Methodology and Weighting

- RED C interviewed a random sample of 1,000 adults aged 18+ by telephone between the 15th-22nd March 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 – 25<sup>th</sup> March 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** 33% +1
- **Ind. Alliance** 1% -2
- **Fianna Fáil** 24% -5
- **Sinn Féin** 16% +2
- **Labour** 6% =
- **Ind. Candidates** 11% +1
- **Solidarity-PBP** 2% +1
- **Social Democrats** 2% =
- **Green** 2% =
- **Renua** 2% +1
- **Other** 1% +1

**Undecided Voters** 14%
First Preference Vote Intention – March ‘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 33%
Fianna Fáil 24%
Sinn Féin 16%
Ind. Candidate 11%
Labour 6%
Ind. Alliance 1%
Solidarity-PBP 2%
Social Democrats 2%
Green 2%
Renua 2%
Other 1%
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

24%
16%
11%
6%
2%
1%
33%
The 8th Amendment - Repeal or Retain
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. In May or June 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)

Repeal the 8th Vote Intention

**YES** in favour of repealing the 8th Amendment from the constitution
- 60%
- 56%

**NO** against repealing the 8th Amendment
- 20%
- 26%

Don’t know
- 18%
- 16%

Refused
- 2%
- 2%

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

**YES** in favour of repealing the 8th Amendment from the constitution
- 75%
- 69%

**NO** against repealing the 8th Amendment
- 25%
- 31%

How Secure is the Yes Vote?

**YES** in favour of repealing the 8th Amendment from the constitution
- 60%
- 56%

**NET: NO/UNDECIDED**
- 40%
- 44%
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
- Male: 54%
- Female: 59%

Social Class
- ABC1: 62%
- C2DE: 54%

Party Support
- Fianna Fail: 43%
- Fine Gael: 60%
- Labour: 71%
- Sinn Fein: 65%
- Ind: 68%

Region
- Dublin: 63%
- Conn/ Ulster: 53%
- Munster: 56%
- Rest of Leinster: 52%
Support for Oireachtas Committee recommendations to allow abortions up to the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

(Excluding DK & Refused)

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. In May or June this year a referendum will be held on whether or not to repeal the 8th Amendment in the constitution. 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?

Support

- 51%
- 52%

Do Not Support

- 27%
- 33%

Don’t know

- 21%
- 13%

Refused

- 1%
- 2%

How Secure is the Support Vote?

Support

- 66%
- 61%

Do Not Support

- 34%
- 39%

NET: Do Not Support/Undecided/Abstain

- 49%
- 48%
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)

- Social Class:
  - ABC1: 58%
  - C2DE: 50%

- Gender:
  - Male: 51%
  - Female: 53%

- Party Support:
  - Fianna Fail: 37%
  - Fine Gael: 56%
  - Labour: 75%
  - Sinn Fein: 60%
  - Ind: 64%

- Region:
  - Dublin: 60%
  - Conn/ Ulster: 48%
  - Munster: 50%
  - Rest of Leinster: 49%
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:
- Total All Voters: 51% Support, 52% Do Not Support
- Those who want to REPEAL: 79% Support, 80% Do Not Support
- Those who want to RETAIN: 89% Support, 85% Do Not Support
- Undecided/ Abstained on Repealing the 8th: 12% Support, 24% Do Not Support

Do Not Support abortion on demand up to 12 weeks:
- Total All Voters: 27% Support, 33% Do Not Support
- Those who want to REPEAL: 10% Support, 13% Do Not Support
- Those who want to RETAIN: 67% Support, 46% Do Not Support
- Undecided/ Abstained on Repealing the 8th: 16% Support, 21% Do Not Support

Refused:
- Total All Voters: 1% Support, 2% Do Not Support
- Those who want to REPEAL: 11% Support, 7% Do Not Support
- Those who want to RETAIN: 5% Support, 9% Do Not Support
- Undecided/ Abstained on Repealing the 8th: 0% Support, 0% Do Not Support

Jan 28th - Mar 25th
THANK YOU