

## Opinion Poll Report June 2021



## Methodology and Weighting

- RED C interviewed a random sample of **1020** adults aged 18+ online between Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- A online approach was used, among our bespoke online panel RED C Live.
- Interviews are conducted across the country and the results weighted to the profile of all adults.
- Panellists were chosen at random to complete the poll, with quotas set and weights allocated on age, gender, class, region, education level & working status to ensure a nationally representative sample.
- A further past vote quota and weight is included that looks at how people on our panel voted at the last election (gathered at the time) and controls this to ensure it matches the actual results.
- In all respects the poll was completed to the opinion polling guidelines set out by both ESOMAR and AIMRO.

## REDCLIVE

Sample is drawn by RED C's own online panel, RED C Live, that consists of **over 40,000 participants**, recruited from online and offline means.

RED C are proud to have such a high quality resource in the market place

- ✓ Unlike most generic panels, our panellist are given **fair reward** for their time helping to ensure the highest levels of engagement and quality of response across our surveys.
- ✓ The RED C Live panel is fully owned by RED C. This ensures that panel members are not over-interviewed, enabling us to provide the highest quality standards to our clients.
- ✓ RED C uses a number of quota controls outside of age, gender and class, to ensure accuracy – including past vote behaviour, working status, & education.

## The highest online research quality standards in the industry



#### Pre-Screening

All respondents are pre-screened and invited to take part in the survey based on the information held on them in the panel.



#### Invites

Panelists are recruited for surveys a maximum of 3 times per month for ad hoc projects and once every 3 months for tracker surveys.



#### Fair Reward

We pay respondents €1 for every 5 minutes of survey completion, much higher than the market rate



#### Logic Traps

We have inbuilt logic questions and failures at these questions are rejected.



#### Time Delays

All surveys have in-built time delays from the appearance of questions to the presentation of response options.

#### The move to online polling

Testing during Election 2020 shows accuracy

RED C were delighted with the accuracy of our polling for the Business Post at the recent General Election 2020. The accuracy of our polls underlines the quality of our offering.

During the campaign we conducted 4 polls in total, two that were run on our telephone omnibus and published in the Business Post on the 26<sup>th</sup> January and the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, while we also conducted two further polls online using our RED Line omnibus service.

The online polls were run in order to for us to test how accurately we could predict the result of the Election using an online approach, which is very commonly used in other countries such as the UK.

The results of these online polling tests were also highly successful, with an average error of 0.80%, at a similar level to the exit poll which had 5000 interviews conducted on the day.

These results back up the quality credentials both of the RED C Live online panel generally, and also of the RED C sampling and quality control team tasked with ensuring we reach a representative sample through that panel.

It has proved that we can, with our expert knowledge of the political landscape in Ireland and our strict quality controls, utilise a more cost effective and flexible online approach for polling moving forward.

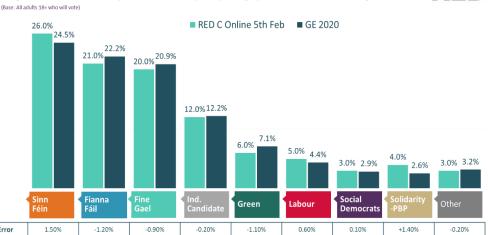
Based on the success of these tests we have moved our regular tracking polls to a more cost effective online approach each month to measure trends in voters support for parties, with possible supplementary telephone polls where required.



#### Final Online Poll Test During GE 2020

#### First Preference Vote Intention - RED C 5th Feb vs. Result





Average Error 0.80%



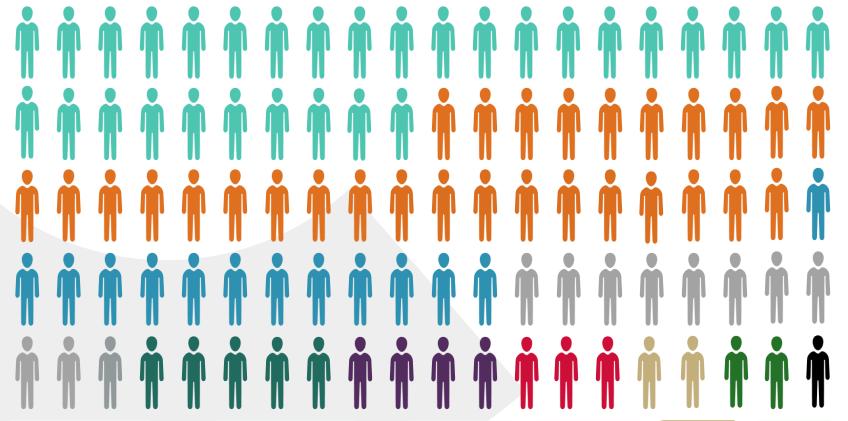
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# Vote Intention @ General Election

## First preference vote intention – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021



With change vs. last poll – May 2021



Fine Gael **30%** +1

Sinn Féin 29% =

Fianna Fáil **13%** -1

Other Party

1% =

Ind. Candidates **11%** +1

Green **5%** =

Social Democrats 4% -1

Labour **3%** =

Solidarity-PBP **2%** =

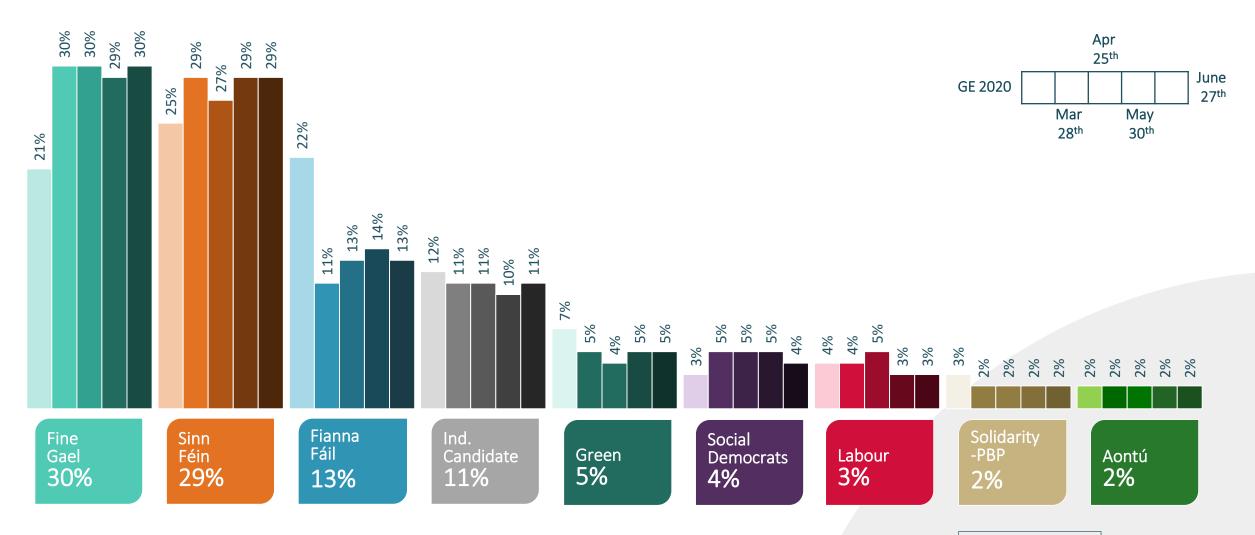
Aontú **2%** =

Undecided Voters +1

#### First preference vote intention







Other Party
1% =

### First preference vote intention x demographics



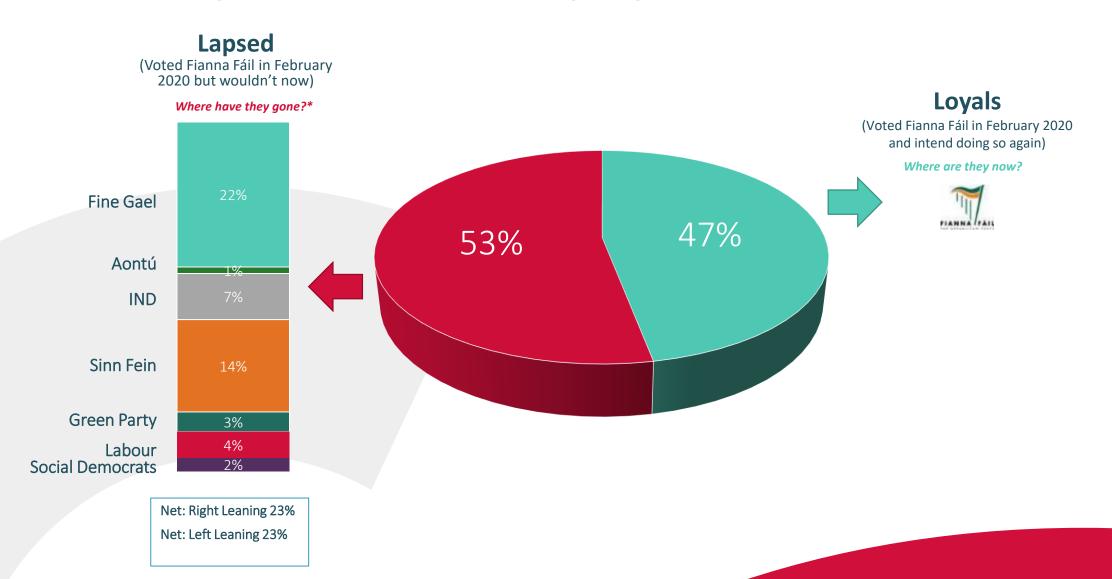
Note: Results on sub sample of the population are based on a much smaller sample size per group, and as such have a much higher margin of error. The results should therefore be treated with caution

27 <sup>th</sup> June 2021		Gender		Age			Social Class		Region			
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	Dublin	Rest of Leinster	Munster	Conn/ Ulster
Fine Gael	30%	28%	31%	16%	26%	41%	34%	22%	33%	33%	22%	29%
Sinn Féin	29%	29%	28%	44%	28%	19%	18%	40%	25%	29%	31%	31%
Fianna Fáil	13%	14%	12%	10%	15%	13%	20%	8%	12%	14%	15%	10%
An Independent Candidate	11%	11%	11%	7%	14%	11%	8%	14%	7%	7%	18%	14%
Green Party	5%	4%	6%	9%	3%	4%	7%	4%	8%	4%	4%	3%
Social Democrats	4%	5%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Labour Party	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	2%	2%
Solidarity/ People Before Profit (including Rise)	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%
Aontú	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%

### Where has the Fianna Fáil vote gone?

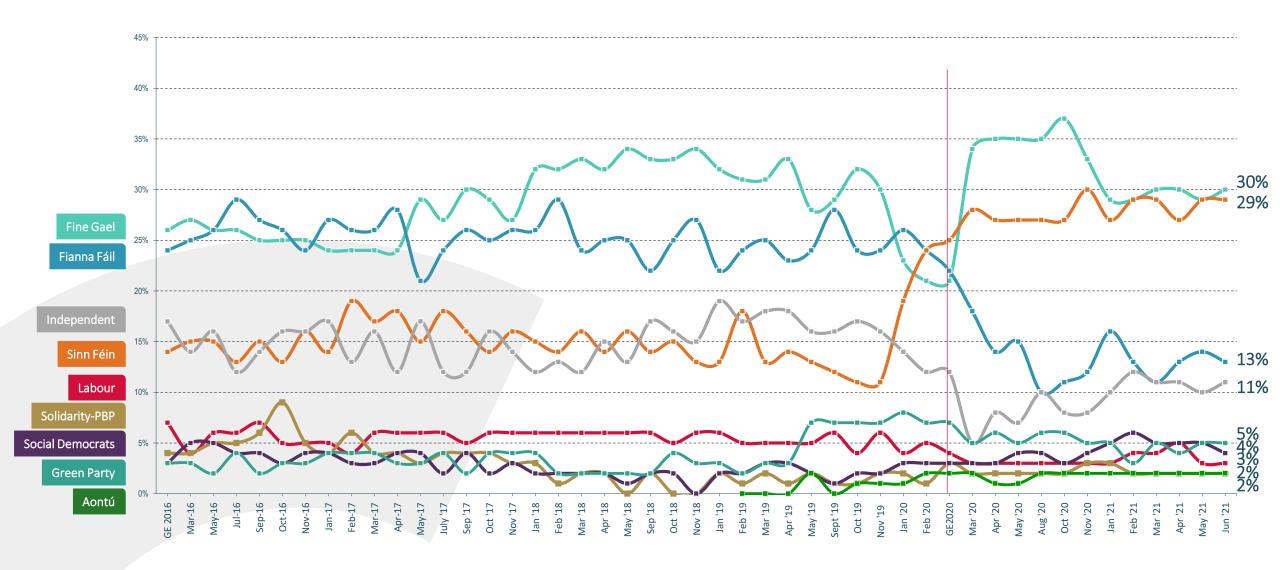


Distribution of 1<sup>st</sup> Preference Votes of Those who Voted for Fianna Fáil in Feb 2020 suggests movement to both the left and the right, with Fine Gael and Sinn Fein gaining the lions share



#### First preference vote intention – since GE 2016



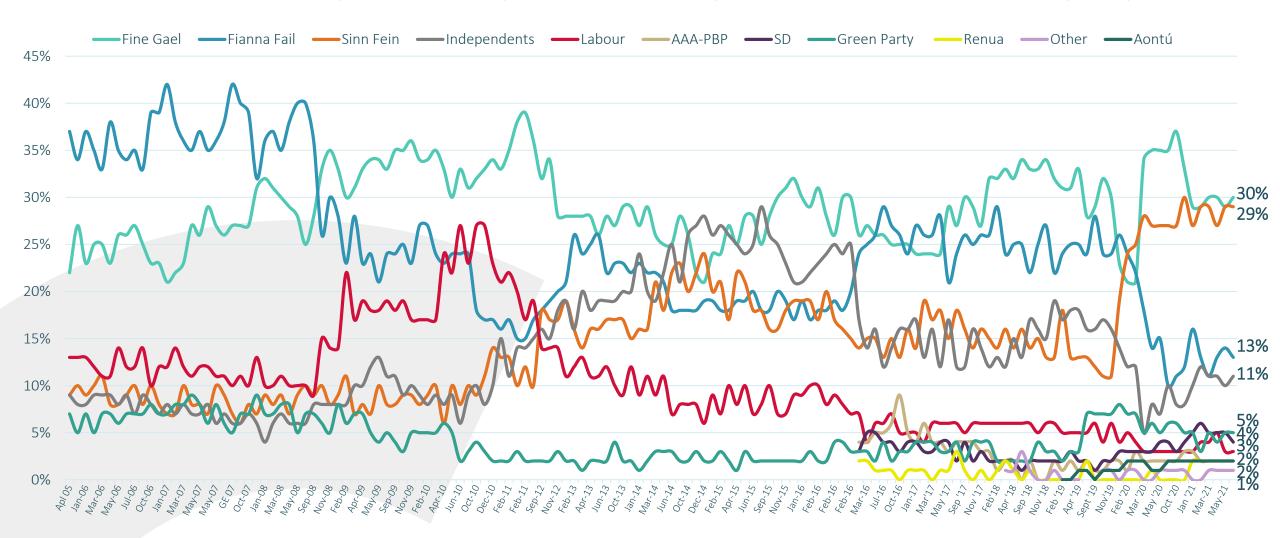


Q. If the general election was tomorrow which party or independent candidate do you think you would give your first preference vote to? (Past vote weighted)

#### First preference vote intention – 2005 to 2021



Note; From GE 2016 Onwards, 'Independents/Others' split out to show Solidarity-PBP, Social Democrats, Aontu, Renua separately



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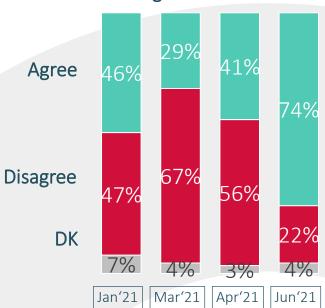
Voter Attitudes

#### **Voter Attitudes Overview - I**



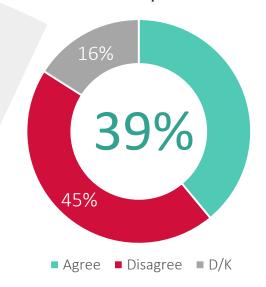


The government is doing a good job rolling out the vaccines



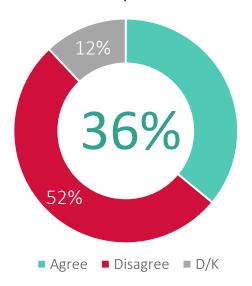


I believe there will be a united Ireland in my lifetime





I support tax cuts in the next budget, even if it means reduced investment in public services

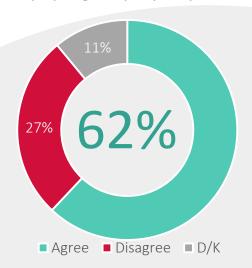


#### **Voter Attitudes Overview - II**



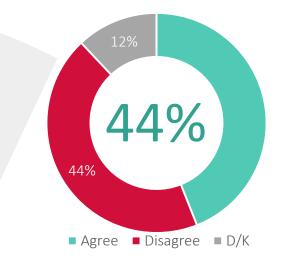


Homes that are vacant for more than 12 months should have to pay higher property tax



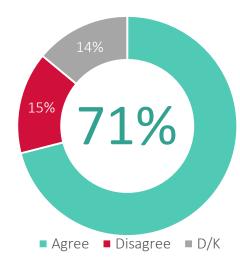


I believe there should be an inquiry into the handling of Covid-19 by the state and NPHET





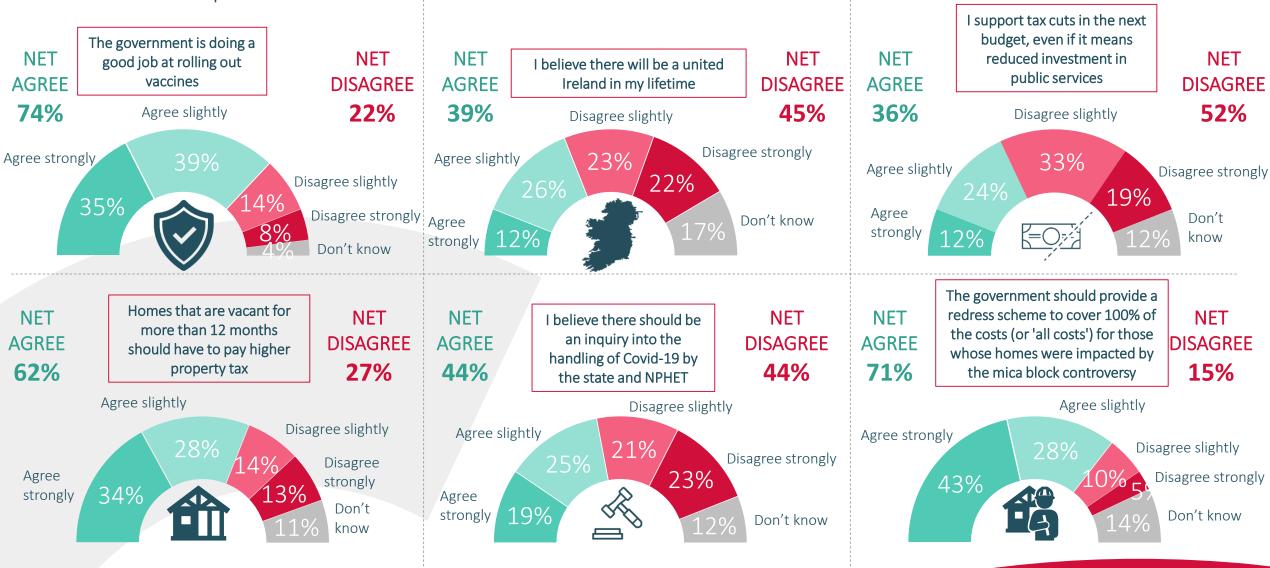
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#### **Voter Attitudes Summary**

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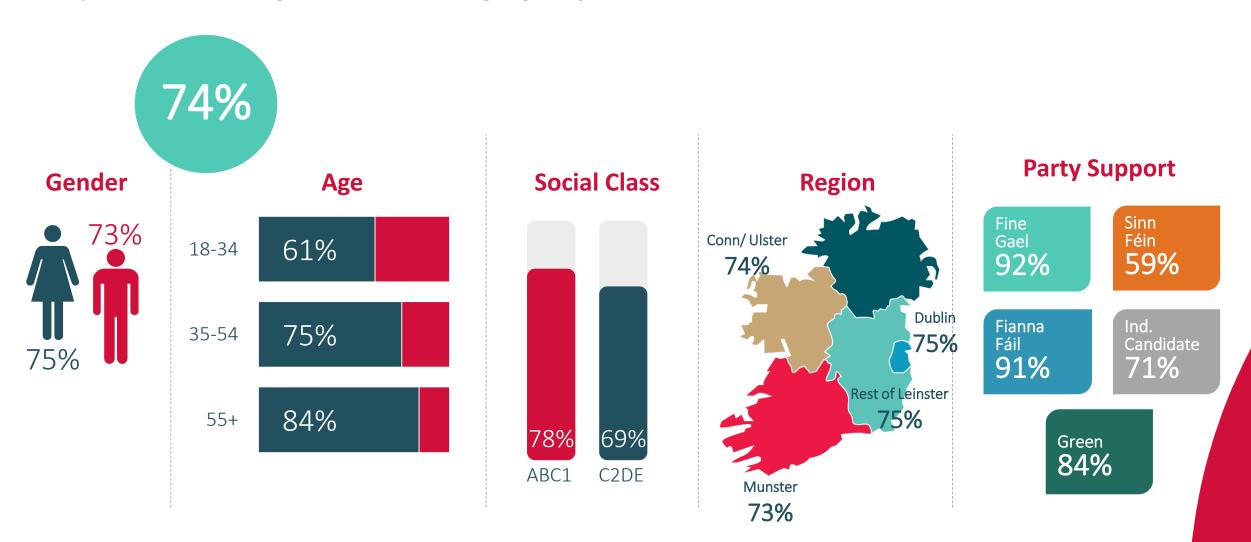
Measured on a 5 point scale.



#### **Government performance on vaccine roll-out**



% People who think the government is doing a good job



## Satisfaction with vaccine roll-out has risen sharply



There is almost universal approval for the governments role in rolling out the vaccine across all demographics, with Fianna Gael and Fianna Fail voters the most satisfied.

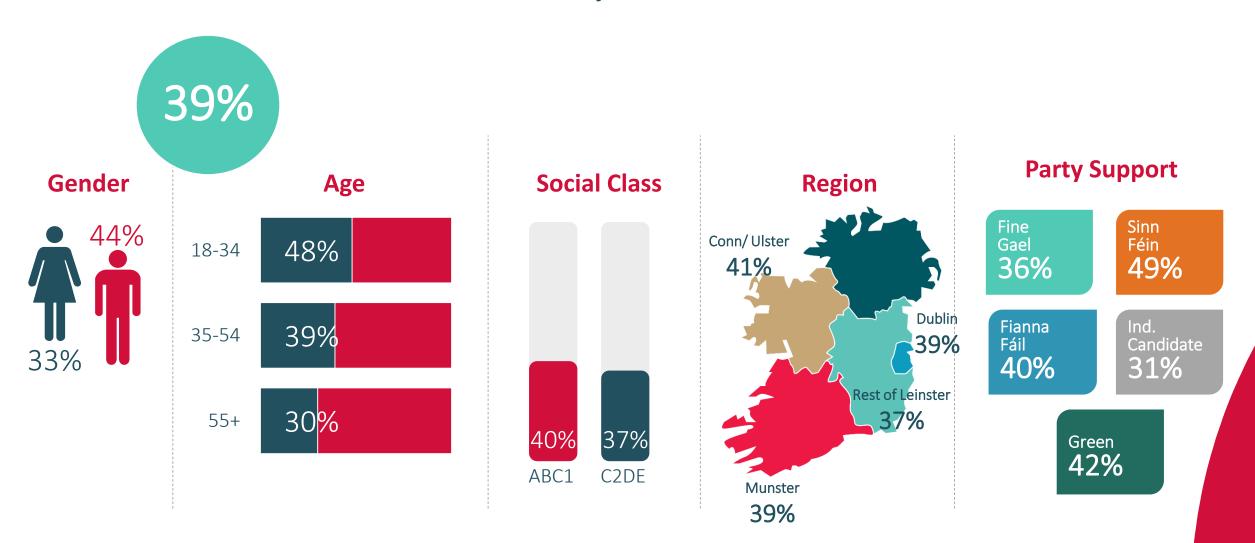
% People who think the government is doing a good job on vaccine roll-out ■ Mar-21 ■ Apr-21 ■ June'21 ROL Munster Mister Sim Fein Fransfail Eine Gael Green Party



#### **Support for a United Ireland**



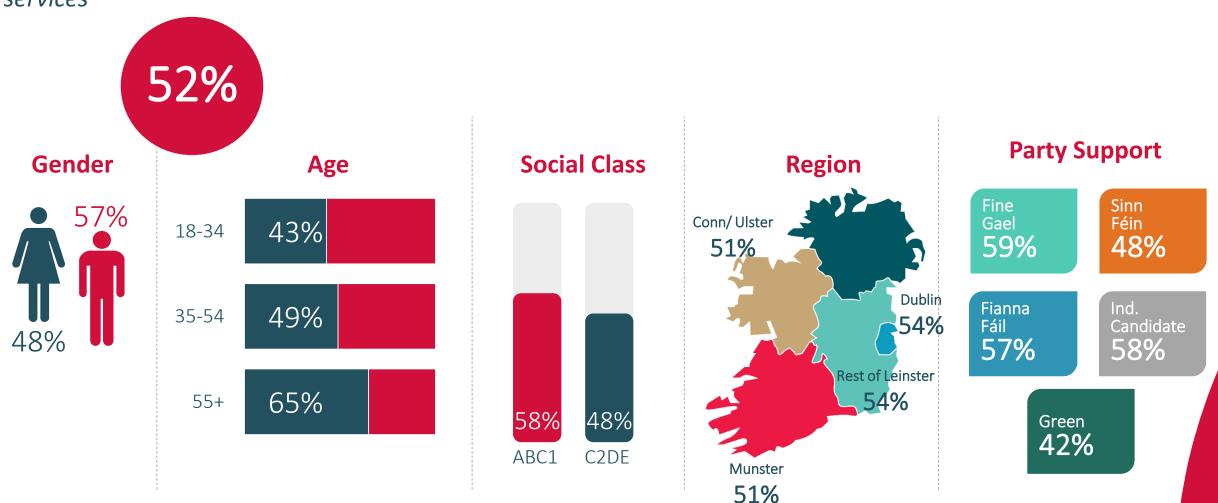
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### Proposed tax cuts in the next budget



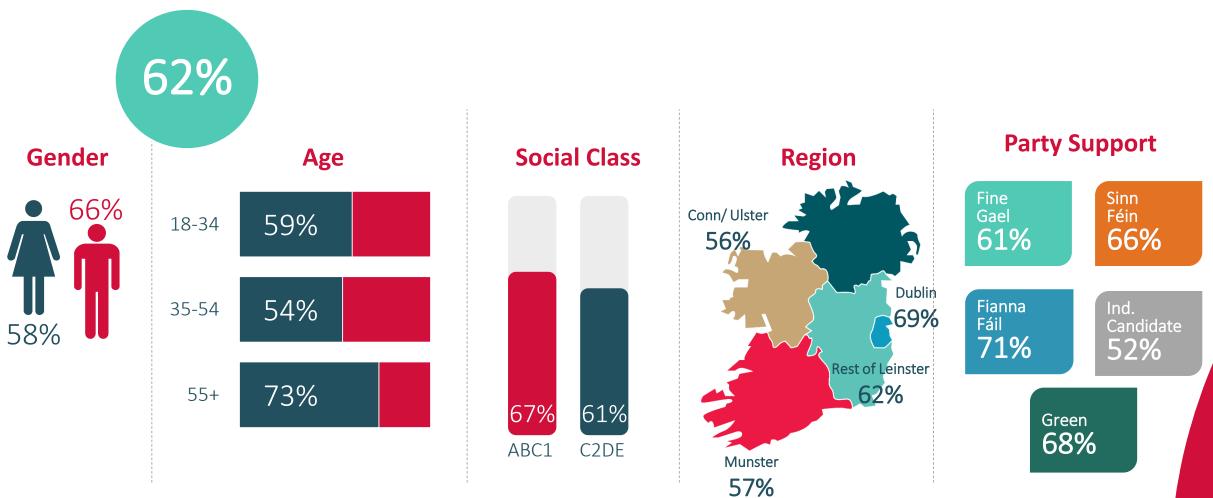
% Who don't support tax cuts in the next budget, even if it means reduced investment in public services



### Higher property tax for vacant homes



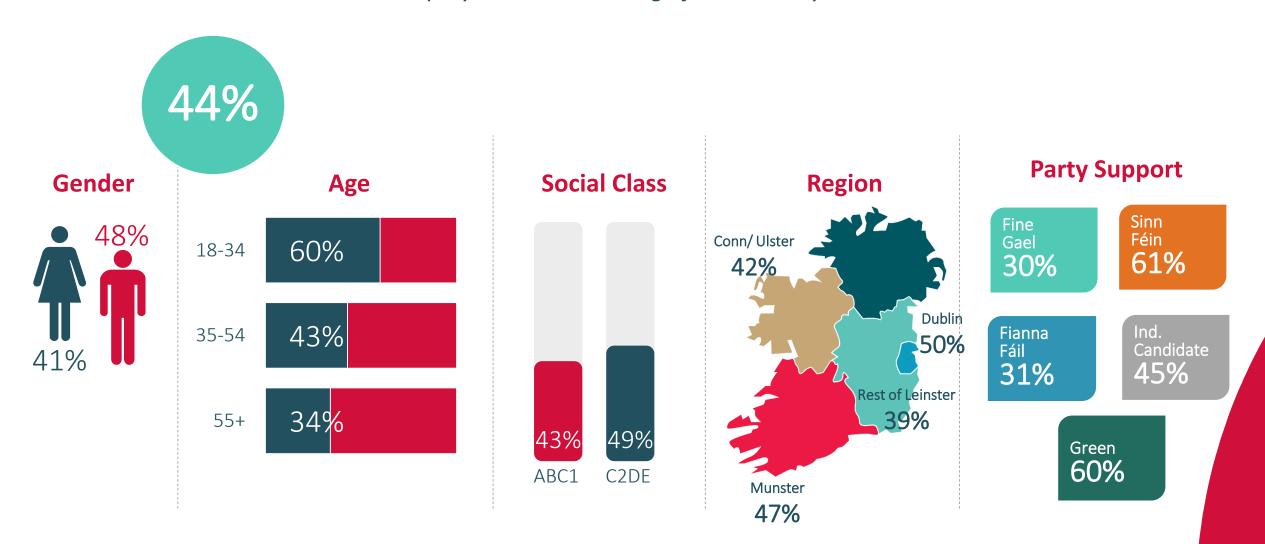
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#### Inquiry into how Covid-19 was handled



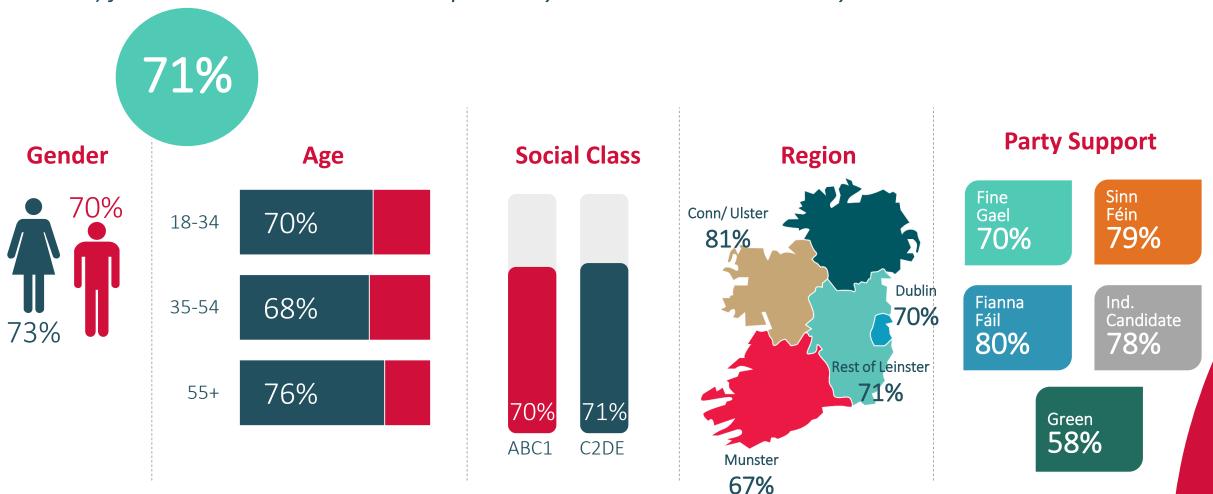
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#### Redress scheme for mica block controversy



% Who believe the government should provide a redress scheme to cover 100% of the costs (or 'all costs') for those whose homes were impacted by the mica block controversy



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## About RED C

## Who are we?

With offices in **Dublin**, **Dundalk** and **London** RED C are one of Ireland and the UK's premier providers of research-based consultancy services.

Founded in Dublin in 2003, we have been providing high quality research based consultancy services to both blue chip and up and coming businesses both nationally and internationally for many years.

Now **50 highly experienced and skilled** staff, look after the insight needs of companies **worldwide**.



## Helping you **See More Clearly,** by better understanding business opportunities, plus growth, retention and change strategies

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#### We deliver

## CLARITY

to business by truly understanding how humans behave, feel and act

#### Opportunity



Understanding people, behaviour, markets, society and technology in order to uncover opportunities.

#### Growth



Uncovering choices, preferences and decisions that enable business to design brands, products and services that beat the competition.

#### Retention



Mapping and delivering easy and enjoyable customer journey's and experiences to maximize purchase and retention.

Change



Accelerating how products and services are adopted and marketed.

Underpinned by understanding of real human behaviour, and using a set of specially designed products





**RED Star** 

Conducted in over 30 markets across the world in the past year

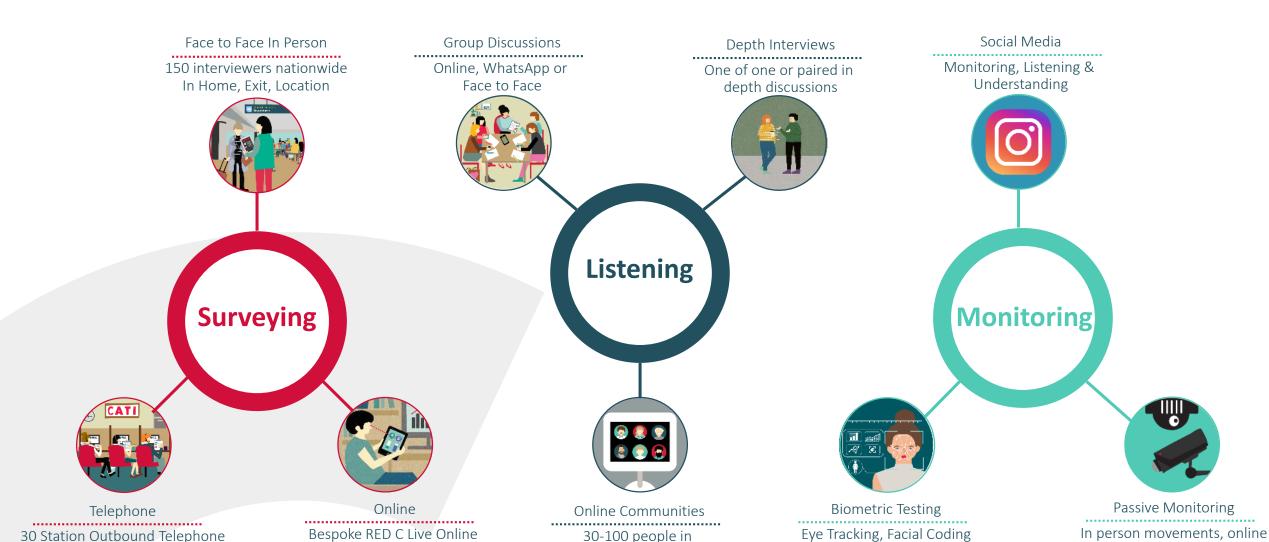


### Using a variety of techniques to uncover & understand

Panel of 40,000+

Centre in Dundalk





ongoing discussions

Blood Pressure, Sweat

journey, media consumption

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