



Cork North Central Constituency Poll

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RED C interviewed a constituency quota controlled sample of 522 people representative of all adults aged 18+ across the constituency.

Seed sample was drawn in proportion to population within each DED in the constituency and an RDD (random digit dial) process used to ensure all households were included for contact by telephone.

Vote Intentions analysis is based off recall interviews conducted between the 9th & 11th February once full candidate lists were available, while other question data was conducted between the 4th February – 9th February 2011.

The data was weighted to known demographics, population within each DED and weighted by past vote in the constituency.

The accuracy of the data is estimated to be + or – 4.5% at 95% confidence.

Poll Summary - I



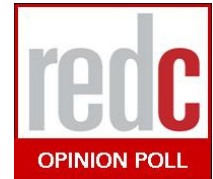
1. Labour are the big winners in the Cork North Central constituency, with the party taking 1 in every 3 votes up significantly from a 12% share of first preference votes in the 2007 General Election.
2. Kathleen Lynch tops the polls taking 19% first preference votes in the constituency and makes quota on the 7th count. Kathleen position has improved significantly from the 2007 election where she took 12% first preference votes. Surplus votes are transferred mainly to Jonathan O'Brien with approx 1 in 3 votes transferring to follow party colleague John Gilroy.
3. Dara Murphy receives quiet modest first preference votes of 13% but looks set to take the second seat in Cork North Central none the less due to transfers from fellow party member Pat Burton on the ninth count. This is a good results for Dara Murphy who did not run in the 2007 election.
4. The third seat in this constituency looks set to be secured by Jonathan O'Brien of Sinn Fein. O'Brien's seat is likely to be secured by transfers which are mainly coming from Mick Barry on the Socialist Party who could potential loose his seat on the seventh count.

Poll Summary - II



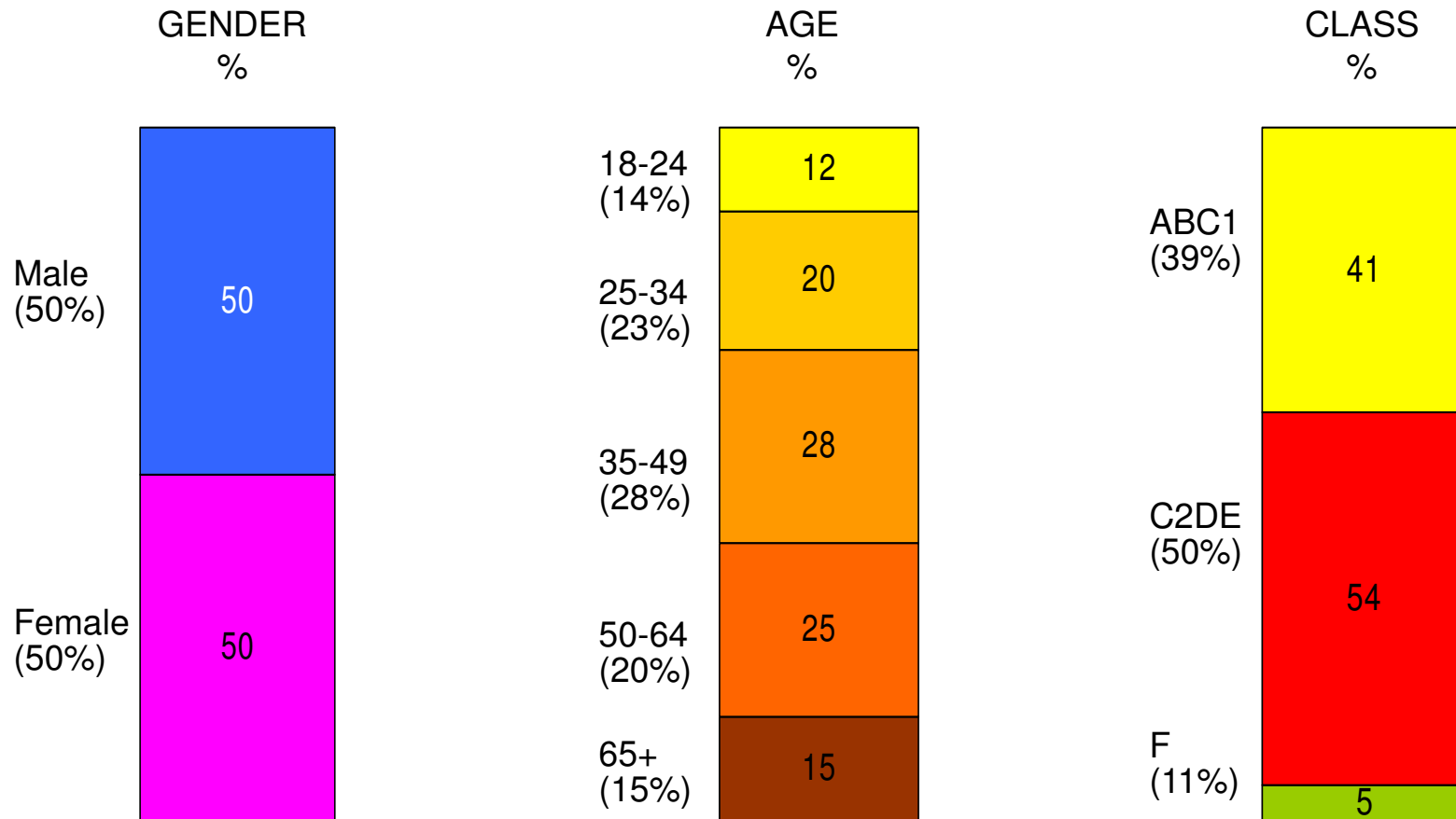
5. The fourth seat is too close to call based on the poll with only one vote deciding the faith of either Billy Kelleher (F.F) or John Gilroy of Labour. With similar first preference votes and transfers the two look set to battle it out for the fourth and final seat of the constituency. This marks a significant change of faith for Kelleher who was elected on the first count in 2007 having received the highest number of votes. As the only running candidate for Fianna Fáil we could potential see no Fianna Fáil presence in the constituency.
6. Another notable change from the 2007 election is the significant increase in votes for Mick Barry of the Socialist Party. Mr Barry takes 11% first preference votes in this poll which is almost three times stronger than his actual performance in the 2007 General Election. With not many transfers up for grabs Mick Barry gets eliminated on the seventh count.
7. The Green Party as in other constituencies around the county report a fall in popularity. In this poll Ken Walsh, the only standing member for the party, does not even receive 1% first preference vote share. The Green Party share of first preference votes in the 2007 Election was 4%.
8. First choice candidate selection is most likely made by the candidates stance on local issues in this constituency.
9. As seen in other constituencies the economy and jobs dominate the concerns of voters, followed by health services, education and taxation.

The profile of the electorate within the constituency matches the national profile with the exception of a lower incidence of Farmers.



(Base: All Adults - 522)

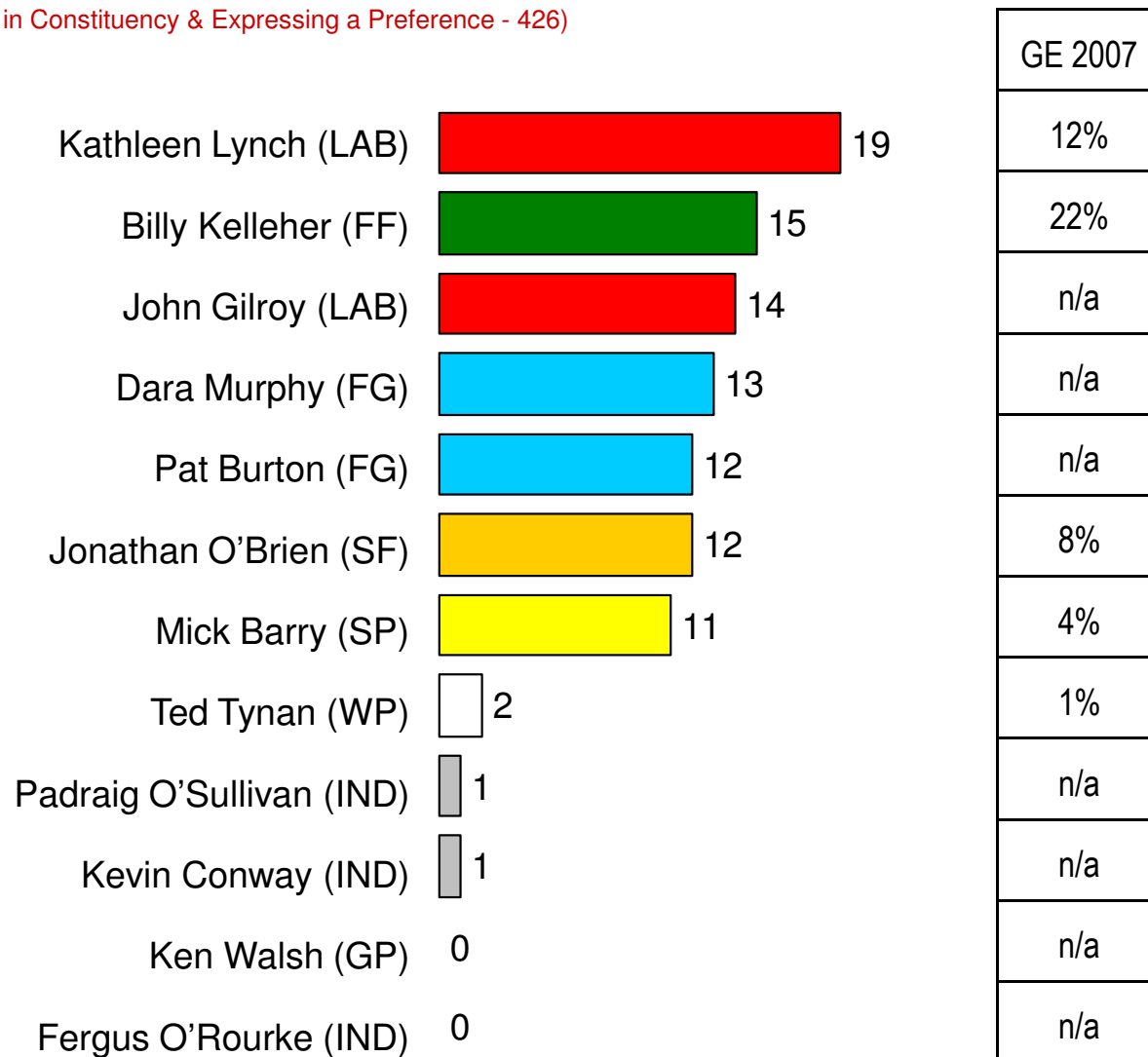
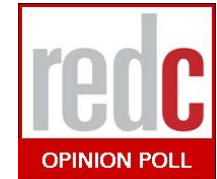
Voter Profile



() figures in brackets relate to national statistics

Share of first preference vote across candidates if there were to be a general election tomorrow

(Base: All Likely to Vote in Constituency & Expressing a Preference - 426)



Ballot Sheet – Count Summary



(Base: All Likely to Vote)

	1st Pref	Share	Quota	Count	Status	Seat
Kathleen Lynch	80	19%	1.12	7	Made Quota	1
Dara Murphy	57	13%	1.05	9	Made Quota	2
Jonathan O'Brien	50	12%	0.79	10	Elected	3
Billy Kelleher	66	15%	0.48	10	Elected	4
John Gilroy	58	14%	0.50	10	Not Elected	5
Pat Burton	52	12%	0.52	9	Eliminated	
Mick Barry	46	11%	0.45	7	Eliminated	
Ted Tynan	8	2%	0.31	6	Eliminated	
Padraig O'Sullivan	6	1%	0.29	5	Eliminated	
Kevin Conway	2	1%	0.17	4	Eliminated	
Ken Walsh	1	*%	0.14	3		
Fergus O'Rourke	1	*%	0.02	2		
Valid Poll =	426	Quota =	86			

RESEARCH EVALUATION DIRECTION **CLARITY**

(Benjamin Ashu Ashu Arrrah, John Adams receive no first preference votes)

Ballot Sheet – Count Analysis

(Base: All Likely to Vote and giving a preference)



(Total Valid Poll – 427) (Quota – 86)	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eight Count	Ninth Count	Tenth Count
	Number of Votes	Transfer O'Rourke's votes and results	Transfer Walsh votes and result	Transfer Conway votes and result	Transfer O'Sullivan votes and result	Transfer Tynan votes and result	Transfer Barry votes and results	Transfer Lynch Surplus	Transfer Burton votes and results	Transfer Murphy Surplus
NAMES OF CANDIDATES										
Kathleen Lynch (Labour)	80	80	80	+1 81	81	+1 82	+16 98	-12 86	86	86
Billy Kelleher (F.F)	66	66	66	+1 67	67	67	67	+2 69	+5 74	+5 79
John Gilroy (Labour)	58	58	58	58	+2 60	60	+2 62	+4 66	+7 73	+5 78
Dara Murphy (Fine Gael)	57	57	57	57	57	+2 59	+4 63	63	+33 96	-10 86
Pat Burton (Fine Gael)	52	52	52	52	+2 54	54	+1 55	55	-55 Eliminate	0
Jonathan O'Brien (S.F)	50	50	50	50	+2 52	54	+2 54	+21 75	+6 81	+4 85
Mick Barry (S.P)	46	46	46	46	+1 47	50	+3 50	-50 Eliminated	0	0
Ted Tynan (W.P)	8	8	8	8	8	-8 Eliminated	0	0	0	0
Padraig O'Sullivan (Ind)	6	+1 7	7	7	-7 Eliminated	0	0	0	0	0
Kevin Conway (Ind)	2	2	2	-2 Eliminated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fergus O'Rourke (Ind)	1	-1 Eliminated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ken Walsh (G.P)	1	1	-1 Eliminated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-transferable papers not effective			+1 1	1	1	1	+6 7	7	+6 13	13

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Ballot Sheet – Count Analysis – Up-Weighted to Valid Poll 2007

Valid Poll 2007 = 42,347 divided by 426 = 99, Each vote polled = 99 votes

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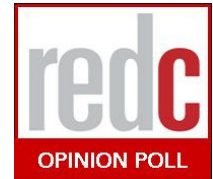
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Kathleen Lynch (Labour)	7,952	7,952	7,952	99 8,052	8,052	99 8,151	1,590 9,742	-1,193 8,549	8,549	8,549
Billy Kelleher (F.F)	6,561	6,561	6,561	1 6,660	6,660	6,660	6,660	199 6,859	497 7,356	497 7,853
John Gilroy (Labour)	5,766	5,766	5,766	5,766	199 5,964	5,964	199 6,163	398 6,561	696 7,257	497 7,754
Dara Murphy (Fine Gael)	5,666	5,666	5,666	5,666	5,666	199 5,865	398 6,263	6,263	3,280 9,543	994 8,549
Pat Burton (Fine Gael)	5,169	5,169	5,169	5,169	199 5,368	5,368	99 5,467	5,467	-5,467 Eliminated	0
Jonathan O'Brien (S.F)	4,970	4,970	4,970	0 4,970	199 5,169	199 5,368	2,088 7,455	596 8,052	398 8,450	8,450
Mick Barry (S.P)	4,573	4,573	4,573	4,573	99 4,672	298 4,970	-4,970 Eliminated	0	0	0
Ted Tynan (W.P)	795	795	795	795	795	-795 Eliminated	0	0	0	0
Padraig O'Sullivan (Ind)	596	1 696	696	696	-696 Eliminated	0	0	0	0	0
Kevin Conway (Ind)	199	199	199	-199 Eliminated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fergus O'Rourke (Ind)	99	-99 Eliminated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ken Walsh (G.P)	99	99	-99 Eliminated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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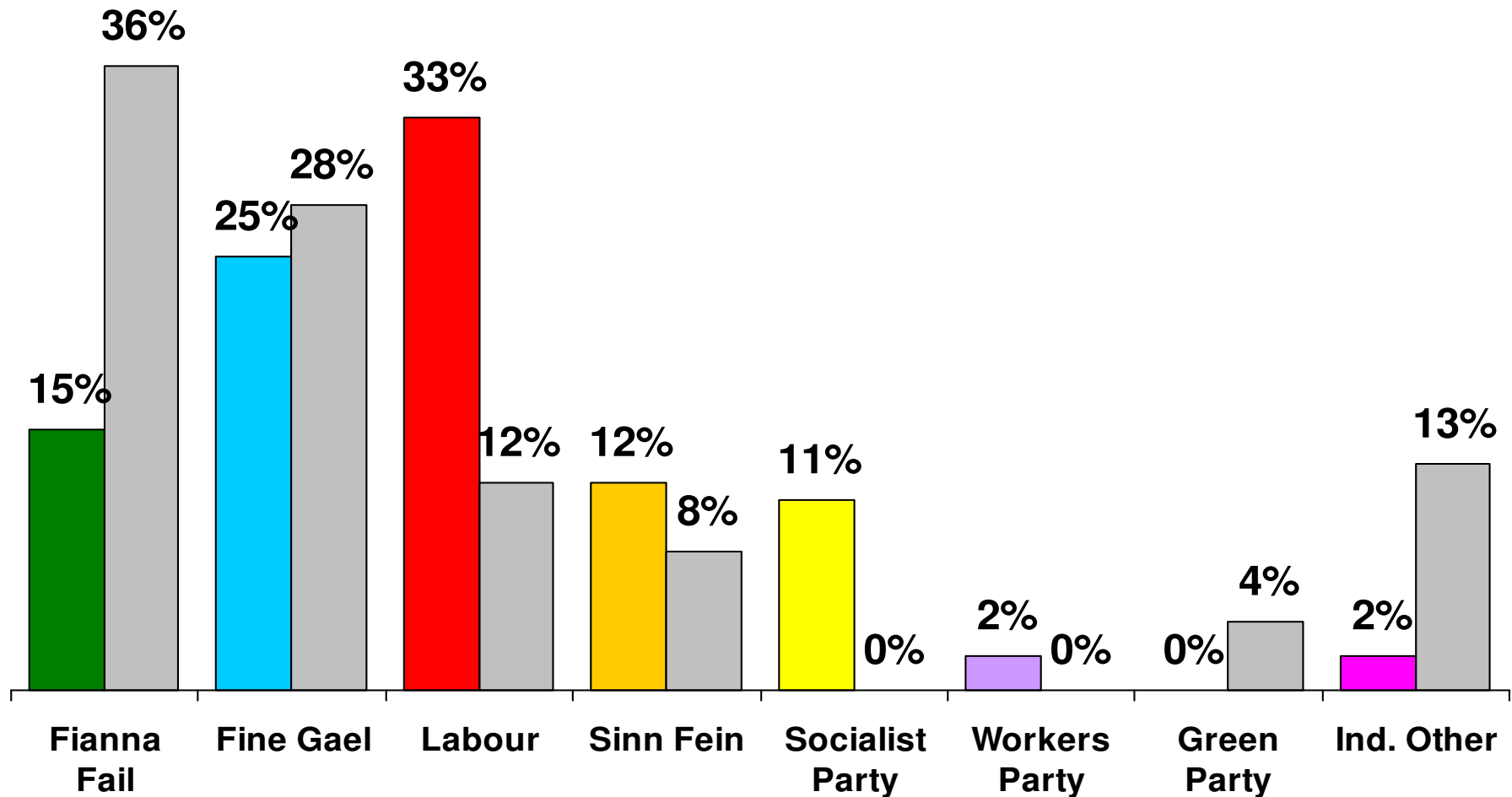
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Share of first preference vote if there were to be a general election tomorrow – by party vs. last General Election 2007 in Cork North Central

(Base: All Likely to Vote in Constituency & Expressing a Preference - 340)

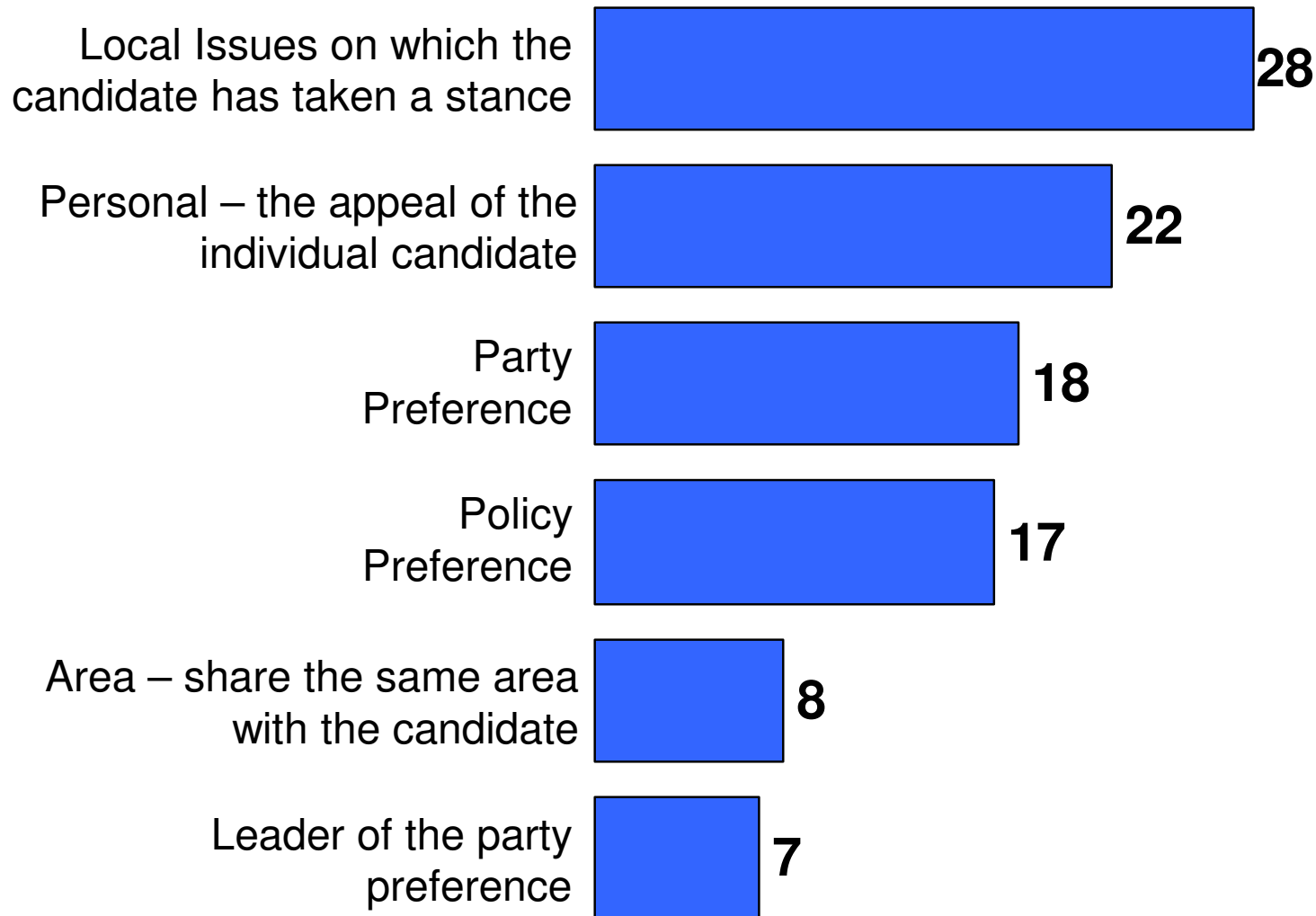
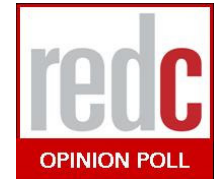


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Main Reason Why First Choice Candidate Selection is Made

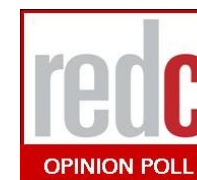
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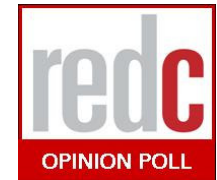
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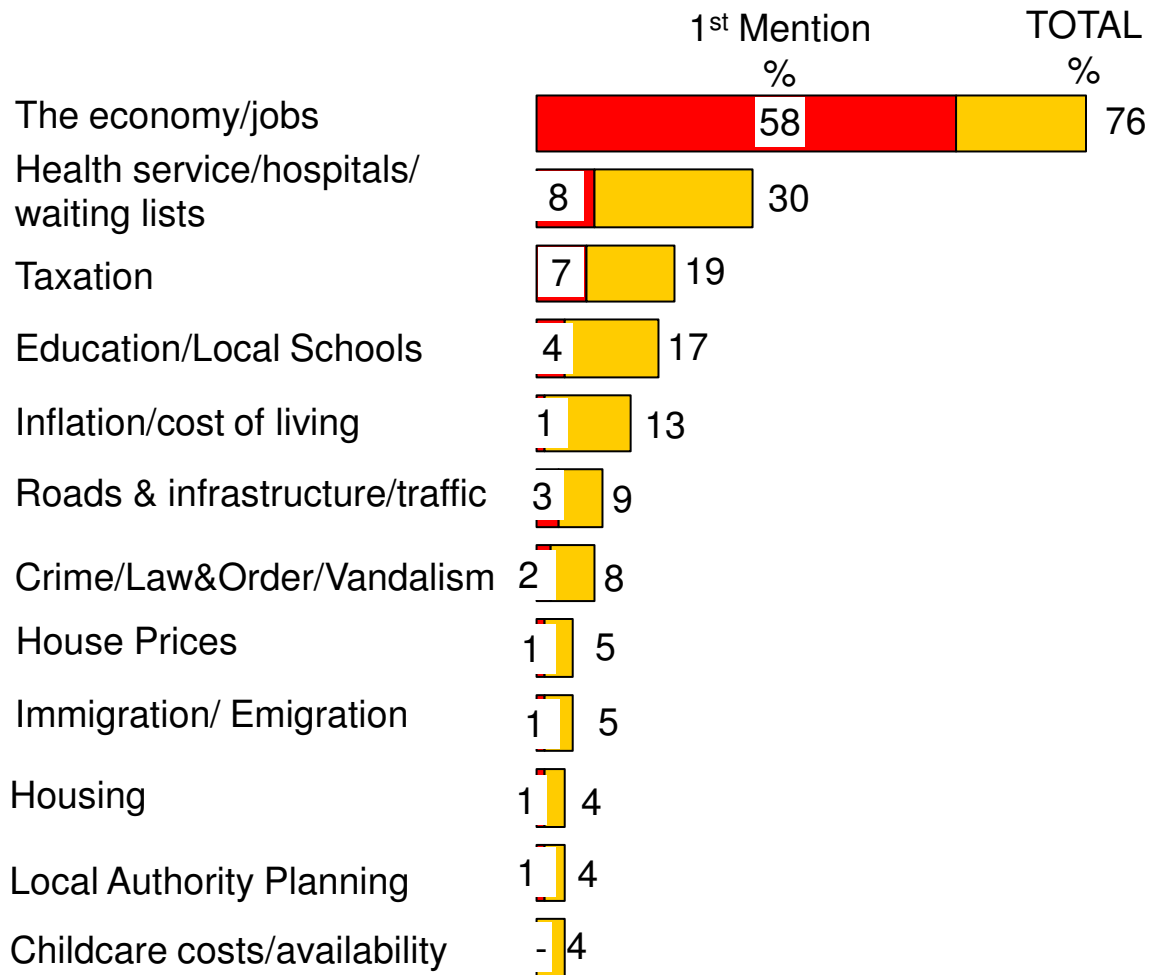
		<i>Those giving 1ST Preference for the following Candidates</i>					
	TOTAL %	Pat Burton %	John Gilroy %	Billy Kelleher %	Kathleen Lynch %	Dara Murphy %	Jonathan O'Brien %
Local Issues on which the candidate has taken a stance	28	21	47	20	25	26	36
Personal – the appeal of the individual candidate	22	12	16	17	16	20	14
Party Preference	18	35	7	12	18	24	18
Policy Preference	17	25	14	17	20	22	28
Area – share the same area with the candidate	8	2	9	14	11	2	4
Leader of the party preference	7	2	7	20	9	4	-

(Q No)

Which issues will influence how you will decide to vote at the next election



(Base: All Likely to Vote)



Do you believe any new government will be able to renegotiate the terms of the EU-IMF bailout?



(Base: All Likely to Vote)

