2	3	4	(20)
d) Health insurance.....	1	2	3	4	(21)
e) Unemployment benefits.....	1	2	3	4	(22)
f) The social climate (strikes etc.)	1	2	3	4	(23)

Q.7 And as for you personally, would you say that your economic situation is better, not as good or that it has not changed in comparison with your economic situation twelve months ago?

Better.....	1	(24)
Not as good	2	
Has not changed	3	
Don't know/no reply.....	4	

Q.8 And over the next twelve months, do you expect that your economic situation will be rather better, not as good or that it will not change?

Better.....	1	(25)
Not as good	2	
It will not change.....	3	
Don't know/no reply.....	4	

Q.9 Have you heard or read something about the "White Paper" by the European Commission in Brussels about growth, competitiveness and employment in Europe?

Yes.....	1	(26)
No	2	
Don't know/No reply	3	

Q.10 With its "White Paper" the European Commission launched a debate about employment, growth and competitiveness. Do you think that this will have a positive effect or not?

A positive effect	1	(27)
Not a positive effect.....	2	
Don't know/No reply	3	

Q.11 Try to imagine Europe in the year 2,000. Do you think the following things will have become a reality or not? **READ OUT AND ROTATE**

READ OUT & ROTATE ↓	DON'T KNOW/			
	YES	NO	NO REPLY	
a) Other European countries, such as Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic or Slovakia will have become members of the European Union.....	1.....	2.....	3	(28)
b) You and your children will regularly use notes and cheques in a single European currency	1.....	2.....	3	(29)
c) You and your children will study, work, live in any of the European Union countries just as you do today in Ireland	1.....	2.....	3	(30)
d) We will fight together within the European Union against terrorism and organised crime, such as the Mafia	1.....	2.....	3	(31)
e) The European Union will act in common with respect to military and defence policy.....	1.....	2.....	3	(32)
f) The European Union will act in common with respect to the main principles of economic policy	1.....	2.....	3	(33)
g) The European Union will act in common with respect to the main principles of social and employment policy	1.....	2.....	3	(34)

Q.12 Now that the militant loyalist forces have, as the IRA some weeks ago, announced a complete cease-fire in Northern Ireland, are you optimistic this development will lead to a lasting peace in Northern Ireland, or are you pessimistic about the prospect for a lasting peace there?

Optimistic	1	(35)
Pessimistic	2	
Don't know/no reply	3	

