General Election Opinion Poll

April 2018
Methodology and Weighting

RED C interviewed a random sample of 1,000 adults aged 18+ by telephone between the 19th-25th April 2018.

A random digit dial (RDD) method is used to ensure a random selection process of households to be included – this also ensures that ex-directory households are covered.

Half of the sample are interviewed using an RDD landline sample, with the other half conducted using an RDD mobile phone sample, this ensures 98% coverage of the population reaching landline only households, mobile only households and those with both a landline and a mobile.

Interviews were conducted across the country and the results weighted to the profile of all adults. A further past vote weighting is included that takes the recall for how people voted at the last election, compares this to the actual results and weights the data between the two.

Vote intention results are based on those who will actually go and vote, using a 10 point scale, where 1 is not at all likely and 10 is very likely, those rating 8 to 10 are included as being those who will definitely go and vote.

In all respects the poll was completed to the opinion polling guidelines set out by both ESOMAR and AIMRO.
First Preference Vote Intention – 29th April 2018

If the general election was tomorrow which party or independent candidate do you think you would give your first preference vote to? (Past vote weighted)

(Base: All adults 18+ who will vote)

Fine Gael 32% -1
Ind. Alliance 2% +1
Fianna Fáil 25% +1
Sinn Féin 14% -2
Labour 6% =
Ind. Candidates 13% +2

Undecided Voters 13%

Solidarity-PBP 2% =
Social Democrats 2% =
Green 2% =
Renua 1% -1
Other 1% =
First Preference Vote Intention – April ‘18

If the general election was tomorrow which party or independent candidate do you think you would give your first preference vote to? (Past vote weighted)

(Base: All adults 18+ who will vote)

Fine Gael 32%  
Fianna Fáil 25%  
Sinn Féin 14%  
Ind. Candidate 13%  
Labour 6%  
Ind. Alliance 2%  
Solidarity - PBP 2%  
Social Democrats 2%  
Green 2%  
Renua 1%  
Other 1%

2016 Election
Jan 28th  
Mar 25th  
Feb 25th  
Apr 29th
First Preference Vote Intention – 2012-2018

If the general election was tomorrow which party or independent candidate do you think you would give your first preference vote to? (Past vote weighted)

(Base: All adults 18+ who will vote)

Note; From GE 2016 Onwards, ‘Independents/Others’ split out to show Solidarity-PBP, Social Democrats & Renua separately
First Preference Vote Intention – 2009 to 2018

If the general election was tomorrow which party or independent candidate do you think you would give your first preference vote to? (Past vote weighted)

(Base: All adults 18+ who will vote)

Note; From GE 2016 Onwards, ‘Independents/Others’ split out to show Solidarity-PBP, Social Democrats & Renua separately
First Preference Vote Intention – Since GE 2016

If the general election was tomorrow which party or independent candidate do you think you would give your first preference vote to? (Past vote weighted)

(Base: All adults 18+ who will vote)

Confidence and supply agreement reached

Leo Varadkar becomes leader of FG and Taoiseach

Fine Gael
Fianna Fáil
Sinn Féin
Independent
Labour
Ind Alliance
Solidarity-PBP
Green Party
Social Democrats
Renua
Alliance
Other

25%
14%
6%
2%
The 8th Amendment - Repeal or Retain -
Likelihood to Vote in Referendum regarding 8\textsuperscript{th} Amendment

(Base: All Adults aged 18+ - 1,000)

Higher level of planned voting behaviour in the upcoming referendum, than if a general election was to be held.
Differences in those who are ‘10’ definitely going to vote

(Base: All Adults aged 18+ - 1,000)

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Less Likely to Vote in Referendum
-2%
Over Index on ‘NO’/DK VOTE

More Likely to Vote in Referendum
+7%
Over Index on ‘YES’ VOTE
Who's More Likely to Vote in the Referendum vs. General Election

(Base: All Adults aged 18+ - 1,000)

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<td>39%</td>
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Q. The Oireachtas Committee on the 8th Amendment of the Constitution has recommended a referendum to repeal the Eighth Amendment, and instead to legislate to allow abortion without restriction during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. On 25th May this year a referendum will be held on whether or not to repeal the 8th Amendment in the constitution. How do you think that you will vote in the referendum? Will you vote to Repeal the 8th Amendment or vote to Retain the 8th Amendment in the constitution?
Support for Repealing or Retaining the 8th Amendment in the Constitution

(Base: All Adults aged 18+ - 1,000)

TURNOUT WEIGHTED*

Repeal the 8th Vote Intention

- YES in favour of repealing the 8th Amendment from the constitution: 56%
- NO against repealing the 8th Amendment: 27%
- Don’t know: 16%
- Refused: 1%

Repeal the 8th Vote Intention (Excluding DK & Refused)

- YES in favour of repealing the 8th Amendment from the constitution: 68%
- NO against repealing the 8th Amendment: 32%

How Secure is the Yes Vote?

- YES in favour of repealing the 8th Amendment from the constitution: 56%
- NET: NO/UNDECIDED: 44%

*Likelihood to vote in the 8th Amendment Referendum asked in April 2018. Results are weighted based on how likely or not you are to vote.
Support for Repealing the 8th Amendment - % Yes

Q. How do you think that you will vote in the referendum? Will you vote to Repeal the 8th Amendment or vote to Retain the 8th Amendment in the constitution?

(Base: All Adults aged 18+ - 1,000)

Gender

54% 57%

Social Class

ABC1: 67%
C2DE: 49%

Party Support

Fianna Fail 47% Fine Gael 63% Labour 72% Sinn Fein 56% Ind 50%

Region

Dublin 61%
Munster 55%
Conn/ Ulster 52%
Rest of Leinster 54%

TURNOUT WEIGHTED*
Support for Oireachtas Committee recommendations to allow abortions up to the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

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Support for Oireachtas Committee recommendations to allow abortions up to the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

(Base: All Adults aged 18+ - 1,000)

Oireachtas Committee Recommendations

- **YES** in favour of repealing the 8th Amendment from the constitution: 49%
- **NO** against repealing the 8th Amendment: 33%
- Don’t know: 16%
- Refused: 2%

Oireachtas Committee Recommendations (Excluding DK & Refused)

- **YES** in favour of repealing the 8th Amendment from the constitution: 60%
- **NO** against repealing the 8th Amendment: 40%

How Secure is the Support Vote?

- **YES** in favour of repealing the 8th Amendment from the constitution: 49%
- **NET: NO/UNDECIDED**: 51%

*Likelihood to vote in the 8th Amendment Referendum asked in April 2018. Results are weighted based on how likely or not you are to vote.*
Support for Oireachtas Committee recommendations to allow abortions up to the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

Q. Do you support or not support the Oireachtas committee recommendations to introduce legislation to allow abortion on demand during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy only or not?

(Base: All Adults aged 18+ - 1,000)

**Gender**
- 48% Support
- 50% No Support

**Social Class**
- ABC1: 58%
- C2DE: 45%

**Party Support**
- Fianna Fail: 41%
- Fine Gael: 57%
- Labour: 63%
- Sinn Fein: 51%
- Ind: 51%

**Region**
- Conn/ Ulster: 44%
- Munster: 50%
- Dublin: 55%
- Rest of Leinster: 46%

**Age**
- 18-24: 74%
- 25-34: 57%
- 35-44: 62%
- 45-54: 43%
- 55-64: 37%
- 65+: 31%

*TURNOUT WEIGHTED*
Support for Abortion on demand up to 12 weeks
X their views on repealing or retaining the 8th Amendment

(Base: All Adults aged 18+ - 1,000)

Support abortion on demand up to 12 weeks: 49%
Do Not Support abortion on demand up to 12 weeks: 33%
Don’t know: 16%
Refused: 2%

Those who want to REPEAL: 82%
Those who want to RETAIN: 91%
Undecided/ Abstained on Repealing the 8th: 65%