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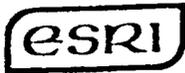
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**Introduction** (Ask for named respondent)

Good morning/afternoon/evening.  I am from the Economic and Social Research Institute in Dublin.  We are carrying out a survey of people's opinions on a variety of social issues.  You were included in a national sample taken at random from the Electoral Register.  This is an international study whose aim is to find out exactly what the public thinks on these issues, so that planning by the Government and other bodies can be made as effective as possible.  It is only the help of many people like yourself in answering some questions that makes this work possible.  The interview will take about forty minutes to complete.  I can assure you that all answers will be treated in the strictest confidence by the Economic and Social Research Institute.  We are interested in the number of people who think in various ways, not in any individual's views as such.

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To begin, we have some questions about where you live: your neighbourhood or village: your town or city, your county, and so on.  (By 'neighbourhood' we mean the part of the town/city you live in.  If you live in a village, we take this as your 'neighbourhood')

**Q1.     How close do you feel to . . .** (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Very close | Close | Not very close | Not close at all | Can't choose/ doesn't apply to me | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| your neighbourhood (or village) | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q1_1 |
| your town or city | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q1_2 |
| your county | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q1_3 |
| Ireland | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q1_4 |
| Europe | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q1_5 |

**Q2.     If you could improve your work or living conditions, how willing or unwilling would you be to . . .** (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Very willing | Fairly willing | Neither willing nor unwilling | Fairly unwilling | Very unwilling | Can't choose/ doesn't apply to me | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| move to another neighbourhood (or village)? | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q2_1 |
| move to another town or city within this county? | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q2_2 |
| move to another county? | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q2_3 |
| move outside Ireland? | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q2_4 |
| move outside Europe? | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q2_5 |

Q3. **Some people say the following things are important for being truly Irish. Others say they are not important. How important do you think each of the following is?** (Please tick one box on each line)

|  | Very important | Fairly important | Not very important | Not important at all | Can't choose |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| to have been born in Ireland | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | Q3_1 |
| to have Irish citizenship | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | Q3_2 |
| to have lived in Ireland for most of one's life | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | Q3_3 |
| to be able to speak Irish | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | Q3_4 |
| to be a Catholic | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | Q3_5 |
| to respect Ireland's political institutions and laws | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | Q3_6 |
| to feel Irish | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | Q3_7 |

Q4. **How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?** (Please tick one box on each line)

|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Can't choose |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I would rather be a citizen of Ireland than of any other country in the world | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | □₆ | Q4_1 |
| There are some things about Ireland today that make me feel ashamed of Ireland | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | □₆ | Q4_2 |
| The world would be a better place if people from other countries were more like the Irish | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | □₆ | Q4_3 |
| Generally speaking Ireland is a better country than most other countries | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | □₆ | Q4_4 |
| People should support their country even if the country is in the wrong | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | □₆ | Q4_5 |
| When my country does well in international sports, it makes me proud to be Irish | □₁ | □₂ | □₃ | □₄ | □₅ | □₆ | Q4_6 |

**Q5a.** How proud are you of Ireland in each of the following? (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Very proud | Somewhat proud | Not very proud | Not proud at all | Can't choose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The way democracy works | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q5_1 |
| Its political influence in the world | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q5_2 |
| Ireland's economic achievements | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q5_3 |
| Its social security system | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q5_4 |
| Its scientific and technological achievements | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q5_5 |
| Its achievements in sports | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q5_6 |
| Its achievements in the arts and literature | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q5.7 |
| Ireland's armed forces | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q5_8 |
| Its history | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q5_9 |
| Its fair and equal treatment of all groups in society | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q5_10 |

**b.** **When answering the above, did you have in mind the Republic of Ireland or the whole island of Ireland?**

Republic of Ireland $\square_1$     Whole island of Ireland $\square_2$     Q5_11

Now we would like to ask a few questions about relations between Ireland and other countries.

**Q6.** How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Can't choose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ireland should limit the import of foreign products in order to protect its national economy | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q6_1 |
| For certain problems like environmental pollution, international bodies (e.g. UN, EU, WHO) should have the right to enforce solutions | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q6_2 |
| Irish schools should make much more effort to teach foreign languages properly | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q6_3 |
| Ireland should follow its own interests, even if this leads to conflicts with other nations | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q6_4 |
| Foreigners should not be allowed to buy land in Ireland | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q6_5 |
| Irish television should give preference to Irish-made films and programmes | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q6_6 |

Now we would like to ask a few questions about minorities in Ireland.

Q7a. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Can't choose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| It is impossible for people who do not share Irish customs and traditions to become fully Irish | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q7_1 |
| Ethnic minorities should be given government assistance to preserve their customs and traditions | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q7_2 |

b. When answering the above question about ethnic minorities, who was it you had in mind?

Q7_3

_____

Q7_4

_____

Q8. Some people say that is better for a country if different racial and ethnic groups maintain their distinct customs and traditions. Others say that it is better if these groups adapt and blend into the larger society. Which of these views comes closer to your own? (Pease tick one box only)

Q7_5

It is better for society if groups maintain their distinct customs and traditions $\square_1$

It is better if groups adapt and blend into the larger society $\square_2$

Q8_1

Can't choose $\square_3$

There are different opinions about immigrants from other countries living in Ireland. (By 'immigrants' we mean people who come to settle in Ireland)

Q9. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Can't choose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Immigrants increase crime rates | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q9_1 |
| Immigrants are generally good for Ireland's economy | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q9_2 |
| Immigrants take jobs away from people who were born in Ireland | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q9_3 |
| Immigrants make Ireland more open to new ideas and cultures | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q9_4 |

**Q10.** Do you think the number of immigrants to Ireland nowadays should be . . . (Please tick one box only)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| increased a lot | $\square_1$ | |
| increased a little | $\square_2$ | |
| remain the same as it is | $\square_3$ | Q10_1 |
| reduced a little | $\square_4$ | |
| reduced a lot | $\square_5$ | |
| can't choose | $\square_6$ | |

**Q11.** How much do you agree or disagree that refugees who have suffered political repression in their own country should be allowed to stay in Ireland? (Please tick one box only)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| strongly agree | $\square_1$ | |
| agree | $\square_2$ | |
| neither agree nor disagree | $\square_3$ | Q11_1 |
| disagree | $\square_4$ | |
| strongly disagree | $\square_5$ | |
| can't choose | $\square_6$ | |

**Q12.** Where did you spend most of your childhood (until age 16)? (Please tick one box only)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| In this town (city, village, locality) | $\square_1$ | |
| In a different town (city, village), but in this county | $\square_2$ | Q12_1 |
| In a different county in Ireland | $\square_3$ | |
| Outside Ireland | $\square_4$ | |

**Q13.** How long have you lived in the town (city, village, locality) where you live now? (Please fill in number of years or tick box if less than one year)

Less than 1 year $\square_1$ _____ years          Q13_1

**Q14.** About how long altogether have you lived in other countries? (Please tick one box only)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Never lived in other countries | $\square_1$ | |
| Less than 1 year in all | $\square_2$ | Q14_1 |
| 1 to 4 years in all | $\square_3$ | |
| 5 years or longer | $\square_4$ | |

Q15_1

**Q15a.** What language or languages do you speak at home? (Please fill in)

At home I speak: _____

Q15_2

Q15_3

Q15_4

**b.** What language or languages do you speak well? (Please fill in)

Q15_5

_____

Q15_6

_____

Q15_7

Q16a. Are you a citizen of Ireland?

Yes $\square_1$    No $\square_2$

<div align="right">Q16_1</div>

b.   At the time of your birth, were both, one or neither of your parents citizens of Ireland? (Please tick one box only)

Both were citizens of Ireland $\square_1$

Only father was a citizen of Ireland $\square_2$

<div align="right">Q16_2</div>

Only mother was a citizen of Ireland $\square_3$

Neither parent was a citizen of Ireland $\square_4$

c.   Do you usually think of yourself as Irish?

Yes $\square_1$    No $\square_2$

<div align="right">Q16_3</div>

Q17.   Which of these two statements comes closer to your own view?  (Please tick one box only)

It is essential that Ireland become one state $\square_1$
                    OR

Parts of Ireland should be allowed to remain $\square_2$
fully separate states if they choose to

<div align="right">Q17_1</div>

Can't choose $\square_3$

And now a few questions about the European Union (sometimes still called the European Community or the EEC).

Q18.   How much have you heard or read about the European Union?  (Please tick one box only)

A lot $\square_1$

Quite a lot $\square_2$

<div align="right">Q18_1</div>

Not much $\square_3$

Nothing at all $\square_4$

Q19.   Generally speaking, would you say that Ireland benefits or does not benefit from being a member of the European Union?  (Please tick one box only)

Benefits $\square_1$

Does not benefit $\square_2$

<div align="right">Q19_1</div>

Have never heard of the European Union $\square_3$

Can't choose $\square_4$

Q20.   Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?  (Please tick one box only)

Ireland should do all it can to unite fully $\square_1$
with the European union

Ireland should do all it can to protect its $\square_2$
independence from the European Union

<div align="right">Q20_1</div>

Can't choose $\square_3$

Q21. Some people think that better relations between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland will only come about through more mixing of the two communities. Others think that better relations will only come about through more separation. Which comes closest to your views? (Please tick one box only)

Better relations will come about through more mixing    $\square_1$

OR

Better relations will come about through more separation    $\square_2$

Q21_1

Q22. Here are a number of different ways in which Northern Ireland might be governed in the future. Please tick one box to show which you would most prefer. (Please tick one box only) Should Northern Ireland . . . (Show Card A)

remain part of the UK without a separate parliament in Belfast    $\square_1$

remain part of the UK but with a separate parliament in Belfast    $\square_2$

become part of the Irish Republic without a separate parliament in Belfast    $\square_3$

become part of the Irish Republic with a separate parliament in Belfast    $\square_4$

be governed jointly by the UK and the Irish Republic without its own parliament in Belfast    $\square_5$

be governed jointly by the UK and the Irish Republic with its own parliament in Belfast    $\square_6$

become an independent state with its own parliament, separate from both UK and the Irish Republic    $\square_7$

can't choose    $\square_8$

Q22_1

Q23a. How much say do you think a British Government of any party should have in the way Northern Ireland is run? Do you think it should have . . . (Please tick one box only)

a great deal of say    $\square_1$

some say    $\square_2$

a little say    $\square_3$

or no say at all    $\square_4$

can't choose    $\square_5$

Q23_1

b. And how much say do you think an Irish government of any party should have in the way Northern Ireland is run? Do you think it should have . . . (Please tick one box only)

a great deal of say    $\square_1$

some say    $\square_2$

a little say    $\square_3$

or no say at all    $\square_4$

can't choose    $\square_5$

Q23_2

Q24a. There is a good deal of discussion about whether or not people are treated equally. The groups we have in mind are on this card. (Show card C) Do you think that each of these groups gets equal treatment in terms of jobs and employment?

| | Yes, Get equal treatment | No, don't get equal treatment | Don't know | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Catholics in N. Ireland | ❑₁ | ❑₂ | ❑₃ | Q24_1 |
| Protestants in the Rep. of Ireland | ❑₁ | ❑₂ | ❑₃ | Q24_2 |
| Irish people in Britain | ❑₁ | ❑₂ | ❑₃ | Q24_3 |
| Other immigrants in Britain | ❑₁ | ❑₂ | ❑₃ | Q24_4 |

b. Do you think that each of these groups gets equal treatment by the police?

| | Yes, Get equal treatment | No, don't get equal treatment | Don't know | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Catholics in N. Ireland | ❑₁ | ❑₂ | ❑₃ | Q24_5 |
| Protestants in the Rep. of Ireland | ❑₁ | ❑₂ | ❑₃ | Q24_6 |
| Irish people in Britain | ❑₁ | ❑₂ | ❑₃ | Q24_7 |
| Other immigrants in Britain | ❑₁ | ❑₂ | ❑₃ | Q24_8 |

c. And finally, do these groups get equal respect for their traditions and aspirations?

| | Yes, Get equal treatment | No, don't get equal treatment | Don't know | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Catholics in N. Ireland | ❑₁ | ❑₂ | ❑₃ | Q24_9 |
| Protestants in the Rep. of Ireland | ❑₁ | ❑₂ | ❑₃ | Q24_10 |
| Irish people in Britain | ❑₁ | ❑₂ | ❑₃ | Q24_11 |
| Other immigrants in Britain | ❑₁ | ❑₂ | ❑₃ | Q24_12 |

Now I would like to ask you a few questions on some other topics.

Q25. Some people say that our laws should be in line with the teaching of the Catholic Church, others say that our laws should be quite independent of the teaching of the Catholic Church. On a scale of 1-7 where would you place yourself? (Show Card D)

Laws should be in line with the teaching of the Catholic Church

Laws should be totally independent of the teaching of the Catholic Church

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Q25_1

**Q26.** There are many ways of picturing God. We'd like to know the kinds of images you are most likely to associate with God. Here are sets of contrasting images. (Show Card E) On a scale of 1-7 where would you place your image of God between the two contrasting images? (Please circle one number on each line)

Mother                                                                                    Father

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Q26_1

Master                                                                                   Spouse

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Q26_2

Judge                                                                                     Lover

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Q26_3

Friend                                                                                     King

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Q26_4

**Q27.** People have different images of the world and human nature. We'd like to know the kinds of images you have. Here are sets of contrasting images. (Show Card F) On a scale of 1-7 where would you place your image of the world and human nature between the two contrasting images? (Please circle one number on each line)

The world is basically                                    There is much goodness in the world
filled with evil and sin                                     which hints at God's goodness

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Q27_1

Human nature is                                            Human nature is fundamentally
basically very good                                        perverse and corrupt

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Q27_2

**Q28.** As well as thinking of themselves as Irish or whatever, some people also think of themselves as European. Others do not do so. How about you? On this scale of 1-7 please indicate how you think of yourself. (Show Card G, please circle one number only)

Not at all as                                                   Very much as
a European                                                    a European

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Q28_1

**Q29.** Looking at this card, could you tell me how important is it to you that you are Irish (or other identity, if indicated at Question 16c.)? (Show Card H, please tick one box only)

Very important                    ☐₁

Fairly important                   ☐₂

Not very important               ☐₃

Not at all important              ☐₄

Can't choose                       ☐₅

Not applicable                     ☐₆

Q29_1

**Q30.** We talked about being proud of Ireland in various respects. Can you tell me how proud you are of Ireland in regard to . . . (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Very proud | Somewhat proud | Not very proud | Not proud at all | Can't choose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| its Catholic religious traditions | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q30_1 |
| its Protestant religious tradition | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q30_2 |
| its Irish language and culture | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q30_3 |
| its English language and culture | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q30_4 |
| its policy of neutrality in international relations | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q30_5 |

**Q31.** In general, would you say that people should obey the law without exception, or are there exceptional occasions on which people should follow their consciences even if it means breaking the law? (Please tick one box only)

Obey the law without exception    $\square_1$

Follow conscience on occasions    $\square_2$      Q31_1

Can't choose    $\square_3$

**Q32.** There are many ways people or organisations can protest against a government action they strongly oppose. Please show which you think should be allowed and which should not be allowed. (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Definitely allowed | Probably allowed | Probably not allowed | Definitely not allowed | Can't Choose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Organising public meetings to protest against the government | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q32_1 |
| Organising protest marches and demonstrations | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q32_2 |
| Organising a nationwide strike of all workers against the government | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q32_3 |

**Q33.** Would you or would you not do any of the following to protest against a government action you strongly opposed? (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Definitely would | Probably would | Probably not | Definitely not | Can't Choose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Attend a public meeting organised against the government | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q33_1 |
| Go on a protest march or demonstration | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q33_2 |

**Q34.** And in the past five years how many times have you done each of the following to protest against a government action you strongly oppose? (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Never | Once | More than once | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Attended a public meeting organised against the government | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | Q34_1 |
| Gone on a protest march or demonstration | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | Q34_2 |

Q35. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider people who want to overthrow the government by revolution. Do you think such people should be allowed to ... (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Definitely | Probably | Probably not | Definitely not | Can't Choose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| hold public meetings to express their views | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q35_1 |
| publish books expressing their views | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q35_2 |

Q36. All systems of justice make mistakes, but which do you think is worse ... (Please tick one box only)

to convict an innocent person $\square_1$

to let a guilty person go free $\square_2$

Can't choose $\square_3$

Q36_1

Q37. The government has a lot of different pieces of information about people which computers can bring together very quickly. Is this ... (Please tick one box only)

a very serious threat to individual privacy $\square_1$

a fairly serious threat $\square_2$

not a serious threat $\square_3$

or, not a threat at all to individual privacy $\square_4$

Can't choose $\square_5$

Q37_1

Q38. What is your opinion of the following statement? 'It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes.' (Please tick one box only)

agree strongly $\square_1$

agree $\square_2$

neither agree nor disagree $\square_3$

disagree strongly $\square_4$

Can't choose $\square_5$

Q38_1

Q39. Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Please show which actions you are in favour of and which you are against. (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Strongly in favour of | In favour of | Neither in favour of nor against | Against | Strongly Against | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Control of wages by law | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q39_1 |
| Control of prices by law | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q39_2 |
| Cuts in government spending | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q39_3 |
| Government financing of projects to create new jobs | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q39_4 |
| Less government regulation of business | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q39_5 |
| Support for industry to develop new products and technology | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q39_6 |
| Support for declining industries to protect jobs | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q39_7 |
| Reducing the working week to create more jobs | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | Q39_8 |

Q40. Listed below are various areas of government spending. Please show whether you would like to see more or less government spending in each area. Remember that if you say "much more", it might require a tax increase to pay for it. (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Spend much more | Spend more | Spend the same as now | Spend less | Spend much less | Can't choose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The environment | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q40_1 |
| Health | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q40_2 |
| The police and law enforcement | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q40_3 |
| Education | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q40_4 |
| The military and defence | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q40_5 |
| Old age pensions | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q40_6 |
| Unemployment benefits | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q40_7 |
| Culture and the arts | ☐₁ | ☐₂ | ☐₃ | ☐₄ | ☐₅ | ☐₆ | Q40_8 |

Q41. Do you think that trade unions in this country have too much power or too little power? (Please tick one box only)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Far too much power | ☐₁ | |
| Too much power | ☐₂ | |
| About the right amount of power | ☐₃ | Q41_1 |
| Too little power | ☐₄ | |
| Far too little power | ☐₅ | |
| Can't choose | ☐₆ | |

Q42a. **How about business and industry? Do they have too much power or too little power? (Please tick one box only)**

|                             |        |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Far too much power          | $\square_1$ |        |
| Too much power              | $\square_2$ |        |
| About the right amount of power | $\square_3$ | Q42_1 |
| Too little power            | $\square_4$ |        |
| Far too little power        | $\square_5$ |        |
| Can't choose                | $\square_6$ |        |

b. **And what about the government, does it have too much or too little power? (Please tick one box only)**

|                             |        |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Far too much power          | $\square_1$ |        |
| Too much power              | $\square_2$ |        |
| About the right amount of power | $\square_3$ | Q42_2 |
| Too little power            | $\square_4$ |        |
| Far too little power        | $\square_5$ |        |
| Can't choose                | $\square_6$ |        |

Q43. **On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to . . .**
(Please tick one box on each line)

|  | Definitely should be | Probably should be | Probably should not be | Definitely should not be | Can't choose |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| provide a job for everyone who wants one | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q43_1 |
| keep prices under control | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q43_2 |
| provide health care for the sick | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q43_3 |
| Provide a decent standard of living for the old | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q43_4 |
| provide industry with the help it needs to grow | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q43_5 |
| provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q43_6 |
| reduce income differences between the rich and the poor | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q43_7 |
| give financial help to university students from low-income families | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q43_8 |
| provide decent housing for those who can't afford it | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q43_9 |
| impose strict laws to make industry do less damage to the environment | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | Q43_10 |

Here are some questions about politics.

Q44. **How interested would you say you personally are in politics?** (Please tick one box only)

|  |  |  |
|---|---|---|
| Very interested | $\square_1$ | |
| Fairly interested | $\square_2$ | |
| Somewhat interested | $\square_3$ | Q44_1 |
| Not very interested | $\square_4$ | |
| Not at all interested | $\square_5$ | |
| Can't choose | $\square_6$ | |

Q45. **How much do you agree with the following statements?** (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Can't choose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| People like me don't have any say about what the government does | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q45_1 |
| The average citizen has considerable influence on politics | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q45_2 |
| Even the best politician cannot have much impact because of the way government works | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q45_3 |
| I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q45_4 |
| Elections are a good way of making governments pay attention to what most people think | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q45_5 |
| I think most people are better informed about politics and government than I am | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q45_6 |
| People we elect as TDs try to keep the promises they have made during the election | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q45_7 |
| Most civil servants can be trusted to do what is best for the country | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_6$ | Q45_8 |

Q46. **All in all, how well or badly do you think the system of democracy in Ireland works these days?** (Please tick one box only)

|  |  |  |
|---|---|---|
| It works well and needs no changes | $\square_1$ | |
| It works well but needs some changes | $\square_2$ | |
| It does not work well and needs a lot of changes | $\square_3$ | Q46_1 |
| It does not work well and needs to be completely changed | $\square_4$ | |
| Can't choose | $\square_5$ | |

**Q47.** If the government had a choice between reducing taxes or spending more on social services, which do you think it should do? (Please tick one box only)

Reduce taxes, even if this means spending less on social services     $\square_1$

<div align="center">OR</div>

Spend more on social services, even if this means higher taxes     $\square_2$     Q47_1

Can't choose     $\square_3$

**Q48.** Generally, how would you describe taxes in Ireland today? Again, we mean all taxes together, including wage deductions, income tax, tax on goods and services and all the rest.

First, for those with high incomes, are taxes . . . (Please tick one box only)

| | |
|---|---|
| much too high | $\square_1$ |
| too high | $\square_2$ |
| about right | $\square_3$ |
| too low | $\square_4$ |
| much too low | $\square_5$ |
| can't choose | $\square_6$ |

Q48_1

Next, for those with middle incomes, are taxes . . . (Please tick one box only)

| | |
|---|---|
| much too high | $\square_1$ |
| too high | $\square_2$ |
| about right | $\square_3$ |
| too low | $\square_4$ |
| much too low | $\square_5$ |
| can't choose | $\square_6$ |

Q48_2

Lastly, for those with low incomes, are taxes . . . (Please tick one box only)

| | |
|---|---|
| much too high | $\square_1$ |
| too high | $\square_2$ |
| about right | $\square_3$ |
| too low | $\square_4$ |
| much too low | $\square_5$ |
| can't choose | $\square_6$ |

Q48_3

**Q49.** Do you think each of the following should mainly be run by private organisations or companies, or by government. (Please tick one box on each line)

| | Mainly run by private organisations or companies | Mainly run by government | Can't choose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Electricity | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | Q49_1 |
| Hospitals | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | Q49_2 |
| Banks | $\square_1$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_3$ | Q49_3 |

**Q50.** If the government had to choose between keeping down inflation or keeping down unemployment, to which do you think it should give highest priority? (Please tick one box only)

keeping down inflation      $\square_1$

keeping down unemployment      $\square_2$        Q50_1

can't choose      $\square_3$

**Q51.** Suppose the level of taxation in Ireland stays the same as it is now. Should the government . . . (Please tick one box only)

spend the same amount as now on social services,      $\square_1$
even if this means the national debt stays as it is

spend less than now on social services, so that the      $\square_2$        Q51_1
national debt can be reduced

can't choose      $\square_3$

Now we would like to obtain some general information about yourself. This will allow us to classify the answers we get in order to see if there are important differences between the opinions of men and women, young and old etc.

**Q52. Sex:**      Male   $\square_1$      Female   $\square_2$      Q52_1

**Q53. Date of Birth:**      Day _____   Month _____   Year _____      Q53_1

**Q54a.** What is the highest level of education that you attained? (Tick one box in column A)      Q54_1 RESPT

**b.** What is the highest level of education that your father attained? (Tick one box in column B)      Q54_2 FATHER

**c.** What is the highest level of education that your mother attained? (Tick one box in column C)      Q54_3 MOTHER

If you don't have a spouse/partner go to Question 55.

**d.** What is the highest level of education that your spouse/partner attained? (Tick one box in column D)      Q54_4 SPOUSE

| | A<br>Respondent | B<br>Father | C<br>Mother | D<br>Spouse/Partner |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| None | $\square_1$ | $\square_1$ | $\square_1$ | $\square_1$ |
| Incomplete Primary | $\square_2$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_2$ |
| Completed Primary | $\square_3$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_3$ |
| Some second level | $\square_4$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_4$ |
| Group Cert or equivalent | $\square_5$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_5$ |
| Intermediate Cert or equivalent | $\square_6$ | $\square_6$ | $\square_6$ | $\square_6$ |
| Leaving Cert or equivalent | $\square_7$ | $\square_7$ | $\square_7$ | $\square_7$ |
| Third level incomplete | $\square_8$ | $\square_8$ | $\square_8$ | $\square_8$ |
| Certificate or diploma | $\square_9$ | $\square_9$ | $\square_9$ | $\square_9$ |
| University primary degree or equivalent | $\square_{10}$ | $\square_{10}$ | $\square_{10}$ | $\square_{10}$ |
| University higher degree or equivalent | $\square_{11}$ | $\square_{11}$ | $\square_{11}$ | $\square_{11}$ |

**Q55.** How many years of full-time education did you receive? (If did not return to full-time education as an adult, calculate as (age when left full-time education minus 5))

_____ years

<div style="text-align:right">Q55_1</div>

**Q56a.** Have you ever been unemployed during the past ten years?

Yes ☐₁ No ☐₂

<div style="text-align:right">Q56_1</div>

**b.** (If unemployed in the last ten years) And how many months have you been unemployed during the last ten years? (Consider all periods of unemployment)

Number of months _____

<div style="text-align:right">Q56_2</div>

**c.** Which of the following best describes your present situation with regard to employment?

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| At work full-time (35+ hours weekly) | ☐₁ | Student | ☐₆ |
| At work part-time (15-35) hours weekly | ☐₂ | Retired | ☐₇ |
| At work less than 15 hours weekly | ☐₃ | Engaged in home duties | ☐₈ |
| At work as relative assisting | ☐₄ | Permanently disabled | ☐₉ |
| Unemployed (incl. seeking first job) | ☐₅ | Other, not in labour force | ☐₁₀ |

<div style="text-align:right">Q56_3</div>

If 'At work' (Codes 1-4 above), answer Questions 57-61 in relation to your present job. If not now working but did work in the past, answer Questions 57-61 in relation to your most recent job. If you never had a job go to Question 62.

**Q57.** How many hours do/did you normally work per week? _____ hours

<div style="text-align:right">Q57_1</div>

**Q58.** What is/was your occupation? Please describe fully.

_____

_____

<div style="text-align:right">Q58_1</div>

**Q59.** Do/did you supervise, or are/were you responsible for the work of any other people?

Yes ☐₁ No ☐₂

<div style="text-align:right">Q59_1</div>

**Q60.** Do/did you work in the public or private sector?

| | |
|---|---|
| Civil Service | ☐₁ |
| Local Authority Health Board or VEC | ☐₂ |
| Non-commercial semi-state body | ☐₃ |
| Semi-state body | ☐₄ |
| Private sector (employee or relative assisting) | ☐₅ |
| Self-employed (incl. farmer) | ☐₆ |

<div style="text-align:right">Q60_1</div>

**Q61.** (If self employed (code 6 above) ask Question 62, otherwise go to Question 63) How many people do/did you employ?

_____

<div style="text-align:right">Q61_1</div>

**Q62.** Are you a member of any trade union at this time?

Yes ☐₁ No ☐₂

<div style="text-align:right">Q62_1</div>

Q63. **Marital Status:**

Married ⬜1

Living as married ⬜2

Widowed ⬜3

Divorced ⬜4

Separated ⬜5

Single ⬜6

Q63_1

Q64. (If married or living as married, codes 1 or 2 at Question 63, otherwise go to Question 67) **In relation to employment, could you describe your spouse's/partner's situation at present?**

At work full-time (35+ hours weekly) ⬜1 Student ⬜6

At work part-time (15-35) hours weekly ⬜2 Retired ⬜7

At work less than 15 hours weekly ⬜3 Engaged in home duties ⬜8

At work as relative assisting ⬜4 Permanently disabled ⬜9

Unemployed (incl. seeking first job) ⬜5 Other, not in labour force ⬜10

Q64_1

If spouse/partner is 'At work' (Codes 1-4 above), answer Question 65 in relation to present job. If spouse/partner is not now working but did work in the past, answer Question 65 in relation to most recent job. If spouse/partner never had a job go to Question 66.

Q65. **What is/was your spouse's/partner's occupation?** (Please describe fully)

_____

_____

Q65_1

Q66. **Is your spouse/partner a member of any trade union at this time?**

Yes ⬜1 No ⬜2

Q66_1

Q67a. **What is/was your father's occupation?** (Describe fully. If father deceased/not at work at this time, ask about the last paid job the respondent's father had)

_____

_____

Q67_1

b. **What is/was your mother's occupation?** (Describe fully If mother deceased/not at work at this time, ask about the last paid job the respondent's mother had)

_____

_____

Q67_2

Q68. With regard to your accommodation, could you tell me if it is . . .

Own house/flat or buying on mortgage □₁

Private rented □₂

Rented from local authority □₃

Rented from employer □₄

Rented - not specified □₅

Other, specify □₆

Q68_1

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Q69. Thinking now of the other members of your household, could you please give their Christian names or initials, their sex and their age.

| Christian Name | Sex | Age | Q69_ |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 _____ | M    F | _____ | 1, 2 |
| 2 _____ | M    F | _____ | 3, 4 |
| 3 _____ | M    F | _____ | 5, 6 |
| 4 _____ | M    F | _____ | 7, 8 |
| 5 _____ | M    F | _____ | 9, 10 |
| 6 _____ | M    F | _____ | 11, 12 |
| 7 _____ | M    F | _____ | 13, 14 |
| 8 _____ | M    F | _____ | 15, 16 |
| 9 _____ | M    F | _____ | 17, 18 |
| 10 _____ | M    F | _____ | 19, 20 |

Q70a. Here is a scale of incomes, and we would like to know in what group your household is, counting all wages, salaries, pensions and other incomes that come in. (Show Card I. Circle in column (a) the letter of the group your household falls into, before taxes and other deductions)

Q70-1
HSHLD

b. And which group does your own income fall into, again before taxes and other deductions? (Circle in column (b) the letter of the group your personal income falls into)

Q70_2
OWN

£ Total Gross Income

| Per Week | Per Year | (a) Household Category | (b) Personal Category |
|---|---|---|---|
| £0-£49 | £0-2,599 | C | C |
| £50-£99 | £2,600-5,199 | D | D |
| £100-£149 | £5,200-£7,799 | E | E |
| £150-£199 | £7,800-£10,399 | F | F |
| £200-£299 | £10,400-£15,599 | G | G |
| £300-£399 | £15,600-£20,799 | H | H |
| £400-£499 | £20,800-£25,999 | I | I |
| £500-£699 | £26,000-£36,399 | J | J |
| £700+ | £36,400+ | K | K |

**Q71. What is your religion?** (Please tick one box only)

| | |
|---|---|
| Roman Catholic | $\square_{03}$ |
| Church of Ireland | $\square_{04}$ |
| Presbyterian | $\square_{21}$ |
| Methodist | $\square_{06}$ |
| None | $\square_{01}$ |
| Other (specify) _____ | $\square_{x}$ |

Q71_1

**Q72. How often do you attend religious services?** (Please tick one box only)

| | |
|---|---|
| Never | $\square_{1}$ |
| Less than once a year | $\square_{2}$ |
| About once or twice a year | $\square_{3}$ |
| Several times a year | $\square_{4}$ |
| About once a month | $\square_{5}$ |
| 2-3 times a month | $\square_{6}$ |
| Nearly every week | $\square_{7}$ |
| Every week | $\square_{8}$ |
| Several times a week | $\square_{9}$ |
| Once a day | $\square_{10}$ |
| Several times a day | $\square_{11}$ |

Q72_1

**Q73. People have different ideas about social classes and who belongs to them. In your own case if you had to classify yourself in to one of the categories, which would it be?**

| | |
|---|---|
| Lower class | $\square_{1}$ |
| Working class | $\square_{2}$ |
| Upper working/lower middle class | $\square_{3}$ |
| Middle class | $\square_{4}$ |
| Upper middle class | $\square_{5}$ |
| Upper class | $\square_{6}$ |
| Don't know | $\square_{9}$ |

Q73_1

**Q74a. Do you feel closer to one of the political parties than to the others?**

Yes $\square_{1}$ No $\square_{2}$

Q74_1

b.    If yes, which party is that?

Fianna Fail     $\square_1$

Fine Gael     $\square_2$

Labour     $\square_3$

Worker's Party     $\square_4$

Progressive Democrats     $\square_5$

Green Party     $\square_6$

Sinn Fein     $\square_7$

Democratic Left     $\square_8$

Other, specify     $\square_9$

c.    Do you feel yourself to be very close to this party, fairly close or merely a sympathiser?

Very close     $\square_1$

Fairly close     $\square_2$

Merely a sympathiser     $\square_3$

**Q75.** People often use the term 'right wing' or 'left wing' in describing political opinions. This card, (Show Card J) shows a scale from very left wing to very right wing. Where would you put yourself on this scale?

Left                                             Right

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

**Q76a.** If there were a General Election tomorrow which party would you vote for? (Tick one box in column (A))

b.    When you were growing up, which party did your father usually vote for? (Tick one box in column (B))

c.    When you were growing up, which party did your mother usually vote for? (Tick one box in column (C))

| | A Respondent | B Father | C Mother |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fianna Fail | $\square_1$ | $\square_1$ | $\square_1$ |
| Fine Gael | $\square_2$ | $\square_2$ | $\square_2$ |
| Labour | $\square_3$ | $\square_3$ | $\square_3$ |
| Worker's Party | $\square_4$ | $\square_4$ | $\square_4$ |
| Progressive Democrats | $\square_5$ | $\square_5$ | $\square_5$ |
| Green Party | $\square_6$ | $\square_6$ | $\square_6$ |
| Sinn Fein | $\square_7$ | $\square_7$ | $\square_7$ |
| Democratic Left | $\square_8$ | $\square_8$ | $\square_8$ |
| Other, specify | $\square_9$ | $\square_9$ | $\square_9$ |

Q77a. Could you please think back to the last general election in November 1992? Did you vote in that election or not?

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Voted | $\square_1$ | |
| Did not vote | $\square_2$ | Q77_1 |
| Can't remember | $\square_3$ | |

b. (If voted) **Which party did you vote for in that election?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Fianna Fail | $\square_1$ | |
| Fine Gael | $\square_2$ | |
| Labour | $\square_3$ | |
| Worker's Party | $\square_4$ | |
| Progressive Democrats | $\square_5$ | Q77_2 |
| Green Party | $\square_6$ | |
| Sinn Fein | $\square_7$ | |
| Democratic Left | $\square_8$ | |
| Other, specify | $\square_9$ | |

c. (If did not vote) **Which one of the following reasons comes closest to explaining why you did not vote at the last general election in November 1992?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| I was not eligible or not registered to vote | $\square_1$ | |
| I wanted to vote but was not able to get to the polling station | $\square_2$ | |
| I didn't understand enough about politics | $\square_3$ | |
| I was not interested enough in the election | $\square_4$ | Q77_3 |
| I wanted to vote but forgot to | $\square_5$ | |
| I never vote for reasons of conscience | $\square_6$ | |
| I couldn't decide who to vote for | $\square_7$ | |
| Other reason (please specify) | $\square_8$ | |

| | |
|---|---|
| Can't choose | $\square_9$ |

# THANK YOU