

ELECTORAL COMMISSION PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION Q'AIRE-WAVE 1

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CLIENT NAME: Electoral Commission
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FIRST INTRODUCTION SCREEN

This survey is being conducted by Ipsos B&A as part of Ireland's National Election and Democracy Study (NEDS). This survey is being overseen by the National Election and Democracy Study Management Board and is being funded by Ireland's Electoral Commission, An Coimisiún Toghcháin as part of its Research Programme 2024 – 2026. The members of the National Election and Democracy Study Management Board are many of Ireland's leading electoral researchers and have been selected by An Coimisiún Toghcháin to provide their expertise on the design of the questionnaire and on the NEDS project more generally. The Board is chaired by a representative of An Coimisiún Toghcháin.

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SECOND INTRODUCTION SCREEN

In this survey we will touch on a number of different areas.

Even if these are not a priority for you, we're still very interested in hearing your opinion and experience. We are seeking responses from a broad cross-section of people to best reflect views in Irish society.

As ever, participation is voluntary, so you can choose to opt out at any time by closing your browser and not returning to the survey. Only fully completed survey responses will be included.

Survey results will be reviewed in aggregate anonymous form as a statistical report, and will not be linked back to respondents in any way.

By selecting the "I understand" below and clicking or tapping **Next Question** at the bottom of the screen, you confirm that you understand the purpose of the study, that it is voluntary, and that you consent to taking part

ASK ALL SINGLE CODE

Q.D1 Select your gender:

Male	1
Female	2
Other / Non-binary	3
Prefer Not to Say	4

Q.S2 Date of birth:
DATE OF BIRTH

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D2 Please indicate to which occupational group the Chief Income Earner in your household belongs or which group fits best.

This could be you: the Chief Income Earner is the person in your household with the largest income. If the Chief Income Earner is retired and has an occupational pension, please answer for their most recent occupation. If the Chief Income Earner is not in paid employment but has been out of work for less than 6 months, please answer for their most recent occupation.

Self-employed professionals (entrepreneurs, lawyers, dentists)	1
Professionals in public sector (doctors and nurses, teachers, social workers)	2
Small business owners with less than 10 employees and without employees (shop owners, restaurant owners, farmers)	3
Managers in business and public sector (administrators, consultants, accountants)	4
Technical professions (engineers, architects, IT specialists)	5
Production workers (mechanics, carpenters assemblers, farm workers)	6
Office clerks (secretaries, receptionists, mail clerks)	7
Service workers (waiters, healthcare assistants, home helpers, shop assistant)	8
Don't know	9
Prefer not to say	10

ASK ALL

QC22 Which county do you live in?

COUNTY LIST

ASK IF DUBLIN

QC22a And what is your Dublin postcode?

DUBLIN CODES LIST

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D6 Which of the following best describes where you live? I live in

A city	1
The suburbs	2
A town	3
A rural area	4

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.S1 Firstly, can you confirm that you are a citizen of Ireland and currently resident in Republic of Ireland?

I am a citizen of Ireland AND resident in the Republic of Ireland	1
I am not a citizen of Ireland / Not resident in Republic of Ireland	2 SCREEN OUT

The next set of questions relate to the upcoming Presidential Election taking place on October 24th.

WAVES 1, 2, 3
ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.1 On a scale of 0 to 10, where '0' means 'don't understand at all' and '10' means 'fully understand', how would you describe your understanding of the role of the president?

0 - Don't understand at all	1
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	5
5	6
6	7
7	8
8	9
9	10
10 - Fully understand	11
Don't know	12
Prefer not to say	13

WAVES 1, 2, 3
ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.2 In politics, people sometimes talk of the left and the right. Where would you place each of the candidates in the presidential election on a scale from '0' to '10' where '0' means the left and '10' means the right?

ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES

	The left (0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	The right (10)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Catherine Connolly	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Heather Humphreys	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jim Gavin	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Q.3 There are a number of candidates running to become the next President of Ireland. On a scale of 0 to 10, where '0' means 'not at all probable' and '10' means 'very probable', how probable is it that **you would vote** for each of the following candidates?

ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES

	Not at all probable (0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Very probable (10)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Catherine Connolly	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Heather Humphreys	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jim Gavin	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Q.4 On a scale of 0 to 10, where '0' means 'not at all probable' and '10' means 'very probable', how probable in your opinion is it that each of these candidates **will win the election?**

ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES

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Q.5 For each of the following candidates, on a scale of 0 (not at all) to 10 (very well), how well do these characteristics describe them?

ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES & ORDER OF STATEMENTS

Catherine Connolly	Not at all (0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Very well (10)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
is compassionate	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
is principled	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
is competent	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
is inspiring	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
is authentic	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

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Q.6 The following are statements that people have made about the office of the President. Please tell us if you believe that these are true or false.

ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

	True	False	Don't know	Prefer not to say
The President is elected for five years	1	2	3	4
It is for the President to decide when a referendum is called	1	2	3	4
The President has the right to change government policy	1	2	3	4
The President is the Supreme Commander (Head) of the Irish Defence Forces	1	2	3	4
The President has the power to call a General Election at any time	1	2	3	4
The President can serve a maximum of two terms in office	1	2	3	4

Q.7 Thinking more about electoral procedures in Ireland. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Please give your answer on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is strongly agree, and 5 is strongly disagree.

ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree not disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Elections are conducted in accordance with the law	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Elections are well managed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Election Officials are fair	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Information about voting procedures is not widely available	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Q.8 Now thinking about the performance of the Irish government in general, how good or bad a job do you think the government has done since the election in 2024?

FLIP ORDER EXCEPT CODE 5 AND 6

Very good job	1
Good job	2
Bad job	3
Very bad job	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

Q.9 In which of the following ways have you heard about the presidential election?

RANDOMISE OPTIONS

Discussed it with friends and family	1
Saw or heard about it on TV / Radio	2
Saw posters	3
Read about it in newspapers	4
Through social media	5
Other (specify: _____)	6
None of these	7
Don't know	8
Prefer not to say	9

WAVE 1 QUESTIONS

ASK ALL SINGLE CODE

Q.10 Some people say that it is too easy to get on the ballot paper in a presidential election, while others say that it is too hard. What do you think?

It is too easy to get on the ballot paper	1
It is too hard to get on the ballot paper	2
The process of getting on the ballot paper is about right	3
Don't know	4
Prefer not to say	5

ASK ALL OPEN ENDED TEXT BOX

Q.11 What would you say are the most important characteristics of a good president?
OPEN ENDED

Prefer Not to Say	
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ASK ALL SINGLE CODE

Q.12 I would now like you to think back to the most recent General Election in 2024. Please select the party or independent candidate, if any, you gave your first preference to at that election.

Fianna Fáil	1
Fine Gael	2
Sinn Féin	3
Labour	4
Social Democrats	5
Aontú	6
The Green Party	7
People Before Profit-Solidarity	8
Independent Ireland	9
An independent candidate	10
Other (specify)	11
Can't remember	12
Prefer not to say	13
Did not vote - was not eligible	14
Did not vote for another reason	15

ASK ALL SINGLE CODE

Q.13 Do you usually think of yourself as close to any particular party?

Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	3
Prefer not to say	4

IF YES AT Q.13

SINGLE CODE

Q.14 Which party do you feel closest to?

Fianna Fáil	1
Fine Gael	2
Sinn Féin	3
Labour	4
Social Democrats	5
Aontú	6
The Green Party	7
People Before Profit-Solidarity	8
Independent Ireland	9
Other (specify)	10
Prefer not to say	11

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q.15 How interested would you say you are in politics?

FLIP ORDER EXCEPT 5 & 6

Very interested	1
Somewhat interested	2
Not very interested	3
Not at all interested	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q.16 How often do you discuss politics with people who disagree with you on political matters?

FLIP ORDER EXCEPT 5 & 6

Never	1
Less than once a month	2
At least once a month	3
At least once a week	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q.17 Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

ROTATE ORDER

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree not disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Prefer not to say
You feel you understand the most important political issues of this country	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
In general, who people vote for can make a difference to what happens	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
You are confident in your own ability to participate in politics	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Q.18 Different people feel differently about voting. For some, voting is a DUTY. They feel that they should vote in every election, however they feel about the candidates and parties. For others, voting is a CHOICE. They feel free to vote or not to vote in an election depending on how they feel about the candidates and parties. For you personally, is voting a duty or a choice?

Duty	1
Choice	2
Don't know	3
Prefer not to say	4

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.19 How often, if at all, do you use the following sources of information to form an opinion before voting?
ROTATE ORDER

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Messaging apps (WhatsApp, Telegram, Snapchat)	1	2	3	4	5	6
National Newspapers (incl. websites of newspapers e.g. The Irish Times, Irish Independent, Irish Examiner)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Information directly from political party/candidates (e.g. leaflet, website)	1	2	3	4	5	6
RTÉ / Other national broadcasters (including their websites)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Social media (e.g. Facebook, X, Reddit, TikTok, Instagram)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Local / regional media (e.g. local radio or newspapers)	1	2	3	4	5	6

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.20 And how often during a typical day recently did you use social media such as Facebook, X, Reddit, Instagram or TikTok to follow news about parties, candidates and election issues?

At least ten times per day	1
Several times per day	2
Only about once per day	3
Less often	4
Never	5
Don't know	6
Prefer not to say	7

**ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE**

Q.21 On a scale of 0 to 10, where '0' means 'do not trust at all' and '10' means 'trust completely'. To what extent, if at all, do you trust the following sources of information to form an opinion before voting?

ROTATE ORDER

	Do not trust at all (0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Trust completely (10)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Messaging apps (WhatsApp, Telegram, Snapchat)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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**ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE**

Q.22 There is often debate about whether the public is told the whole truth about various important issues. Please indicate the degree to which you believe each statement is either definitely not true, probably not true, not sure, probably true or definitely true.

ROTATE ORDER

	Definitely not true	Probably not true	Not sure	Probably true	Definitely true	Don't know	Prefer not to say
A small, secret group of people is responsible for making all major decisions in world politics	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Elected officials want more immigration to bring in obedient voters who will vote for them	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Groups of scientists manipulate, fabricate or suppress evidence in order to deceive the public	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Experiments involving new drugs or technologies are routinely carried out on the public without their knowledge or consent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Viruses and/or diseases have been deliberately disseminated to infect certain populations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The establishment is replacing white Irish people with non-white immigrants	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE**

Q.23 Please imagine a ladder with steps numbered from zero at the bottom to ten at the top. Suppose we say that the top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you, and the bottom of the ladder represents the worst possible life for you. If the top step is 10 and the bottom step is 0, on which step of the ladder do you feel you personally stand at the present time?

10 - Top	1
9	2
8	3
7	4
6	5
5	6
4	7
3	8
2	9
1	10
0 - Bottom	11
Don't know	12
Prefer not to say	13

Q.24 In politics people sometimes talk of the left and the right. Where would you place yourself on a scale from '0' to '10' where '0' means the left and '10' means the right?

0 - The left	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10 - The right	
Don't know	
Prefer not to say	

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.25 On a scale of 0 to 10 where '0' means you 'strongly believe there should be a total ban on abortion', and '10' means that you 'strongly believe that abortion should be freely available in Ireland to any woman who wants to have one', where would you place your view?

0 - Total Ban	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10 - Freely Available	
Don't know	
Prefer not to say	

And now to finish we have some questions about you personally.

We collect this information so that our results can be representative of the Irish population and do not look at answers given by individuals.

All the information is added together.

The personal information you provide during this survey will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties.

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D3 What is the highest level of education you have achieved?

Lower secondary or below (Primary/Junior Certificate/Inter Certificate)	1
Upper secondary (Leaving Certificate)	2
Post-Leaving qualification, non-degree level	3
Bachelors degree or equivalent	4
Masters degree or equivalent	5
Doctoral or equivalent	6
Don't know	7
Prefer not to say	8

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D4 Which of the following best describes your current working status?

Employed - full time (32 or more hours weekly)	1
Employed - part time (15 to less than 32 hours weekly)	2
Employed - less than 15 hours	3
Carer for family member	4
Unemployed	5
Student, in school, in vocational training	6
Retired	7
Housewife/husband, homemaker, home duties	8
Unable to work due to disability	9
Other, not in labour force	10
Don't know	11
Prefer not to say	12

IF EMPLOYED AT Q.D4
SINGLE CODE

Q.D5 Which of the following best describes your employment sector?

Public Sector	1
Private Sector	2
Semi-State	3
'Third sector'/non-profit sector	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D7 Which of these bests describe your current living situation?

Homeowner	1
Renter - privately from landlord	2
Renter - local authority / housing association	3
Live with parent(s)	4
Other (write in)	5
Don't know	6
Prefer not to say	7

Q.D8 What type of sewerage facility does your accommodation have?

Public sewer	1
Individual septic tank	2
Individual treatment system other than a septic tank	3
Other sewerage facility	4
No sewerage facility	5
Don't know	6
Prefer not to say	7

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D9 Which of the following best describes your current marital status?

Married	1
In a civil partnership / Living as married / co-habiting	2
Single, never married	3
Divorced	4
Widowed	5
Separated	6
Other	7
Don't know	8
Prefer not to say	9

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D10 Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10
11	11
12 or more	12
Prefer not to say	13

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE. MUST BE LESS THAN ANSWER GIVEN AT Q.D10

Q.D11 How many of these are under 18 years old?

0/ none	1
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	5
5	6
6 or more	7
Prefer not to say	14

Q.D13 What is your country of birth?

Republic of Ireland	1
Northern Ireland	2
Great Britian	3
Other specify	4
Prefer not to say	5

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D14 Were either or both of your parents born outside of the Republic of Ireland?

Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	3
Prefer not to say	4

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D16 Please indicate which the following bands most closely describes your annual household income before taxes.

Less than €20,000	1
€20,000 - €39,999	2
€40,000 - €59,999	3
€60,000 - €79,999	4
€80,000- €99,999	5
€100,000 - €199,999	6
€200,000+	7
Don't know	8
Prefer not to say	9

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D18

To help us gain insights into how opinions vary across different regions, we kindly request your Eircode/address. Please be assured, this information will solely be used by Ipsos B&A to identify your electoral area and will not be shared with the Electoral Commission or any third party.

Please type in your Eircode:_____

Don't know

IF DK AT Q.D18

Please write in your exact address, town & county:_____

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D19 Which **one** of the following best describes you?

I am registered to vote	1
I am not registered but will register to vote before the presidential election	2
I will not be registered to vote in the presidential election	3
Don't know	4
Prefer not to say	5

This last set of questions relate to potentially sensitive areas such as ethnicity, disability, and religion. Responses to these questions will allow us to understand if the survey has been completed by a diverse mix of people.

Sharing these details is optional, and for this reason, each of these questions includes the option of 'prefer not to say'.

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D12 What is your ethnic group/background?

White	
• Irish	1
• Irish Traveller	2
• Roma	3
• Any other White background	4
Black	
• Irish	5
• African	6
• Any other Black background	7
Asian	
• Irish	8
• Chinese	9
• Indian	10
• Any other Asian background	11
Other, including mixed group/background	
• Arab	12
• Mixed, write in description	13
• Other, write in description	14
Don't know	15
Prefer not to say	16

ASK ALL
MULTICODE ALLOWED

Q.D15 Do you have a longstanding physical or mental health issue or disability that has lasted or is likely to last 12 months and which has a substantial adverse effect on your ability to carry out day-to-day activities? You are not obligated to answer this question if you do not wish to. You have the right to withdraw any response you provide at any time.

Yes - physical disability/ condition	1
Yes - emotional or psychological condition/ mental health issue	2
Yes - intellectual disability or difficulty with learning	3
No	4
Prefer not to say	5

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D17 With the exception of occasions such as funerals, weddings and baptisms, how frequently do you attend any form of church or religious service?

Once a week / more than once a week	1
Two or more times a month	2
Once a month	3
Two to eleven times a year	4
Once a year	5
Never	6
Don't know	7
Prefer not to say	8

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TRACKING QUESTIONS

The next set of questions relate to the upcoming Presidential Election taking place on October 24th.

WAVES 1, 2, 3

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

- Q.1** On a scale of 0 to 10, where '0' means 'don't understand at all' and '10' means 'fully understand, how would you describe your understanding of the role of the president?

0 - Don't understand at all	1
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	5
5	6
6	7
7	8
8	9
9	10
10 - Fully understand	11
Don't know	12
Prefer not to say	13

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

- Q.2** In politics, people sometimes talk of the left and the right. Where would you place each of the candidates in the presidential election on a scale from '0' to '10' where '0' means the left and '10' means the right?

ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES

	The Left (0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	The Right (10)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Catherine Connolly	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Heather Humphreys	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jim Gavin	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

WAVES 1, 2

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

- Q.3** There are a number of candidates to become the next President of Ireland. On a scale of 0 to 10, where '0' means 'not at all probable' and '10' means 'very probable', how probable is it that **you would vote** for each of the following candidates?

ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES

	Not at all probable (0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Very probable (10)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Catherine Connolly	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Heather Humphreys	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jim Gavin	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Q.4 On a scale of 0 to 10, where '0' means 'not at all probable' and '10' means 'very probable', how probable in your opinion is it that each of these candidates **will win the election**?

ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES

	Not at all probable (0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Very probable (10)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Catherine Connolly	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Heather Humphreys	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jim Gavin	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Q.5 For each of the following candidates, on a scale of 0 (not at all) to 10 (very well), how well do these characteristics describe them?

ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES

Catherine Connolly	Not at all (0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Very well (10)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Is compassionate	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Is principled	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Is competent	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Is inspiring	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Is authentic	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Heather Humphreys	Not at all (0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Very well (10)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
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Is authentic	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

WAVES 1, 2
ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.6 The following are statements that people have made about the office of the President.
 Please tell us if you believe that these are true or false.

ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

	True	False	Don't know	Prefer not to say
The President is elected for five years	1	2	3	4
It is for the President to decide when a referendum is called	1	2	3	4
The President has the right to change government policy	1	2	3	4
The President is the Supreme Commander (Head) of the Irish Defence Forces	1	2	3	4
The President has the power to call a General Election at any time	1	2	3	4
The President can serve a maximum of two terms in office	1	2	3	4

WAVE 2 QUESTIONS

WAVES 2,3

ASK ALL

Q.26 People have different views of the role of the president. In your view, how would you **rank** the following tasks of the president in importance? Which one of these views would you rank **first** in importance?

ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

THEN RESPONDENTS GET ASKED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, SHOWING ONLY THE STATEMENTS NOT SELECTED BEFORE: Which one of these views would you rank **second** in importance?

Which one of these views would you rank **third** in importance?

Which one of these views would you rank **fourth** in importance?

Which one of these views would you rank **fifth** in importance?

The President is the guardian of the constitution	
The President stands up for minorities and marginalised groups	
The President steers clear of all political controversy	
The President symbolises the whole Irish nation, north and south	
The President acts as a unifying force when there are deep political divisions	
Not sure	

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q.27 How closely are you following the presidential election campaign?

FLIP ORDER

Very closely	1
Fairly closely	2
Not very closely	3
Not closely at all	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q.28 Have you watched any of the televised debates with candidates since the campaign started?

No, I have not watched any of the debates	1
Yes, I have watched one debate	2
Yes, I have watched more than one debate	3
Don't know	4
Prefer not to say	5

IF YES (CODE 2 OR 3) AT Q.28

SINGLE CODE

Q.29 Overall which candidate do you feel came out best in these debates?

ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES

Catherine Connolly	1
Heather Humphreys	2
Jim Gavin	3
None of them	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

IF YES (CODE 2 OR 3) AT Q.28
SINGLE CODE

Q.30 Did watching the debate(s) change your evaluation of the candidates?

Yes	1
No	2
Don't know	3
Prefer not to say	4

IF YES AT Q.30

Q.31 In which way did it change your evaluation of the candidates?

OPEN-END

Don't know	1
Prefer not to say	2

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.32 In your opinion, how well do you think the outgoing President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins has succeeded in his role? Please answer on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means 'not at all successful' and 10 means 'completely successful'.

0 - Not at all successful	1
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	5
5	6
6	7
7	8
8	9
9	10
10 - Completely successful	11
Don't know	12
Prefer not to say	13

Q.33 Thinking beyond the presidential election, we have a number of parties in Ireland each of which would like to get your vote **at some point in the future**. How probable is it that you would ever vote for each of the following parties? Please answer on a scale where 0 means "not at all probable" and 10 means "very probable".

RANDOMISE ORDER

	Not at all probable (0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Very probable (10)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Fianna Fáil	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Fine Gael	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sinn Féin	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Labour	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Social Democrats	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aontú	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
The Green Party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
People Before Profit-Solidarity	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Independent Ireland	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
An independent candidate	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.34 Would you say that **over the past 12 months**, the state of the economy in Ireland has gotten much better, gotten somewhat better, stayed about the same, gotten somewhat worse, or gotten much worse?

FLIP ORDER

Gotten much better	1
Gotten somewhat better	2
Stayed about the same	3
Gotten somewhat worse	4
Gotten much worse	5
Refused	6
Don't know	7
Prefer not to say	8

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.35 And if you compare your financial situation with what it was **12 months ago**, has it improved, stayed the same or has it gotten worse?

FLIP ORDER

Gotten much better	1
Gotten somewhat better	2
Stayed about the same	3
Gotten somewhat worse	4
Gotten much worse	5
Refused	6
Don't know	7
Prefer not to say	8

Q.36 Looking at the below statements which have been made by others. Do you agree or disagree with each? Please give your answer on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is strongly agree, and 5 is strongly disagree.

ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

	Strongly agree (1)	Somewhat agree (2)	Neither agree not disagree (3)	Somewhat disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
There should be very strict limits on the number of immigrants coming to live in Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Most politicians are trustworthy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The courts should be able to stop the government acting beyond its authority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I would welcome a traveller as a member of the family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The people, and not the politicians, should make our most important policy decisions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Immigrants are good for Ireland's economy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Most politicians only care about the interests of the rich and powerful	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Having a strong leader in government is good for Ireland even if the leader bends the rules to get things done	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ireland should be willing to take more refugees from Gaza	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.37 Thinking about voting rights. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Please give your answer on a scale of 1-5, where 1 means "strongly agree", and 5 means "strongly disagree".

FLIP ORDER

"Irish citizens living outside the State should have the right to vote in presidential elections"

1 - Strongly agree	1
2 - Somewhat agree	2
3 - Neither agree nor disagree	3
4 - Somewhat disagree	4
5 - Strongly disagree	5
Don't know	6
Prefer not to say	7

**ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE**

Q.37a The following are two different statements that people have made about registering to vote in Ireland. Please tell me which you agree more with.

FLIP ORDER OF CODES 1 AND 2

Everyone should be automatically registered by the state once they are 18 years of age, and they can choose whether to vote or not	1
People should have a choice whether to register to vote or not.	2
Don't know	3
Prefer not to say	4

**ASK ALL
OPEN QUESTION**

Q.38 In a single sentence, what do you think about election posters?

Don't know	1
Prefer not to say	2

**ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE**

Q.38a Have you updated your details on the electoral register within the past year, or not updated your details?

I have updated my details on the electoral register	1
I have not updated my details on the electoral register	2
I am not on the electoral register	3
Don't know	4
Prefer not to say	5

**ASK ALL EXCEPT CODE 3 AT Q.38A
SINGLE CODE**

Q.38b Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statement: "it is my responsibility to ensure my details on the electoral register are up to date".

FLIP ORDER

Strongly agree	1
Somewhat agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Somewhat disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Don't know	6
Prefer not to say	7

**ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE**

Q.39 Are you currently or have you ever been a member of a GAA club?

Yes, currently a member	1
Yes, a former member	2
No, never been a member	3
Don't know	4
Prefer not to say	5

Q.40 On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means “Not at all Interested” and 10 means “Extremely Interested”, how interested would you say you are in GAA sports such as Gaelic football, camogie or hurling?

0 - Not interested at all	1
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	5
5	6
6	7
7	8
8	9
9	10
10 - Extremely interested	11
Don't know	12
Prefer not to say	13

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.41 On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means “Not at all a Feminist” and 10 means “Strong Feminist”, where would you place yourself?

0 - Not at all a feminist	1
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	5
5	6
6	7
7	8
8	9
9	10
10 - Strong feminist	11
Don't know	12
Prefer not to say	13

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.42 Do you think that the post of President should continue as is at present, or should his or her powers be increased or reduced?

The President's powers should be increased	1
The President's powers should be left as they are	2
The President's powers should be reduced	3
The position of President is not needed, and should be abolished	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

Q.43 Below are contrasting statements reflecting different views on what the role of an Irish President should be. How would you place your own views on this scale?

FLIP ORDER

0 - A President should feel free to speak out on any issue, even if their personal views are not aligned with those of the government	1
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	5
5	6
6	7
7	8
8	9
9	10
10 - It is not appropriate for a President to speak out on any issue without the government's prior approval	11
Don't know	12
Prefer not to say	13

ASK ALL

Q.44 Please **rank** in order of importance, for you personally, the following characteristics of an Irish President. Which one of these characteristics would you rank **first** in importance?

RANDOMISE

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Which one of these views would you rank **third** in importance?

Which one of these views would you rank **fourth** in importance?

Which one of these views would you rank **fifth** in importance?

Is compassionate	
Is principled	
Is competent	
Is inspiring	
Is authentic	
Not sure	

No Q.45

ASK IF CODE 1 OR 2 AT Q.38A

SINGLE CODE

Q.46 Did you register to vote for the first time in the past year?

Yes	1
No	2
Prefer not to say	3

ASK ALL CODED 1 AT Q.46

SINGLE CODE

Q.47 Which ONE of these most applies to you with regard to your decision to register to vote in the past year?
RANDOMISE ORDER

I always intended to register when I became eligible to vote	1
My family or school encouraged me to register	2
My friends or peers encouraged me to register	3
I saw ads on social media which encouraged me to register	4
Newspaper articles and adverts encouraged me to register	5
Other (Specify: _____)	6
Don't know	7
Prefer not to say	8

ASK ALL CODED 1 AT Q.46

SINGLE CODE

Q.48 In which of the following ways did you register to vote?

Online registration portal (Check the Register, Voter.ie)	1
Sent registration form to my Local Authority	2
Other (Specify: _____)	3
Don't know	4
Prefer not to say	5

ASK ALL CODED 1 AT Q.46

SINGLE CODE

Q.49 How was your experience with registering to vote?
FLIP ORDER

Very easy - straightforward with no problems - a very positive experience	1
Easy - some issues - a generally positive experience	2
Difficult - some issues - a generally negative experience	3
Very difficult - numerous issues - a very negative experience	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

ASK ALL CODED 1 AT Q.38A

SINGLE CODE

Q.51 On a scale of 0-10, where 0 means "not satisfied at all" and 10 means "very satisfied", how satisfied were you with the process of updating your details on the electoral register?

FLIP ORDER

Not satisfied at all (0)	0
(1)	1
(2)	2
(3)	3
(4)	4
(5)	5
(6)	6
(7)	7
(8)	8
(9)	9
Very satisfied (10)	10
Don't know	11
Prefer not to say	12

And now to finish we have some questions about you personally.

We collect this information so that our results can be representative of the Irish population and do not look at answers given by individuals.

All the information is added together.

The personal information you provide during this survey will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties.

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.D19 Which **one** of the following best describes you?

I am registered to vote	1
I am not registered but will register to vote before the presidential election	2
I will not be registered to vote in the presidential election	3
Don't know	4
Prefer not to say	5

ELECTORAL COMMISSION PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION Q'AIRE-WAVE 3

JOB NO.	25-050810
PREVIOUS JOB NO.:	n/a
CLIENT NAME:	Electoral Commission
JOB NAME:	Presidential Election
METHODOLOGY:	Online panel
SAMPLE SIZE:	1,200 completing 3 waves
FIELDWORK:	tbc following polling day
TRANSLATION	No

Welcome to **the final wave** of Ireland's National Election and Democracy Study (NEDS).

This survey is being conducted by Ipsos B&A as part of Ireland's National Election and Democracy Study (NEDS). This survey is being overseen by the [National Election and Democracy Study Management Board](#) and is being funded by Ireland's Electoral Commission, An Coimisiún Toghcháin as part of its Research Programme 2024 – 2026. The members of the National Election and Democracy Study Management Board are many of Ireland's leading electoral researchers and have been selected by An Coimisiún Toghcháin to provide their expertise on the design of the questionnaire and on the NEDS project more generally. The Board is chaired by a representative of An Coimisiún Toghcháin.

The National Election and Democracy Study aims to measure the views, attitudes and experiences of the Irish public of electoral events and democracy and the factors that influence these. Within this, there is a particular focus on factors to better understand voter turnout, voter knowledge and the experience of voting including the accessibility of the voting process as these are key areas for An Coimisiún.

The survey also includes questions which are a key focus for political scientists and academics in Election Studies and other research around whether and how people used their vote and motivations and influences around voting choices. Questions in this part of the study are selected by the academic members of the NEDS Management Board. Collecting data in these areas allows Ireland to be part of comparative research and international studies on political and electoral systems and democracy.

You can choose not to answer any question should you prefer.

You can find more information here: <https://www.electoralcommission.ie/what-we-do/national-election-and-democracy-study/>

SECOND INTRODUCTION SCREEN

In this survey we will touch on a number of different areas.

Even if these are not a priority for you, we're still very interested in hearing your opinion and experience. We are seeking responses from a broad cross-section of people to best reflect views in Irish society.

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The next set of questions relate to the Presidential Election that took place on October 24th.

WAVE 3 QUESTIONS

ASK ALL SINGLE CODE

Q.52 Many people were unable to vote in the recent Presidential Election for a variety of reasons. How about you? As far as you can remember, can you tell me if you voted, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

I definitely voted	1
I normally vote, but didn't manage to this time	2
I never vote in elections	3
Can't remember	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

ASK IF CODED 1 AT Q.52 SINGLE CODE

Q.53 Which of the candidates did you give your first preference vote to?

Catherine Connolly	1
Heather Humphreys	2
Jim Gavin	3
I spoiled my vote	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

ASK IF CODED 1, 2 OR 3 AT Q.53

Q.54 For what reasons did you give your **first preference** vote to [[FROM Q.53](#)]? **OPEN-END**

Don't know	1
Prefer not to say	2

ASK IF CODED 1, 2, 3 OR 4 AT Q.53

Q.55 For what reasons **did you not give your first preference** to [[IF CODE 1 AT Q53 SHOW CODE 2; IF CODE 2 AT Q53 SHOW CODE 1; IF CODE 3 OR CODE 4 AT Q53 SHOW CODE 1 OR 2 RANDOM SELECTION](#)]? **OPEN-END**

Don't know	1
Prefer not to say	2

ASK IF CODED 4 AT Q.53

Q. 56 For what reasons did you spoil your vote?

OPEN-END

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Don't know	1
Prefer not to say	2

ASK IF CODED 2 OR 3 AT Q.52.

MULTI CODE. ROTATE EXCEPT 11,12,13

Q.57 You mentioned earlier that you did not vote in the most recent Presidential Election. Which of the following best describes why you did not vote?

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

I'm not registered to vote	1
Caring commitments	2
Work commitments	3
Study commitments	4
Away from home on the day	5
Illness/disability	6
Could not decide how to vote	7
I did not know who to vote for	8
My vote doesn't matter	9
Not interested in politics	10
Other (please specify)	11
Don't know	12
Prefer not to say	13

ASK ALL CODED 1 AT Q.57

MULTI CODE. ROTATE EXCEPT 11 & 12

Q.58 You mentioned that you're not registered to vote, please tell us which of the following would have encouraged you to register to vote.

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

More information online about how to register	1
More information in public buildings about how to register	2
Getting information to my home by post on how to register	3
Someone calling to my home, college or workplace to assist me with registering	4
Meeting someone at a public event or space (concert, festival, public event, shopping centre etc) to assist me with registering to vote	5
More information on TV / radio about how to register to vote	6
More information from my local authority about how to register to vote	7
A national campaign about how to register to vote	8
A social media campaign about how to register to vote	9
I've no interest in voting	10
Don't know	11
Prefer not to say	12

ASK ALL CODED 1 AT Q.57

MULTI CODE

Q.59 You mentioned that you're not registered to vote. Please tell us why you are not registered to vote.

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

Not interested in politics	1
Did not know that I had to register to vote	3
Missed the deadline to register to vote	4
Other (please specify)	5
Don't know	6
Prefer not to say	7

TRACKING QUESTIONS

WAVES 1, 2, 3

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q.5 For each of the following candidates, on a scale of 0 (not at all) to 10 (very well), how well do these characteristics describe them?

ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES

Catherine Connolly	Not at all (0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Very well (10)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Is compassionate	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Is principled	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Is inspiring	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Is authentic	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

WAVES 1, 3

ASK ALL

Q.7 Thinking more about electoral procedures in Ireland. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Please give your answer on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is strongly agree, and 5 is strongly disagree.

ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

	Strongly agree (1)	Somewhat agree (2)	Neither agree not disagree (3)	Somewhat disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Elections are conducted in accordance with the law	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Elections are well managed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Election officials are fair	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Information about voting procedures is not widely available	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

WAVES 1, 2, 3
ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.1 On a scale of 0 to 10, where '0' means 'don't understand at all' and '10' means 'fully understand', how would you describe your understanding of the role of the president?

0 - Don't understand at all	1
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	5
5	6
6	7
7	8
8	9
9	10
10 - Fully understand	11
Don't know	12
Prefer not to say	13

WAVES 1, 2, 3
ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.2 In politics, people sometimes talk of the left and the right. Where would you place each of the candidates in the presidential election on a scale from '0' to '10' where '0' means the left and '10' means the right?

ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES

	The Left (0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	The Right (10)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Catherine Connolly	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Heather Humphreys	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jim Gavin	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

WAVES 1, 3
ASK ALL

Q.8 Now thinking about the performance of the Irish government in general, how good or bad a job do you think the government has done since the election in 2024?
FLIP ORDER EXCEPT CODE 5 AND 6

Very good job	1
Good job	2
Bad job	3
Very bad job	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

WAVE 3 QUESTIONS

IF CODED 1 AT 0.53

SINGLE CODE PER STATEMENT

Q.60 Thinking about your reasons to vote for **Catherine Connolly**, to what extent, if at all, did the following factors influenced your decision?

RANDOMISE STATEMENTS ORDER

	Did not affect at all	Affected very much	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Her knowledge of the constitution	1	2	3	4
Her political experience	1	2	3	4
Her being an independent candidate	1	2	3	4
Her achievements in the community or sporting world	1	2	3	4
Her ability to build relations in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4
Her views on foreign policy	1	2	3	4
Her views on domestic policy	1	2	3	4
Her past political controversies	1	2	3	4
Her performance in election debates	1	2	3	4
Her personality	1	2	3	4

IF CODED 2 AT 0.53

SINGLE CODE PER STATEMENT

Q.61 Thinking about your reasons to vote for **Heather Humphreys**, to what extent, if at all, did the following factors influenced your decision?

RANDOMISE STATEMENTS ORDER

	Did not affect at all	Affected very much	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Her knowledge of the constitution	1	2	3	4
Her political experience	1	2	3	4
Her political party	1	2	3	4
Her achievements in the community or sporting world	1	2	3	4
Her ability to build relations in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4
Her views on foreign policy	1	2	3	4
Her views on domestic policy	1	2	3	4
Her past political controversies	1	2	3	4
Her performance in election debates	1	2	3	4
Her personality	1	2	3	4

IF CODED 3 AT 0.53

SINGLE CODE PER STATEMENT

Q.62 Thinking about your reasons to vote for **Jim Gavin**, to what extent, if at all, did the following factors influenced your decision?

RANDOMISE STATEMENTS ORDER

	Did not affect at all	Affected very much	Don't know	Prefer not to say
His knowledge of the constitution	1	2	3	4
His political experience	1	2	3	4
His political party	1	2	3	4
His achievements in the community or sporting world	1	2	3	4
His ability to build relations in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4
His views on foreign policy	1	2	3	4
His views on domestic policy	1	2	3	4
His past political controversies	1	2	3	4
His performance in election debates	1	2	3	4
His personality	1	2	3	4

IF CODED 1, 2 OR 3 AT Q.53

SINGLE CODE

Q.63 When did you finally make up your mind about who you would give your first preference vote to?

Within 24 hours of voting	1
Within a few days of voting	2
A week before voting	3
2-3 weeks before the election	4
As soon as the candidate announced they were running	5
I always vote for the party candidate	6
I always vote for an independent candidate	7
Don't know	8
Prefer not to say	9

IF CODED 1 AT Q.53

SINGLE CODE

Q.64 If **Catherine Connolly** had been running for **a political party**, would you still have given a first preference to her?

Yes	1
No	2
Depends on the party	3
Don't know	4
Prefer not to say	5

IF CODED 2 AT Q.53

SINGLE CODE

Q.65 If **Heather Humphreys** had been running for **any of the other parties**, would you still have given a first preference to her?

Yes	1
No	2
Depends on the party	3
Don't know	4
Prefer not to say	5

IF CODED 3 AT Q.53

SINGLE CODE

Q.66 If **Jim Gavin** had been running for **any of the other parties**, would you still have given a first preference to him?

Yes	1
No	2
Depends on the party	3
Don't know	4
Prefer not to say	5

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.67 On a scale of 0-10, where 0 means "not satisfied at all" and 10 means "very satisfied", how satisfied were you with the choice of presidential candidates on the ballot paper?

Not satisfied at all (0)	0
(1)	1
(2)	2
(3)	3
(4)	4
(5)	5
(6)	6
(7)	7
(8)	8
(9)	9
Very satisfied (10)	10
Don't know	11
Prefer not to say	12

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.68 How closely did you follow the presidential election campaign, if at all?
FLIP ORDER EXCEPT CODE 5 & 6

Very closely	1
Fairly closely	2
Not very closely	3
Not closely at all	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

TRACKING QUESTIONS

WAVES 1, 2, 3

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.6 The following are statements that people have made about the office of the President. Please tell us if you believe that these are true or false.

ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

	True	False	Don't know	Prefer not to say
The President is elected for five years	1	2	3	4
It is for the President to decide when a referendum is called	1	2	3	4
The President has the right to change government policy	1	2	3	4
The President is the Supreme Commander (Head) of the Irish Defence Forces	1	2	3	4
The President has the power to call a General Election at any time	1	2	3	4
The President can serve a maximum of two terms in office	1	2	3	4

WAVE 3 QUESTIONS

ASK ALL

SINGLE CODE

Q.69 Thinking now about various issues facing Ireland today. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements. Please give your answer on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is strongly agree, and 5 is strongly disagree.

ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

	Strongly agree (1)	Somewhat agree (2)	Neither agree not disagree (3)	Somewhat disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
The government should spend more on national defence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
By law, assisted dying should be available to patients whose suffering is unbearable and have no hope for recovery	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The government should increase taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
There is nothing wrong with some people being a lot richer than others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ireland should retain its 'triple lock' for deploying troops abroad	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Measures to ensure equality for women have gone too far	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ireland should provide troops to assist in the defence of any EU member state that was attacked.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Transgender issues should be taught in Irish primary schools	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ireland should cease trade with Israel, even if it has negative economic consequences for us.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

ASK ALL SINGLE CODE

Q.70 In terms of the long-term future of Northern Ireland, which would you prefer?

FLIP ORDER OF CODES 1 AND 2

Northern Ireland should remain in the UK	1
Northern Ireland should unify with the Republic of Ireland	2
Don't know	3
Prefer not to say	4

ASK ALL CODED 1 AT 0.52 SINGLE CODE

Q.71 Thinking now of your experience when voting at the recent Presidential Election, how was your experience with voting at the polling station?

FLIP ORDER EXCEPT CODE 6 & 7

Very easy - straightforward with no problems - a very positive experience	1
Easy - some issues - a generally positive experience	2
Difficult - some issues - a generally negative experience	3
Very difficult - numerous issues - a very negative experience	4
I did not vote at a polling station	5
Don't know	6
Prefer not to say	7

ASK ALL CODED 3 OR 4 AT 0.71

Q.72 You mentioned you had a negative experience with voting. Please tell us more about this in the box below.

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Don't know	1
Prefer not to say	2

ASK ALL CODED 1 AT 0.52 EXCEPT IF CODE 5 AT 0.71

SINGLE CODE

Q.73 Thinking of when you got to the polling station to cast your vote. Was it easy or not easy to access the polling station?

Easy	1
Not easy	2
Don't know	3
Prefer not to say	4

ASK ALL CODED 1 AT 0.52 EXCEPT IF CODE 5 AT 0.71

SINGLE CODE

Q.74 Thinking more about your experience when voting. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements. Please give your answer on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is strongly agree, and 5 is strongly disagree.

ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

	Strongly agree (1)	Somewhat agree (2)	Neither agree not disagree (3)	Somewhat disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
I did not get the assistance I needed from the polling station staff	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I am confident I understood how to cast my vote	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The layout of the ballot paper was difficult to follow	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I am confident my ballot paper is secret once I have put it in the ballot box	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

ASK IF CODED 1 OR 2 AT 'THE LAYOUT OF THE BALLOT PAPER WAS DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW' AT 0.74

MULTI CODE

Q.75 For what reasons would you say it was not easy to follow the layout of the ballot paper?

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

I couldn't identify my preferred candidate	1
The ballot paper too long	2
The writing was too small / difficult to understand	3
It was unclear where on the ballot paper I needed to mark my vote	4
Something else (specify)	5
Don't know	6
Prefer not to say	7

ASK ALL SINGLE CODE

Q.76 The following are statements that people have made about voting. Please tell us if you believe that these are true or false.

ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

	True	False	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Every one of my preferences I mark on the ballot paper may contribute to the candidate being elected	1	2	3	4
For my vote to be counted I must give a preference to each candidate on the ballot paper	1	2	3	4
I need my polling card in order to vote	1	2	3	4
My vote will only count if I use the pencil provided at the polling station	1	2	3	4
After I have marked my preferred choices on the ballot paper, if I feel like it, I can write my name or a message, and my vote will still count towards the election of the president	1	2	3	4
I am obliged to bring ID with me to the polling station	1	2	3	4

ASK ALL SINGLE CODE

Q.77 Thinking now about politics in Ireland. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Please give your answer on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is strongly agree, and 5 is strongly disagree.

ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

	Strongly agree (1)	Somewhat agree (2)	Neither agree not disagree (3)	Somewhat disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
I find the things that happen directly in my local area more interesting than news about national and international developments	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Politicians are being too sensitive when they complain about online abuse	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The councillors/TDs in my area are generally competent and hard working	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The level of aggression towards politicians is unacceptable in these times	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Protesting outside of politicians' houses is sometimes acceptable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Online abuse directed at politicians is never acceptable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Following politicians and recording videos of them to post on social media is acceptable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

ASK ALL SINGLE CODE

Q.78 Some people say that the following things are important for being truly Irish. Other says they are not important. How important do you think each of the following is... very important, fairly important, not very important, or not important at all?

ROTATE ORDER OF STATEMENTS

	Very Important (1)	Fairly Important (2)	Not Very Important (3)	Not Important at all (4)	Don't know	Prefer not to say
To have been born in Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	6
To have lived in Ireland for most of one's life	1	2	3	4	5	6
To be able to speak Irish	1	2	3	4	5	6
To be Roman Catholic	1	2	3	4	5	6
To respect Irelands political institutions and laws	1	2	3	4	5	6
To feel Irish	1	2	3	4	5	6
To have Irish ancestry.	1	2	3	4	5	6

ASK ALL MULTI CODE

Q.79 Which, if any of the candidates, do you think engaged in negative campaigning in this election?

PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

Catherine Connolly	1
Heather Humphreys	2
Jim Gavin	3
None of them	4
Don't know	5
Prefer not to say	6

ASK ALL SINGLE CODE

Q.80 Posters are a major part of elections campaigns in Ireland. Below are a series of posters for each of the candidates. Can you identify the poster you have seen for **Catherine Connolly**?

PLEASE SELECT THE ONE YOU THINK YOU HAVE SEEN DURING THE CAMPAIGN.



Don't know

ASK ALL

Q.81 Can you identify the poster you have seen for **Heather Humphreys**?
PLEASE SELECT THE ONE YOU THINK YOU HAVE SEEN DURING THE CAMPAIGN.



Don't know

ASK ALL
SINGLE CODE

Q.82 Can you identify the poster you have seen for **Jim Gavin**?
PLEASE SELECT THE ONE YOU THINK YOU HAVE SEEN DURING THE CAMPAIGN.



Don't know

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

Q.D19a Which **one** of the following best describes you?

I am registered to vote	1
I am not registered but will register to vote before the next election	2
I will not register to vote before the next election	3
Don't know	4
Prefer not to say	5