

## Appendix 2: Questionnaire and Results

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**Lisbon Treaty Public Opinion Poll  
Topline Results**  
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*Fieldwork Dates – 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008*

**Base: (2,101) All Adults 18+  
Unless Otherwise Stated**

<p>A Are you a citizen of Ireland <b>and</b> on the Electoral Register i.e. eligible to vote in Irish Referendums?</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>▪ Yes .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>▪ No .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		%	▪ Yes .....	100	▪ No .....	-
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▪ No .....	-						

<p>Q.1a) <b>On the 12<sup>th</sup> June last, a referendum was held on the Treaty of Lisbon.</b> As you may remember, many people did not vote in that referendum. How about you? Did you vote in the referendum on the Treaty of Lisbon that was held in June?</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>▪ Yes – voted .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>▪ Did not vote .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">47</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		%	▪ Yes – voted .....	53	▪ Did not vote .....	47
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▪ Did not vote .....	47						

**IF VOTED (CODE 1 AT Q.1a) ASK, OTHERS GO TO Q4:**

<p>Q.1b) How did you vote in that referendum - in favour or against the Lisbon Treaty? <i>Base: All Who voted (1,354)</i></p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>▪ Voted - In favour .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>▪ Voted - Against.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">54</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		%	▪ Voted - In favour .....	46	▪ Voted - Against.....	54
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<p><b>SHOW CARD</b> Q.1c) Using this card, can you tell me roughly when did you make up your mind how you would vote in that referendum? <i>Base: All Who voted (1,354)</i></p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>▪ At the time the referendum was announced .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>▪ Fairly early on during the referendum campaign ..</td> <td style="text-align: right;">40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>▪ In the final week of the campaign .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>▪ On the day of the referendum itself.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>▪ Don't Know/NA .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		%	▪ At the time the referendum was announced .....	13	▪ Fairly early on during the referendum campaign ..	40	▪ In the final week of the campaign .....	34	▪ On the day of the referendum itself.....	7	▪ Don't Know/NA .....	6
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Q.2a) What were the main reasons why you voted in **Favour/Against (AS APPROPRIATE)** the Lisbon Treaty in the referendum last month? **Were there any other reasons? And anything else?**

**Base: All Who voted (1,354)**

<b>REASONS FOR VOTING YES:</b>	<b>%</b>
▪ <b>Any mention of attitudinal reasons</b> .....	<b>69</b>
▪ EU has been/is good for Ireland (unspecified) .....	20
▪ Treaty is good for Ireland (unspecified).....	16
▪ Felt it was the right thing to do .....	14
▪ Feel European/am a supporter of European integration .....	8
▪ EU has been/is good for Irish economy .....	5
▪ Treaty makes EU more efficient/allows it to develop/progress .....	5
▪ Ireland needs to belong fully to EU.....	4
▪ Maintain Irish influences in Europe .....	4
▪ Treaty is good for Europe.....	3
▪ <b>Any mention of followed advice</b> .....	<b>22</b>
▪ Followed advice of Government .....	12
▪ Followed advice of parties .....	6
▪ Followed advice of family/friends .....	4
▪ <b>Any mention of campaign arguments/protagonists</b> .....	<b>6</b>

**\* NOTE: Answers under 3% not shown**

<b>REASONS FOR VOTING NO:</b>	<b>%</b>
▪ <b>Any mention of information, knowledge, understanding</b> .....	<b>45</b>
▪ Lack of information, knowledge, understanding, treaty too complex.....	42
▪ Not sure of opinion so voted no .....	3
▪ <b>Any mention of issues attributed to Lisbon</b> .....	<b>26</b>
▪ Lisbon treaty a bad deal, bad for Ireland.....	8
▪ Loss of/diminution of Irish neutrality .....	5
▪ Loss of Irish Commissioner on rotating basis .....	4
▪ <b>Any mention of attitudes to referendum process</b> .....	<b>20</b>
▪ Didn't have confidence in Government/they were secretive and cagey – failed to provide information and arguments .....	6
▪ Didn't like being told how to vote without agreements being given/ being bullied and pushed into voting yes .....	4
▪ Not convinced by Yes arguments.....	3
▪ <b>Any mention of loss of power/independence/identity</b> .....	<b>16</b>
▪ Loss of power, domination by large countries, dictated to by other countries.....	13
▪ Loss of/threat to Ireland's independence.....	3
▪ <b>Any mention of aspects of European integration</b> .....	<b>6</b>

**\* NOTE: Answers under 3% not shown**

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

*Base: All Who voted (1,354)*

	%
▪ Absolutely certain .....	43
▪ Pretty certain .....	34
▪ Some reservations/doubts.....	16
▪ Not at all certain .....	5
▪ Don't Know/NA .....	2

**SHOW CARD**

Q.3 How important or unimportant was each of the following when it came to making up your mind how to vote:

<b>READ OUT ↓</b> <i>Base: All Who voted (1,354)</i>	Very Important (5)	Important (4)	Neither /Nor (3)	Not very Important (2)	Not at all Important (1)	Don't know	Mean Score
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of Irish neutrality ..... %	41	36	7	9	4	3	4.03
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Irish Commissioner for 5 out of every 15 years..... %	32	33	12	13	5	5	3.77
<input type="checkbox"/> To keep Ireland's veto on corporate taxation ..... %	31	41	11	7	3	7	3.98
<input type="checkbox"/> To protect Ireland's policy on abortion..... %	29	32	15	12	7	5	3.66
<input type="checkbox"/> To protect workers' rights..... %	46	40	7	3	1	3	4.32
<input type="checkbox"/> To prevent too much EU regulation ..... %	35	37	13	9	2	4	3.96
<input type="checkbox"/> To strengthen Europe's role in the world..... %	31	37	14	10	3	5	3.87
<input type="checkbox"/> To maintain Ireland's influence within the EU..... %	42	39	8	6	2	3	4.18
<input type="checkbox"/> To enable the EU to be more efficient..... %	34	37	14	8	2	4	3.96
<input type="checkbox"/> Because I did not understand the issues involved..... %	23	24	20	12	12	10	3.37

**IF DID NOT VOTE (CODE 2 AT Q.1a) ASK: OTHERS GO TO Q.5**

Q.4 Why did you not vote?  
Were there any other reasons? And anything else?  
*Base: All Who did Not Vote (744)*

REASONS FOR NOT VOTING:	%
▪ <b>Any mention of voluntary abstention .....</b>	<b>63</b>
▪ Lack of understanding/lack of information/too complicated .....	46
▪ Couldn't be bothered/not interested .....	10
▪ Undecided/uncertain what way to vote/confused.....	3
▪ Campaigns unsatisfactory .....	2
▪ Opposed to/did not like Lisbon Treaty .....	2
▪ Not interested in politics .....	2
▪ Dislike/distrust politicians/politics .....	2
▪ <b>Any mention of circumstantial abstention .....</b>	<b>34</b>
▪ Away from home (unspecified).....	10
▪ Away from home (holiday) .....	7
▪ Registration/voting card problem.....	4
▪ Too busy/no time (unspecified).....	4
▪ Too busy/no time – work constraints .....	3
▪ Illness .....	3
▪ Away from home (work).....	2
▪ Registered at another location .....	2
<i>* NOTE: Answers Under 2% Not Shown</i>	

Q.5 In the near future, do you see yourself as...?  
*Base: All Adults 18+ (2,101)*

	%
▪ Irish only .....	45
▪ Irish and European .....	48
▪ European and Irish .....	3
▪ European only .....	1
▪ Don't Know/NA.....	3

**SHOW CARD**

Q.6 By the date of the referendum (12<sup>th</sup> June), how good was your understanding of the issues involved? Please use this card to choose the phrase that applies best to you.

	%
▪ I had a good understanding of what the Treaty was all about.....	9
▪ I understood some of the issues but not all that was involved .....	31
▪ I was only vaguely aware of the issues involved .....	30
▪ I did not know what the Treaty was about at all .....	30
▪ Don't Know/NA .....	1

**SHOW CARD**

Q.7 And how about the European Union in general? Using this scale, how much do you feel you know about the European Union, its policies, its institutions?

		<b>%</b>
1	Nothing at all.....	10
2	.....	9
3	.....	14
4	.....	15
5	.....	21
6	.....	12
7	.....	9
8	.....	6
9	.....	1
10	Know a great deal.....	1
	Don't know .....	1
	Mean Score.....	4.46

Q.8 For each of the following statements about the European Union could you please tell me whether you think it is true or false?

	<b>True</b>	<b>False</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The EU currently consists of fifteen Member States..... %</li> </ul>	27	49	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Switzerland is a member of the European Union..... %</li> </ul>	21	51	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Every six months, a different Member State becomes the President of the Council of the European Union..... %</li> </ul>	54	17	29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The members of the European Parliament are directly elected by the citizens of the EU..... %</li> </ul>	53	19	29

Q.9 Generally speaking, do you think that Ireland's membership of the European Union (European Community) is ...?

	<b>%</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A good thing.....</li> <li>▪ A bad thing.....</li> <li>▪ Neither good nor bad.....</li> <li>▪ Don't know .....</li> </ul>	70 8 16 6

Q.10 In general, does the European Union conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?

	<b>%</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Very positive (2) .....</li> <li>▪ Fairly positive (1).....</li> <li>▪ Neutral (0).....</li> <li>▪ Fairly negative (-1).....</li> <li>▪ Very negative (-2) .....</li> <li>▪ Don't know .....</li> </ul>	17 46 20 8 2 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mean Score.....</li> </ul>	+0.75

**SHOW CARD**

Q.11 Do you think that, as a result of the NO vote in the Lisbon Treaty referendum, Ireland's influence in the European Union has been strengthened, weakened or remains unchanged?

	<b>%</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Very much strengthened (2).....</li> <li>▪ Somewhat strengthened (1).....</li> <li>▪ Unchanged (0).....</li> <li>▪ Somewhat weakened. (-1).....</li> <li>▪ Very much weakened (-2).....</li> <li>▪ Don't know .....</li> </ul>	2 12 42 26 4 14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mean Score.....</li> </ul>	-0.20

**SHOW CARD**  
 Q.12 Do you think that, as a result of the NO vote in the Lisbon Treaty referendum, Ireland's **economic prospects** have been improved or disimproved or remain unchanged?

	%
▪ Very much improved (2).....	*
▪ Somewhat improved (1).....	5
▪ Unchanged (0).....	54
▪ Somewhat disimproved.(-1).....	23
▪ Very much disimproved (-2).....	3
▪ Don't know .....	15
▪ Mean Score.....	-0.27

**SHOW CARD**  
 Q.13 Do you think that, as a result of the no vote in the Lisbon Treaty referendum, Ireland's **ability to attract foreign investment** has been strengthened, weakened or remains unchanged?

	%
▪ Very much strengthened (2).....	1
▪ Somewhat strengthened (1).....	6
▪ Unchanged (0).....	49
▪ Somewhat weakened (-1).....	24
▪ Very much weakened (-2).....	3
▪ Don't know .....	17
▪ Mean Score.....	-0.29

**SHOW CARD**  
 Q.14 Which of the following comes closest to your own view?

	%
▪ In the light of the result of the referendum, Ireland's interests are best pursued by remaining <b>fully</b> involved in the EU.....	60
▪ In the light of the result of the referendum, Ireland's interests are best pursued by opting to be <b>less</b> involved in the EU.....	18
▪ Don't know.....	22

**SHOW CARD**  
 Q.15 What does the European Union mean to you personally?

	%
▪ Peace.....	24
▪ Economic prosperity.....	46
▪ Democracy.....	21
▪ Workers' rights.....	27
▪ Our freedom to travel, study and work anywhere in the EU.....	55
▪ Cultural diversity.....	23
▪ Stronger say in the world.....	29
▪ The Euro.....	48
▪ Unemployment.....	11
▪ Bureaucracy.....	16
▪ Waste of money.....	8
▪ Loss of our cultural identity.....	15
▪ More crime.....	11
▪ A lot of immigration.....	25
▪ Loss of independence.....	13
▪ Lower wage rates.....	9
▪ Other (SPONTANEOUS).....	1
▪ Don't Know.....	5

Q.16 I have a number of statements here that people sometimes make. 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.

Q.16a) **SHOW CARD**

I am quite satisfied with the way in which policies and decisions are made in the European Union (1)										I am quite dissatisfied with the way in which policies and decisions are made in the European Union (9)										No Opinion/ Don't Know	Mean Score
%	5	6	11	11	17	12	11	7	7								14	4.86			

Q.16b) **SHOW CARD**

The big countries in the European Union have far too much power and influence (1)										The small countries in the European Union are well able to defend their own interests (9)										No Opinion/ Don't Know	Mean Score
%	11	11	11	11	12	13	9	7	4								11	4.89			

Q.16c) **SHOW CARD**

Ireland should do everything it can to strengthen its neutrality even if this means being less involved in European Union co-operation on foreign and defence policy (1)										Ireland should be willing to accept limitations on its neutrality so that it can be more fully involved in European Union co-operation on foreign and defence policy (9)										No Opinion/ Don't Know	Mean Score
%	14	9	10	8	12	13	11	7	4								13	4.76			

Q.17 **SHOW CARD**

Using the card provided please indicate whether Ireland is made a worse or a better place to live in by people coming to live here from other countries? **SINGLE CODE**

1	↑	Worse place to live.....	11	%
2		.....	6	
3		.....	9	
4		.....	9	
5		.....	18	
6		.....	10	
7		.....	11	
8		.....	11	
9		.....	5	
10	↓	Better place to live.....	8	
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Don't know.....			3	
Mean Score.....			5.35	

**SHOW CARD**

Q.18 European integration has been focussing on various issues in the last years. In your opinion, which aspects, if any, should be emphasised by the European Institutions in the coming years.

	<b>%</b>
▪ The Single Market .....	17
▪ Environment Issues.....	40
▪ Human Rights Issues .....	44
▪ Development Issues.....	31
▪ Peace Keeping .....	37
▪ Immigration Issues .....	40
▪ The fight against crime .....	48
▪ Energy issues .....	47
▪ Solidarity with the EU's poorer regions .....	21
▪ None of these .....	*
▪ Other .....	2
▪ Don't know .....	7

Q.19 Which of the following do you think are included in the Lisbon Treaty?

	<b>%</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Irish Commissioner for 5 out of every 15 years .....	%	65	9	26
<input type="checkbox"/> Ending of Ireland's right to decide its own corporate tax rate.....	%	43	22	35
<input type="checkbox"/> The introduction of conscription to a European army .....	%	33	37	30
<input type="checkbox"/> The reduction of Ireland's voting strength in the Council of Ministers.....	%	48	18	34
<input type="checkbox"/> The end of Ireland's control over its policy on abortion .....	%	34	33	33
<input type="checkbox"/> The erosion of Irish neutrality .....	%	42	30	29
<input type="checkbox"/> Improved efficiency of EU decision-making.....	%	56	15	29
<input type="checkbox"/> Strengthening Europe's role in the world .....	%	61	12	27
<input type="checkbox"/> Improved protection of workers' rights.....	%	49	19	32
<input type="checkbox"/> Strengthening the role of National Parliaments in EU decision-making.....	%	43	20	37
<input type="checkbox"/> The Charter of Fundamental Rights.....	%	36	14	50

**SHOW CARD**

Q.20 There has been a lot of discussion recently about the European Union. Some people say that too many issues are decided on by the European Union, others say that more issues should be decided on by the European Union. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

	<b>%</b>
▪ Too many issues are decided on by the European Union .....	32
▪ The number of issues decided on by the European Union at present is about right .....	29
▪ More issues should be decided on by the European Union.....	5
▪ I have not really thought about it .....	18
▪ It depends on the issue .....	7
▪ Don't Know/NA .....	9



**SHOWCARD**

Q.21 In light of the referendum result, how important in your view are the following issues for Ireland within the EU?

		Very Important (5)	Important (4)	Neither /Nor (3)	Not very Important (2)	Not at all Important (1)	Don't know	Mean Score
▪ Each Member State having an EU Commissioner .....	%	38	40	7	5	1	9	4.19
▪ Ireland retaining full control over its corporation tax .....	%	39	40	8	2	*	10	4.29
▪ Ireland retaining its military neutrality ....	%	41	39	7	4	1	7	4.24
▪ Ireland retaining full control over its abortion law .....	%	35	36	13	6	2	7	4.03
▪ Ensuring that workers' rights are protected .....	%	53	36	4	1	*	6	4.50
▪ Ireland retaining control over its public services such as health and education.....	%	45	35	7	4	1	7	4.28
▪ Ensuring that there is not too much EU regulation.....	%	35	41	11	5	1	7	4.12

**SHOW CARD**

Q.22 Which one of these is the **most** important to you? The **second** most important? The **least** important?

	Most Important %	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Important %	Least Important %
▪ Each Member State having an EU Commissioner .....	17	12	14
▪ Ireland retaining full control over its corporation tax .....	13	16	11
▪ Ireland retaining its military neutrality .....	18	15	11
▪ Ireland retaining full control over its abortion law.....	7	9	19
▪ Ensuring that workers' rights are protected.....	20	23	6
▪ Ireland retaining control over its public services such as health and education .....	18	18	10
▪ Ensuring that there is not too much EU regulation .....	6	6	25

## SHOW CARD

Q.23 There are many different ways in 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 Lisbon Treaty on 12<sup>th</sup> 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 come across the source in question at all?

	Very Valuable (4)	Some-What Valuable (3)	Of Little or No Value (2)	Did Not Notice/Know/ Come across (1)	Mean Score	
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertisements put out by the Referendum Commission ..%	4	24	48	16	2.17	
<input type="checkbox"/> The booklet put out by the Referendum Commission .....	6	27	48	15	2.25	
<input type="checkbox"/> The booklet put out by the Government .....	5	25	51	14	2.22	
<input type="checkbox"/> The activities of the National Forum on Europe.....	3	17	36	31	1.90	
<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper articles.....	12	46	29	7	2.66	
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Websites* .....	3	9	12	45	31	1.57
<input type="checkbox"/> YES vote pop up adverts on the internet* .....	1	7	13	48	31	1.44
<input type="checkbox"/> NO vote pop up adverts on the internet* .....	1	6	14	48	31	1.44
<input type="checkbox"/> Television news and current affairs programmes .....	19	43	27	5	5	2.80
<input type="checkbox"/> National radio news and current affairs programmes .....	18	41	28	7	6	2.74
<input type="checkbox"/> Local radio news and current affairs programmes.....	12	34	32	15	8	2.47
<input type="checkbox"/> National radio phone-in/text-in programmes.....	8	25	34	22	12	2.20
<input type="checkbox"/> Local radio phone-in/text-in programmes .....	7	21	33	26	13	2.10
<input type="checkbox"/> Canvassers calling to my home campaigning for a YES vote .....	3	12	28	48	9	1.66
<input type="checkbox"/> Canvassers calling to my home campaigning for a NO vote .....	3	12	27	49	9	1.65
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaflets/brochures circulated by the parties and organisations campaigning for a YES vote.....	3	22	46	21	8	2.08
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaflets/brochures circulated by the parties and organisations campaigning for a NO vote .....	4	21	47	20	8	2.09
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaflets or free newspapers available in churches advocating a NO vote .....	3	13	36	37	10	1.79
<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion with family, friends and colleagues.....	15	40	29	9	7	2.66
<input type="checkbox"/> YES posters on poles and billboards .....	2	14	60	17	8	2.01
<input type="checkbox"/> NO posters on poles and billboards .....	3	13	59	17	8	2.01

**Q24-27 asked of those who saw information on the Internet (610)**

**SHOWCARD**

- Q.24 Which of these best describes the **types of website** that you visited?
- Q.25 Which type would you say you **visited most often**?
- Q.26 Which would you say were **most useful** to you in determining how you eventually decided to vote?
- Q.27 Did you **contribute to discussion boards** or blogs on any of these websites, if yes, which ones?

	<b>Q.24</b>	<b>Q.25</b>	<b>Q.26</b>	<b>Q.27</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
▪ YES Campaign Websites.....	25	9	7	5
▪ NO Campaign Websites .....	23	14	11	6
▪ Neutral Websites.....	39	31	27	15
▪ Not Stated/Don't Know.....	43	46	54	77

**SHOW CARD**

Q.28 Overall are you generally satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the government is running the country?

	<b>%</b>
▪ Very satisfied (4).....	4
▪ Quite satisfied (3).....	40
▪ Quite dissatisfied (2).....	31
▪ Very dissatisfied (1).....	21
▪ Don't Know/NA .....	4
▪ Mean Score.....	2.30

Q.29 Thinking about the **general elections** since you have become eligible to vote, would you say that, as far as you can remember, you have .....? **READ OUT – SINGLE CODE**

	<b>%</b>
▪ Voted in all of them.....	47
▪ Voted in most of them.....	30
▪ Voted in only some of them .....	16
▪ Not voted in any of them.....	6
▪ Don't Know/NA .....	1

Q.30 What about your own economic situation these days? Would you say it is...?

	<b>%</b>
▪ Very good (4).....	10
▪ Fairly good (3).....	59
▪ Fairly bad (2).....	24
▪ Very bad (1).....	5
▪ Don't Know/NA .....	2
▪ Mean Score.....	2.75

Q.31a) Do you **feel close to** any of the political parties?

Which **one** is that?

**IF NO**

Q.31b) Do you feel yourself **a little closer** to one of the political parties than the others?

Which one is that?

*\*Base: All not close to a political party (1,051)*

	<b>Q.31a</b>	<b>Q.31b*</b>
	<b>Feel Close to</b>	<b>A Little Closer To</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
▪ FF .....	26	6
▪ FG .....	11	2
▪ Labour.....	5	2
▪ Green.....	2	1
▪ Sinn Fein.....	3	2
▪ PDs .....	1	-
▪ Other .....	2	-
▪ Not close to any .....	50	37

## CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

<p><b>SEX:</b> <span style="float: right;">%</span></p> <p>Male ..... 50</p> <p>Female ..... 50</p> <hr/> <p><b>MARITAL STATUS</b> <span style="float: right;">%</span></p> <p>Married/living as married ..... 58</p> <p>Single ..... 33</p> <p>Widowed/divorced/separated ..... 9</p> <hr/> <p><b>REGION</b> <span style="float: right;">%</span></p> <p>Dublin ..... 26</p> <p>Rest of Leinster ..... 27</p> <p>Munster ..... 28</p> <p>Connaught / Ulster ..... 19</p> <hr/> <p><b>AGE</b> <span style="float: right;">%</span></p> <p>18-21 ..... 6</p> <p>22-24 ..... 8</p> <p>25-34 ..... 23</p> <p>35-49 ..... 27</p> <p>50-64 ..... 21</p> <p>65+ ..... 15</p> <hr/> <p><b>CLASS:</b> <span style="float: right;">%</span></p> <p>AB ..... 14</p> <p>C1 ..... 27</p> <p>C2 ..... 24</p> <p>DE ..... 26</p> <p>F50+ ..... 7</p> <p>F50- ..... 2</p> <hr/> <p><b>RESPONDENT IS:-</b> <span style="float: right;">%</span></p> <p>Housewife ..... 17</p> <p>*Self-employed ..... 12</p> <p>* Employee ..... 52</p> <p>Unemployed/searching for a job ..... 4</p> <p>Unemployed/not searching for a job ..... 3</p> <p>Student ..... 4</p> <p>Retired ..... 9</p>	<p><b>* IF SELF EMPLOYED/EMPLOYEE STATE</b></p> <p><b>INDUSTRY TYPE:</b> <span style="float: right;">%</span></p> <p>Building/construction ..... 8</p> <p>Computers / IT ..... 2</p> <p>Finance ..... 2</p> <p>Agriculture ..... 6</p> <p>Food production ..... 2</p> <p>Government/Civil Service/Teaching/Healthcare ..... 12</p> <p>Leisure ..... 1</p> <p>Manufacturing ..... 4</p> <p>Media ..... *</p> <p>Professionals (Doc, lawyer, accountant, architect) ... 3</p> <p>Retail/wholesale/distribution ..... 2</p> <p>Tourism/travel ..... -</p> <p>Other Services ..... 9</p> <p>Other write in ..... 6</p> <hr/> <p><b>* RESPONDENT WORKS IN:</b> <span style="float: right;">%</span></p> <p>Public sector ..... 21</p> <p>Private sector ..... 40</p> <hr/> <p><b>FINISHED EDUCATION:</b> <span style="float: right;">%</span></p> <p>At primary level ..... 9</p> <p>At secondary level ..... 57</p> <p>At third level ..... 30</p> <p>Still at school/college ..... 4</p> <hr/> <p><b>ATTENDS MASS/CHURCH SERVICE:</b> <span style="float: right;">%</span></p> <p>Daily ..... 2</p> <p>Weekly ..... 35</p> <p>Several times a month ..... 11</p> <p>Only occasionally ..... 36</p> <p>Never ..... 14</p> <hr/> <p><b>NO. OF PEOPLE IN H'HOLD (Incl Respondent)</b></p> <p>1 ..... 13</p> <p>2 ..... 27</p> <p>3 ..... 20</p> <p>4 ..... 23</p> <p>5+ ..... 16</p>
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