General Election & Attitudes Towards Brexit
Opinion Poll

January 2019
Methodology and Weighting

/ RED C interviewed a random sample of 1000 adults aged 18+ by telephone between the 17th-24th January 2019.

/ 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 weighted based on turnout, including both how likely each respondent is to actually go and vote on a 10 point scale, where 1 is not at all likely and 10 is very likely, as well as whether or not they voted in the last general election.

/ In all respects the poll was completed to the opinion polling guidelines set out by both ESOMAR and AIMRO.
General Election
First Preference Vote Intention – 27th January 2019

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% (-2)
- Ind. Alliance: 5% =
- Fianna Fáil: 22% (-5)
- Sinn Féin: 13% =
- Labour: 6% =
- Ind. Candidates: 14% (+4)
- Undecided Voters: 14%

Other: 1% +1

Solidarity-PBP: 2% +2
Social Democrats: 2% =
Green: 3% =
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- Labour: 6%
- Ind. Alliance: 5%
- Solidarity-PBP: 2%
- Social Democrats: 2%
- Green: 3%
- Renua: 0%
- Other: 1%
### Party Preference X Demographics

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)

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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

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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
Brexit
Attitudes towards Brexit

- **The vote by the UK for Brexit makes a united Ireland more likely:**
  - **Agree:** 70%
  - **Disagree:** 24%
  - **Unsure:** 6%

- **The Irish Government should refuse to put up the border infrastructure if there is a hard Brexit:**
  - **Agree:** 70%
  - **Disagree:** 24%
  - **Unsure:** 6%

- **The Irish Government have made sufficient preparations to protect Ireland’s economy in the event of a hard Brexit:**
  - **Agree:** 52%
  - **Disagree:** 36%
  - **Unsure:** 12%

- **The Irish Government should drop the backstop - which is the guarantee of no hard border - from the Brexit withdrawal deal to help Prime Minister Theresa May get the deal through the House of Commons:**
  - **Agree:** 64%
  - **Disagree:** 27%
  - **Unsure:** 9%
The Irish Government should refuse to put up border infrastructure if there is a hard Brexit - % Agree
(Base: All Adults aged 18+ - 1,000)

- **Gender**: 70% Agree, 69% Disagree
- **Social Class**: ABC1: 74%, C2DE: 65%
- **Party Support**: Fianna Fail: 71%, Fine Gael: 72%, Labour: 67%, Sinn Fein: 77%, Ind: 72%
- **Region**: Rest of Leinster: 74%, Munster: 72%, Conn/ Ulster: 77%, Dublin: 67%
The Irish government should drop the backstop – which is the guarantee of no hard border – from the Brexit withdrawal deal to help British Prime Minister Theresa May get the deal through the House of Commons - % Agree

Gender:
- Male: 25%
- Female: 30%

Social Class:
- ABC1: 26%
- C2DE: 29%

Party Support:
- Fianna Fail: 23%
- Fine Gael: 23%
- Labour: 37%
- Sinn Fein: 31%
- Ind: 30%

Region:
- Dublin: 25%
- Conn/ Ulster: 34%
- Munster: 32%
- Rest of Leinster: 22%
The vote by the UK for Brexit makes a united Ireland more likely - % Agree

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

**Gender**
- Male: 51%
- Female: 35%

**Social Class**
- ABC1: 42%
- C2DE: 42%

**Party Support**
- Fianna Fail: 34%
- Fine Gael: 45%
- Labour: 51%
- Sinn Fein: 49%
- Ind: 42%

**Age**
- 18-24: 47%
- 25-34: 46%
- 35-44: 44%
- 45-54: 42%
- 55-64: 47%
- 65+: 33%

**Region**
- Conn/ Ulster: 38%
- Munster: 42%
- Rest of Leinster: 44%
- Dublin: 45%
The Irish Government have made sufficient preparations to protect Ireland’s economy in the event of a hard Brexit - % Agree

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

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Dublin

Conn/ Ulster

Munster

36% Agree

ABC1: 35%

C2DE: 36%

Fianna Fail

Fine Gael

Labour

Sinn Fein

Ind

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THANK YOU