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Core questions

weight

Weight generated by the polling agency for all observations.

gender

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Female	2548	47.40	47.40	47.40	47.40
Male	2828	52.60	100.00	52.60	100.00
<NA>	0			0.00	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

age

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
18-24	452	8.41	8.41	8.41	8.41
25-34	836	15.55	23.96	15.55	23.96
35-49	1612	29.99	53.94	29.99	53.94
50-64	1517	28.22	82.16	28.22	82.16
65+	959	17.84	100.00	17.84	100.00
<NA>	0			0.00	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

region

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Conn/Ulster	1053	19.59	19.59	19.59	19.59
Dublin	1270	23.62	43.21	23.62	43.21
Munster	1550	28.83	72.04	28.83	72.04
Rest of Leinster	1503	27.96	100.00	27.96	100.00
<NA>	0			0.00	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

firstPref

First preference vote choice.

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
SF	1270	23.62	93.95	23.62	93.95
FF	1181	21.97	23.72	21.97	23.72
FG	1155	21.48	45.20	21.48	45.20
Indep	609	11.33	65.14	11.33	65.14
Greens	423	7.87	53.07	7.87	53.07
Labour	242	4.50	69.64	4.50	69.64
SocDems	170	3.16	97.12	3.16	97.12
Sol-PBP	153	2.85	99.96	2.85	99.96
Aontu	94	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Renua	20	0.37	70.33	0.37	70.33
NatPart	17	0.32	69.96	0.32	69.96
IFP	15	0.28	53.55	0.28	53.55
Ind4Ch	14	0.26	53.81	0.26	53.81
IDP	11	0.20	53.27	0.20	53.27
UnitPeople	1	0.02	99.98	0.02	99.98
WP	1	0.02	100.00	0.02	100.00
<NA>	0			0.00	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

firstPrefRec

First preferences recoded into fewer parties.

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
SF	1270	23.62	93.99	23.62	93.99
FF	1181	21.97	21.97	21.97	21.97
FG	1155	21.48	43.45	21.48	43.45
Indep	623	11.59	62.91	11.59	62.91
Greens	423	7.87	51.32	7.87	51.32
Labour	242	4.50	67.41	4.50	67.41
SocDems	170	3.16	97.15	3.16	97.15
Sol-PBP	153	2.85	100.00	2.85	100.00
Other	159	2.96	70.37	2.96	70.37
<NA>	0			0.00	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

secondPref

Second preference vote choice.

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
FF	1145	21.30	23.53	21.30	23.53
FG	1067	19.85	43.38	19.85	43.38
Indep	747	13.90	67.02	13.90	67.02
SF	624	11.61	89.77	11.61	89.77
Greens	444	8.26	51.64	8.26	51.64
Labour	328	6.10	73.12	6.10	73.12
Sol-PBP	326	6.06	99.93	6.06	99.93
SocDems	220	4.09	93.86	4.09	93.86
Aontu	120	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23
Ind4Ch	51	0.95	53.12	0.95	53.12
Renua	18	0.33	78.16	0.33	78.16
IFP	18	0.33	52.18	0.33	52.18
NatPart	13	0.24	73.36	0.24	73.36
IDP	11	0.20	51.84	0.20	51.84
WP	4	0.07	100.00	0.07	100.00
None	240	4.46	77.83	4.46	77.83

<NA>	0			0.00	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

secondPrefRec

Second preference recoded into fewer parties.

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
FF	1145	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30
FG	1067	19.85	41.15	19.85	41.15
Indep	798	14.84	64.25	14.84	64.25
SF	624	11.61	89.84	11.61	89.84
Greens	444	8.26	49.40	8.26	49.40
Labour	328	6.10	70.35	6.10	70.35
Sol-PBP	326	6.06	100.00	6.06	100.00
SocDems	220	4.09	93.94	4.09	93.94
None	240	4.46	74.81	4.46	74.81
Other	184	3.42	78.24	3.42	78.24
<NA>	0			0.00	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Split 1 questions

weight1

Weight generated by the polling agency for Split 1 observations.

mostImportant

Q.1 - Which ONE of these was MOST IMPORTANT to you in deciding how to vote today?

1 Housing/homelessness 2 Health 3 Crime 4 Childcare 5 Pension age 6 Immigration 7 Jobs 8 Climate change 9 Taxation 10 Brexit 11 Something else 12 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Brexit	14	1.38	1.38	0.26	0.26
Childcare	35	3.45	4.83	0.65	0.91
Climate change	66	6.50	11.33	1.23	2.14
Crime	30	2.96	14.29	0.56	2.70
Health	327	32.22	46.50	6.08	8.78
Housing/homelessness	276	27.19	73.69	5.13	13.91
Immigration	8	0.79	74.48	0.15	14.06
Jobs	69	6.80	81.28	1.28	15.35
Pension age	81	7.98	89.26	1.51	16.85
Something else	59	5.81	95.07	1.10	17.95
Taxation	50	4.93	100.00	0.93	18.88
<NA>	4361			81.12	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

impManageEcon

Q.2 - How important was the ability to MANAGE THE ECONOMY to how you voted today?

1 Very important 2 Somewhat important 3 Not that important 4 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Very important	873	82.51	100.00	16.24	19.68
Somewhat important	166	15.69	17.49	3.09	3.44
Not that important	19	1.80	1.80	0.35	0.35
<NA>	4318			80.32	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

impPartyLeader

Q.3 - How important was PARTY LEADER to how you voted today?

1 Very important 2 Somewhat important 3 Not that important 4 Not applicable/voted Independent 5 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Very important	520	50.49	100.00	9.67	19.16
Somewhat important	286	27.77	49.51	5.32	9.49
Not that important	224	21.75	21.75	4.17	4.17
<NA>	4346			80.84	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Split 2 questions

weight2

Weight generated by the polling agency for Split 2 observations.

candParty

Q.4 - Which was more important to you when voting today - the CANDIDATE or the PARTY?

1 Candidate more important 2 Party more important 3 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Candidate more important	610	54.46	54.46	11.35	11.35
Party more important	510	45.54	100.00	9.49	20.83
<NA>	4256			79.17	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

localNational

Q.5 - Was it more important to vote for someone who will PUT LOCAL ISSUES FIRST or for someone who will PUT NATIONAL ISSUES FIRST?

1 Put local issues first 2 Put national issues first 3 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Put local issues first	530	47.41	47.41	9.86	9.86
Put national issues first	588	52.59	100.00	10.94	20.80

<NA>	4258			79.20	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

whenDecide

Q.6 - WHEN did you make up your mind how to vote?

1 Before campaign/always knew 2 During campaign 3 In the last couple of days 4 Today/when casting my vote 5 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Before campaign/always knew	526	46.96	46.96	9.78	9.78
During campaign	319	28.48	75.45	5.93	15.72
In the last couple of days	183	16.34	91.79	3.40	19.12
Today/when casting my vote	92	8.21	100.00	1.71	20.83
<NA>	4256			79.17	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Split 3 questions

weight3

Weight generated by the polling agency for Split 3 observations.

changeGovt

Q.7 - Which ONE of these is closest to your view?

1 Best to continue with the Government we have 2 Best to have a change of Government 3 Country needs a radical change in direction 4 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Best to continue with the Government we have	194	19.88	19.88	3.61	3.61

Best to have a change of Government	471	48.26	68.14	8.76	12.37
Country needs a radical change in direction	311	31.86	100.00	5.78	18.15
<NA>	4400			81.85	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

benefImprEcon

Q.8 - Does the following statement apply to you personally or not. I have benefitted from the improvement in the economy in recent years?

1 Applies to me personally 2 Does not apply to me personally 3 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Applies to me personally	353	36.21	36.21	6.57	6.57
Does not apply to me personally	622	63.79	100.00	11.57	18.14
<NA>	4401			81.86	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

DecTaxIncSpend

Q.9 - If the next Government has resources to spare should more of the money be used to REDUCE TAXES or should more be used to INCREASE SPENDING ON PUBLIC SERVICES?

1 More to reduce taxes 2 More to increase spending on public services 3 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
More to reduce taxes	347	35.63	100.00	6.45	18.12
More to increase spending on public services	627	64.37	64.37	11.66	11.66
<NA>	4402			81.88	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Split 4 questions

weight4

Weight generated by the polling agency for Split 4 observations.

refUnification

Q.10 - Do you think there should be REFERENDUMS north and south in the next 5 years on Irish Unity or not?

1 Yes to hold Referendums in next 5 years 2 No to not hold Referendums in next 5 years 3 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Yes to hold Referendums in next 5 years	645	61.14	100.00	12.00	19.62
No to not hold Referendums in next 5 years	410	38.86	38.86	7.63	7.63
<NA>	4321			80.38	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

noSinnFeinCoal

Q.11 - Are Fine Gael and Fianna Fail right or wrong to RULE OUT GOING INTO GOVERNMENT WITH SINN FEIN?

1 Right to rule out going into Government with Sinn Fein 2 Wrong to rule out going into Government with Sinn Fein 3 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Right to rule out going into Government with Sinn Fein	470	45.11	45.11	8.74	8.74
Wrong to rule out going into Government with Sinn Fein	572	54.89	100.00	10.64	19.38
<NA>	4334			80.62	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

speakIrish

Q.12 - To what extent can you and do you speak IRISH?

1 Can speak Irish and use regularly 2 Can speak Irish and use infrequently 3 Can speak Irish but never do so 4 Can't speak Irish 5 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Can speak Irish and use regularly	105	9.92	36.67	1.95	7.22
Can speak Irish and use infrequently	283	26.75	26.75	5.26	5.26
Can speak Irish but never do so	313	29.58	66.26	5.82	13.04
Can't speak Irish	357	33.74	100.00	6.64	19.68
<NA>	4318			80.32	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Split 5 questions

weight5

Weight generated by the polling agency for Split 5 observations.

churchAttendance

Q.13 - Apart from special occasions such as weddings and funerals how often do you attend RELIGIOUS SERVICES?

1 Every day 2 Once a week 3 Less often 4 Only on special/holy days 5 Never 6 Not sure 7 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Every day	31	2.80	2.80	0.58	0.58
Once a week	317	28.58	75.20	5.90	15.51
Less often	236	21.28	24.08	4.39	4.97
Only on special/holy days	275	24.80	100.00	5.12	20.63

Never	250	22.54	46.62	4.65	9.62
<NA>	4267			79.37	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

education

Q.14 - What is your highest level of completed education?

1 No formal education 2 Primary school 3 Inter Cert/Junior Cert 4 Leaving Cert 5 Post Leaving Cert non-degree 6 Third level degree or higher 7 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
No formal education	7	0.63	35.34	0.13	7.33
Primary school	71	6.37	53.99	1.32	11.20
Inter Cert/Junior Cert	130	11.66	11.66	2.42	2.42
Leaving Cert	257	23.05	34.71	4.78	7.20
Post Leaving Cert non-degree	137	12.29	47.62	2.55	9.88
Third level degree or higher	513	46.01	100.00	9.54	20.74
<NA>	4261			79.26	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

prevElection

Q.15 - In the last 2016 General Election to which party or candidate did you give your first preference vote?

1 Fianna Fáil 2 Fine Gael 3 Labour 4 Green Party 5 Sinn Féin 6 Solidarity (Anti-Aust Alliance) - People Before Profit 7 Social Democrats 8 Renua 9 Other party 10 Non Party/Independent 11 Do not recall 12 Did not vote in 2016 General Election 13 Not stated

	Freq	% Valid	% Valid Cum.	% Total	% Total Cum.
Fine Gael	340	32.47	56.26	6.32	10.96
Fianna Fáil	249	23.78	23.78	4.63	4.63
SF	137	13.09	98.28	2.55	19.14
Indep	102	9.74	70.58	1.90	13.75

None	73	6.97	83.48	1.36	16.26
Labour	62	5.92	76.50	1.15	14.90
Greens	48	4.58	60.84	0.89	11.85
SocDems	12	1.15	99.43	0.22	19.36
Renua	10	0.96	85.20	0.19	16.59
Sol-PBP	6	0.57	100.00	0.11	19.48
Other	8	0.76	84.24	0.15	16.41
<NA>	4329			80.52	100.00
Total	5376	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00