



**The Sunday  
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# General Election Opinion Poll

April 2018



**REDC**

# Methodology and Weighting

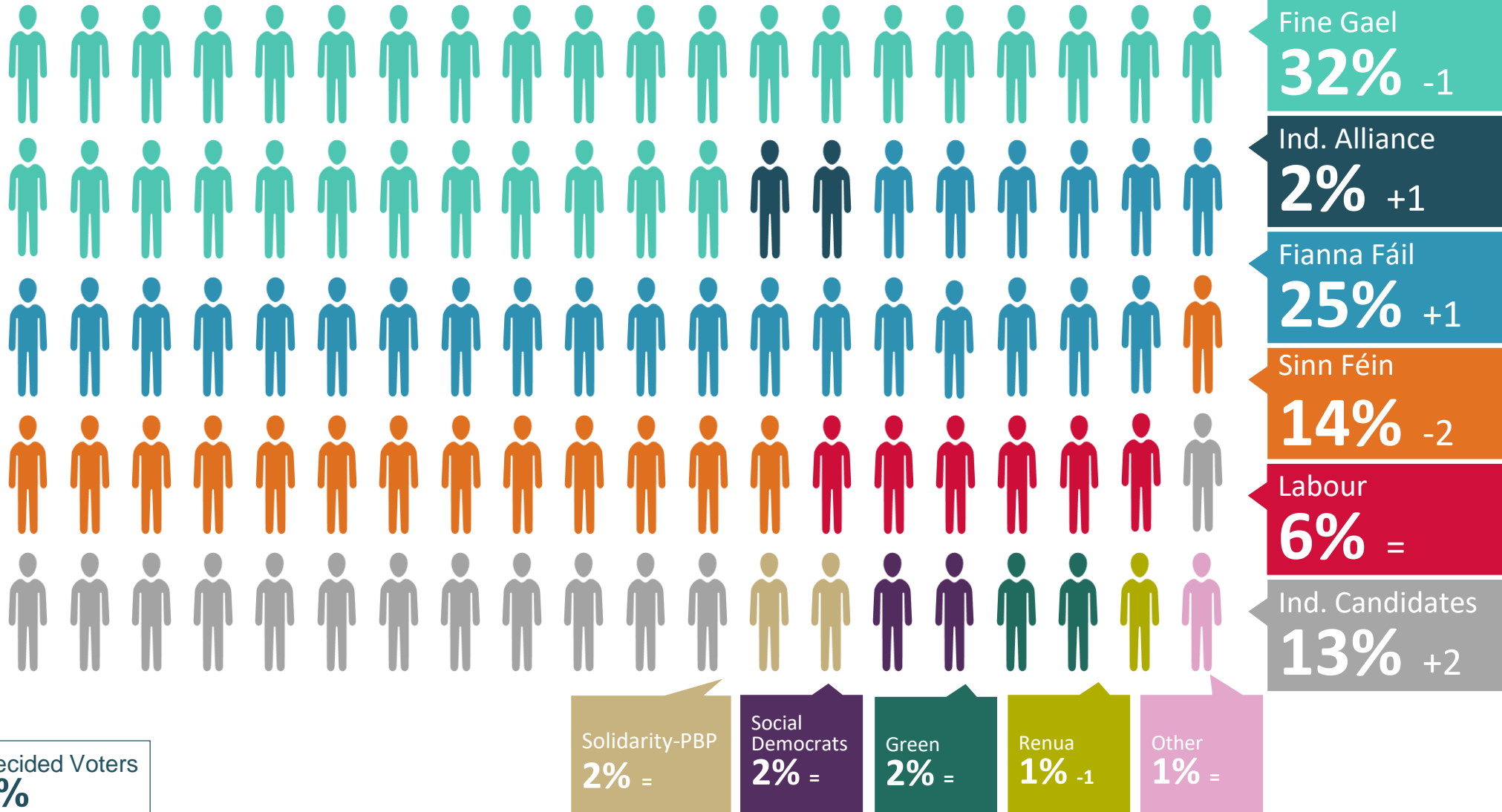
- ✓ RED C interviewed a random sample of 1,000 adults aged 18+ by telephone between the 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>nd</sup> April 2018.
- ✓ A random digit dial (RDD) method is used to ensure a random selection process of households to be included – this also ensures that ex-directory households are covered.
- ✓ 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 – 29<sup>th</sup> 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)

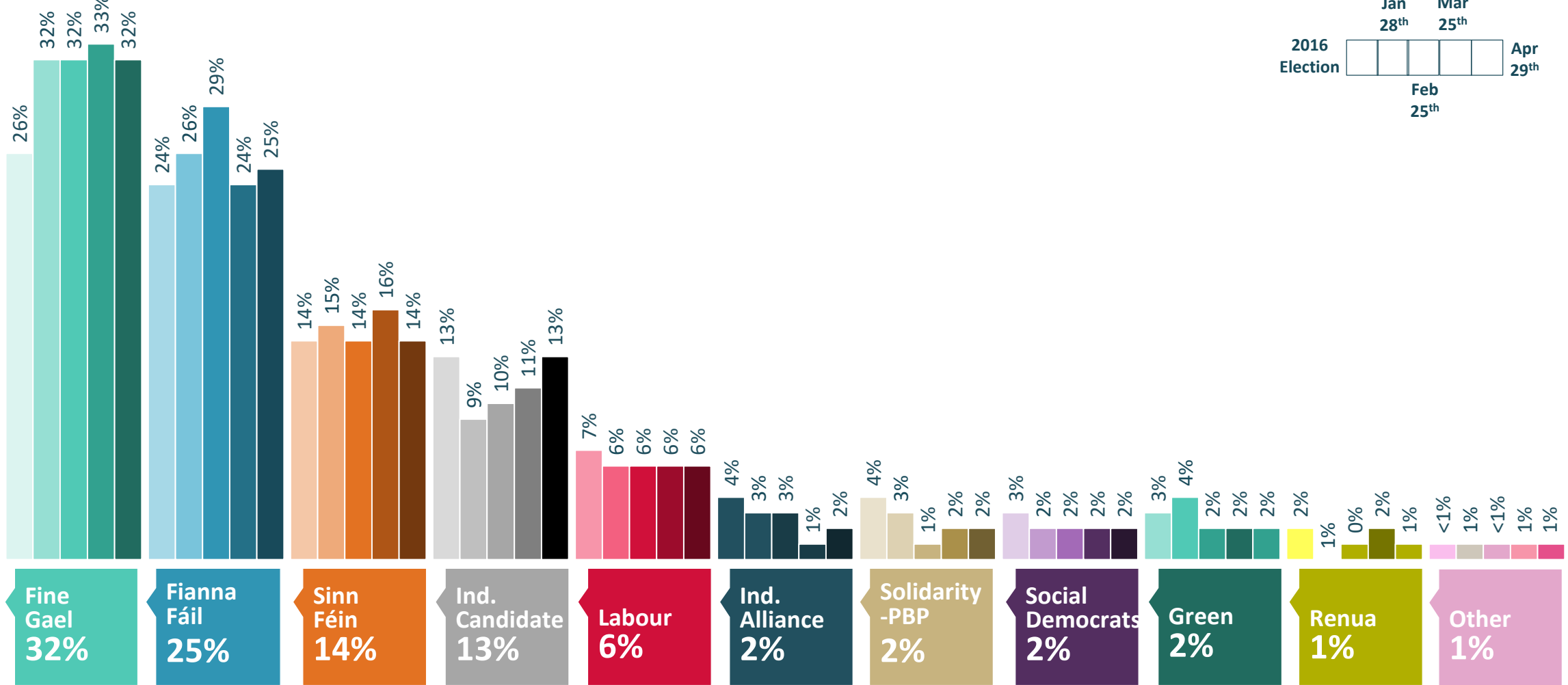
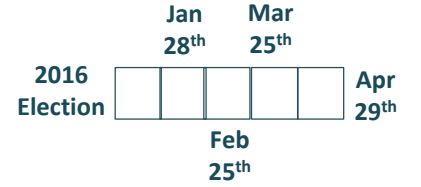
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# First Preference Vote Intention – April '18

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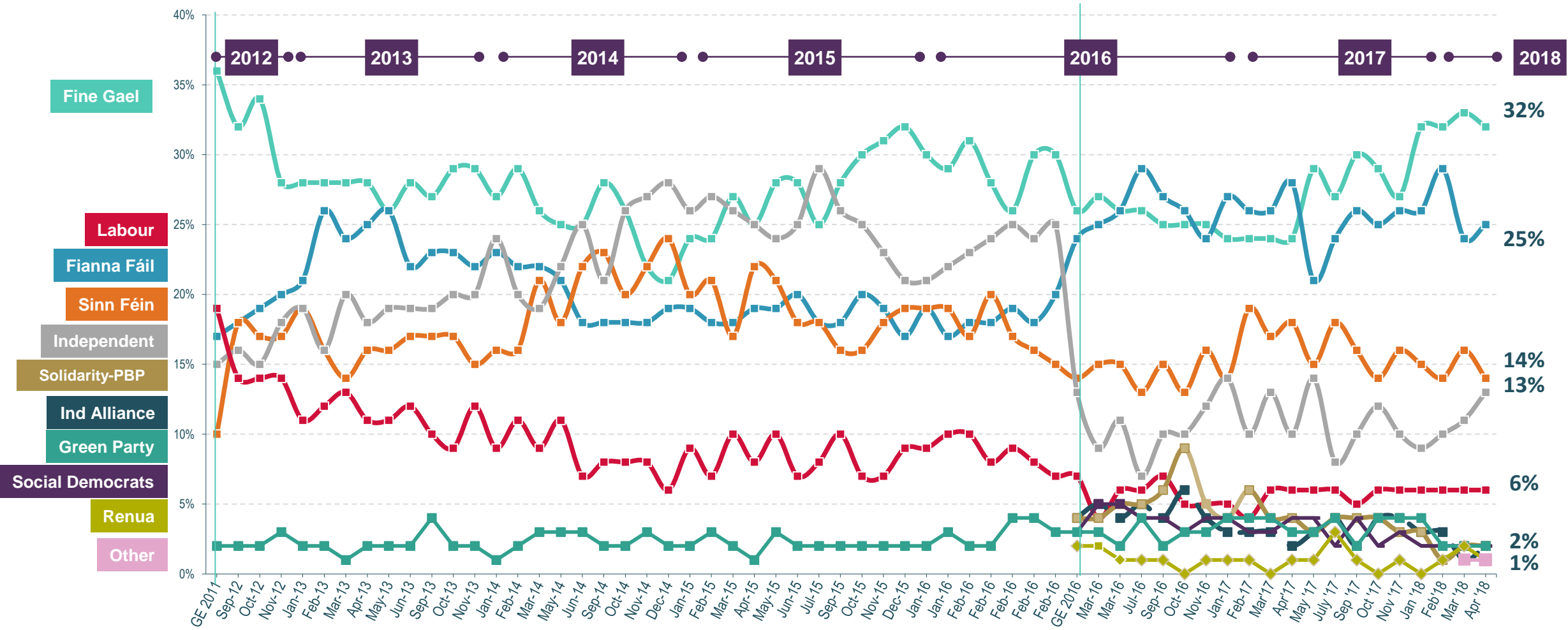
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# First Preference Vote Intention – 2012-2018

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)

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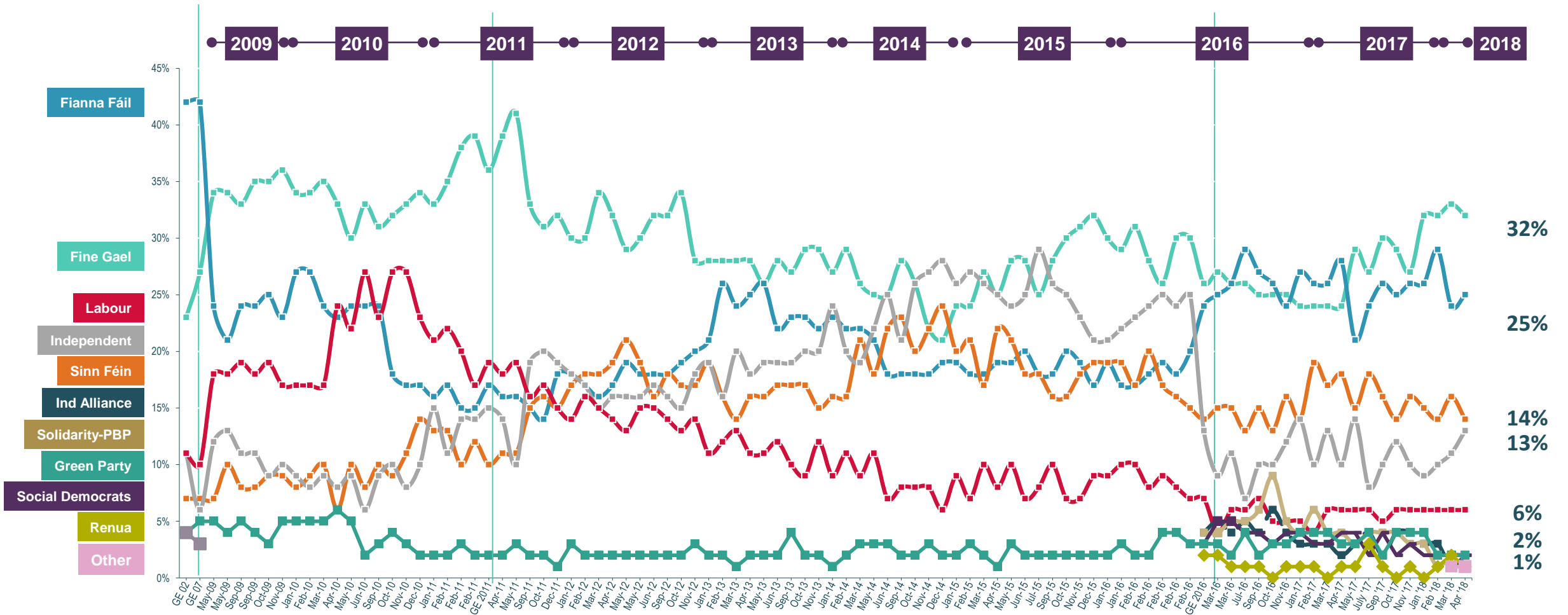


Note; From GE 2016 Onwards, 'Independents/Others' split out to show Solidarity-PBP, Social Democrats & Renua separately

# 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)

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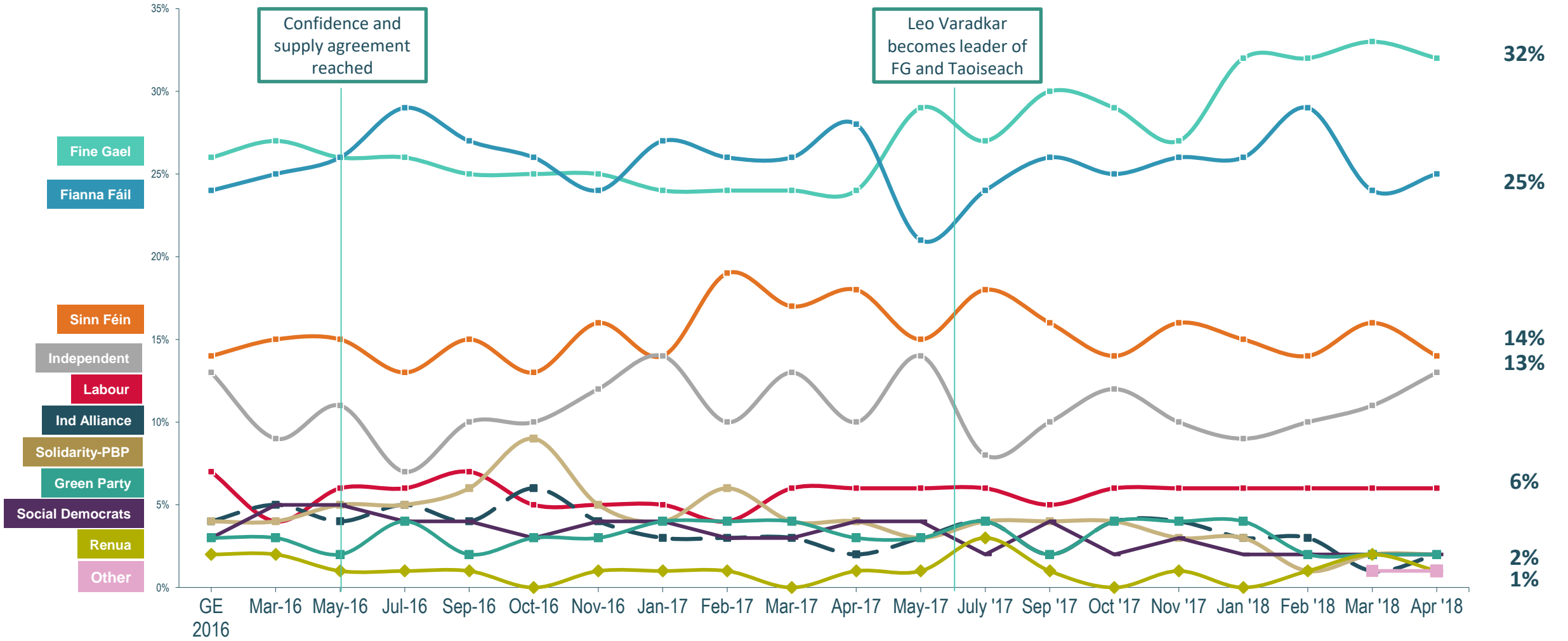


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# First Preference Vote Intention – Since GE 2016

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)

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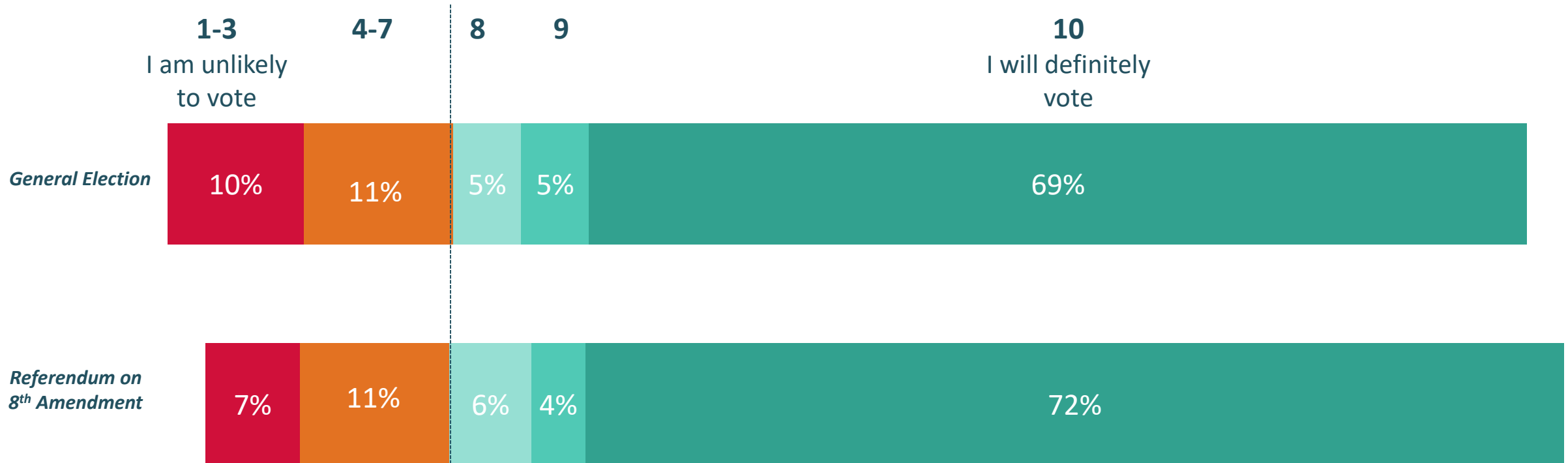


# The 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment - Repeal or Retain -



# Likelihood to Vote in Referendum regarding 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment

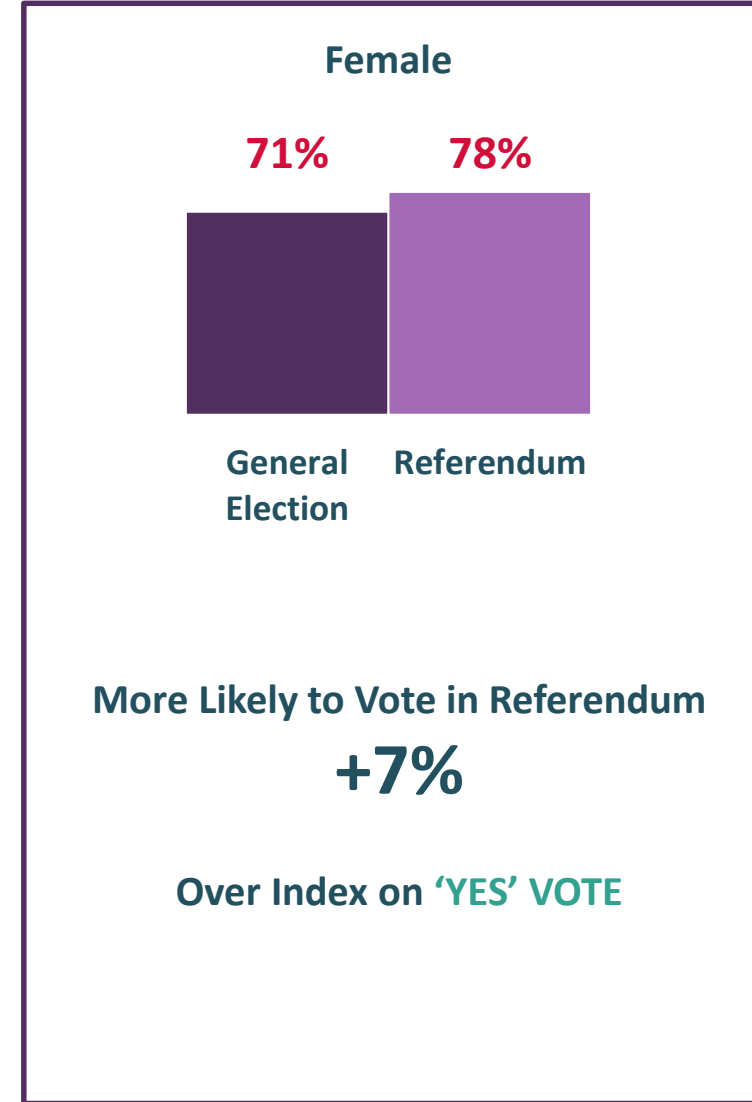
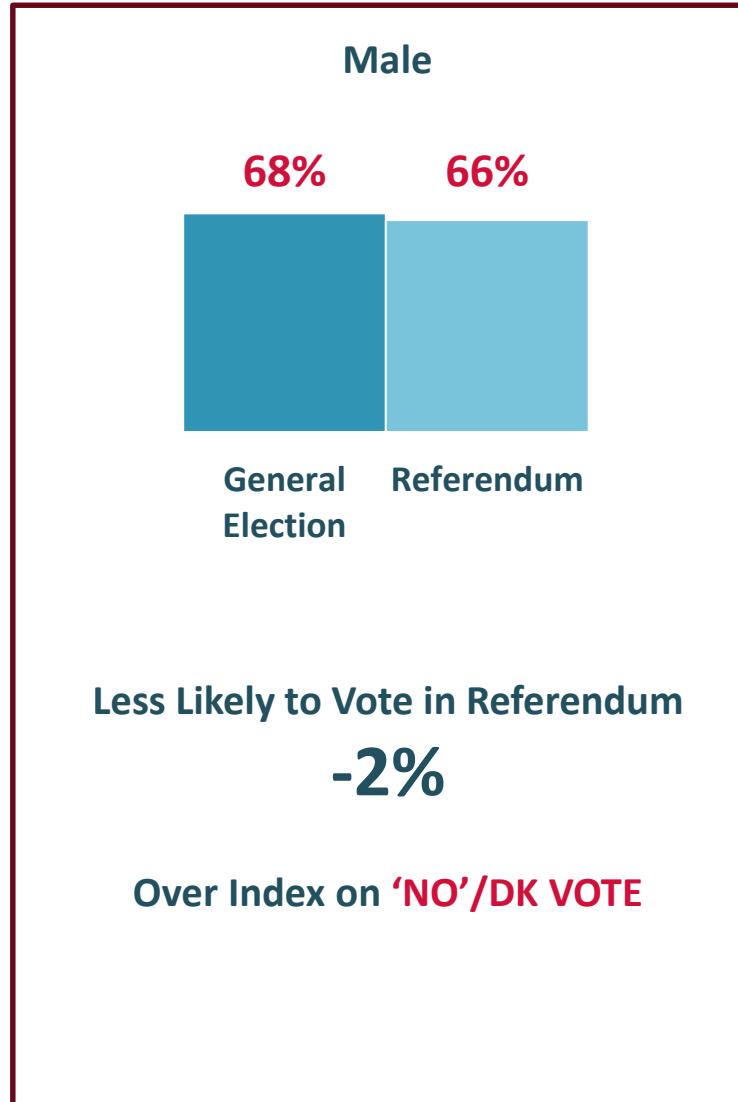
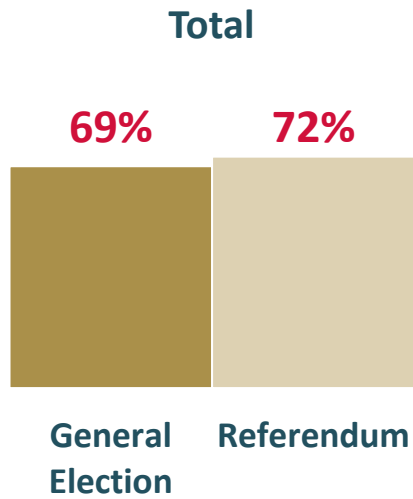
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Higher level of planned voting behaviour in the upcoming referendum, than if a general election was to be held.

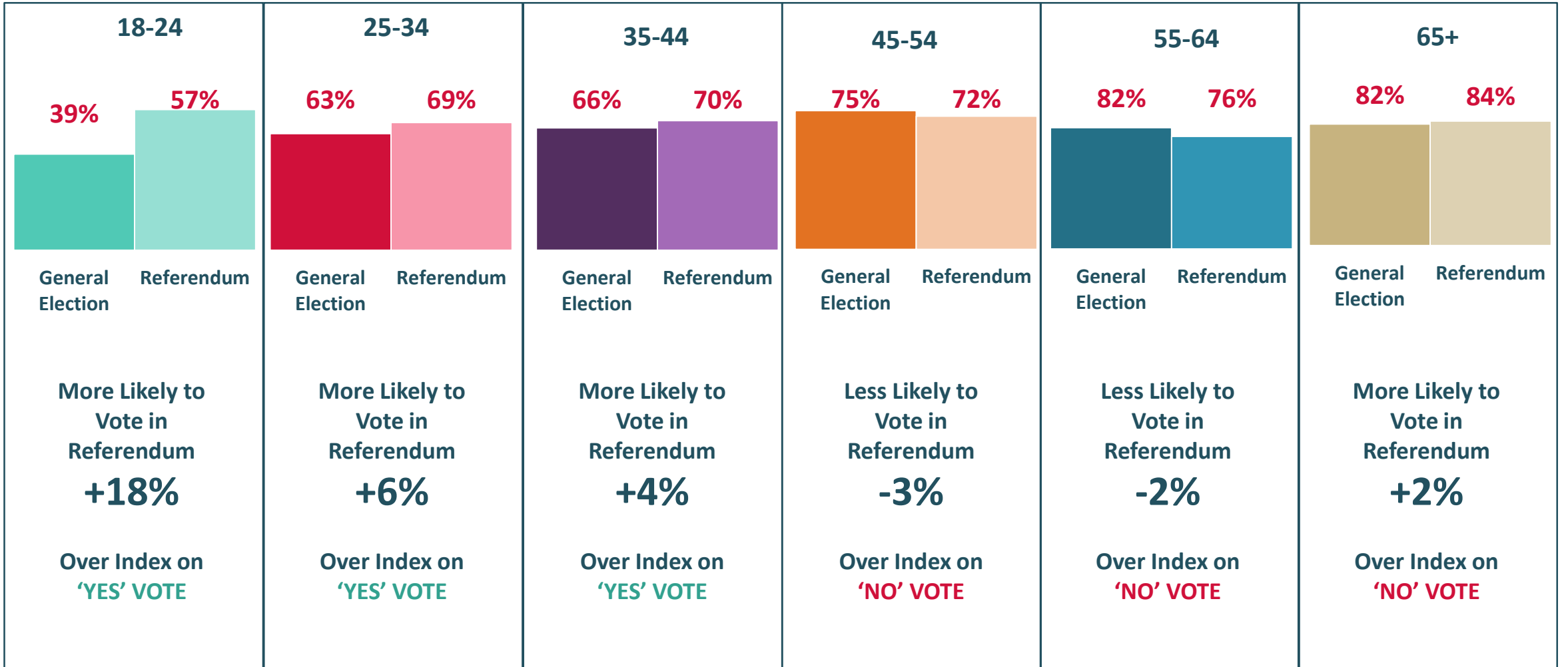
# Differences in those who are '10' definitely going to vote

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# Who's More Likely to Vote in the Referendum vs. General Election

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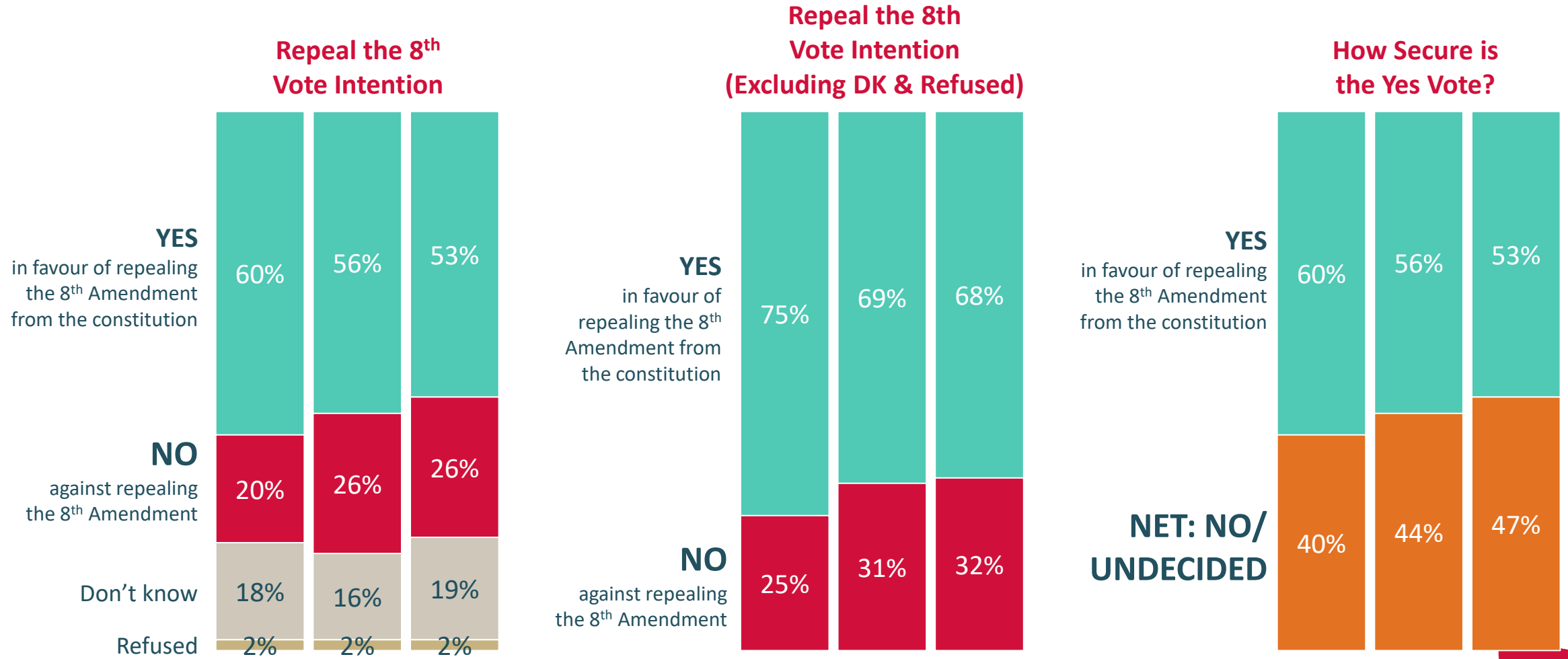


# Support for Repealing or Retaining the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment in the Constitution

Jan 28<sup>th</sup>    Mar 25<sup>th</sup>    Apr 29<sup>th</sup>

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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 25<sup>th</sup> 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?

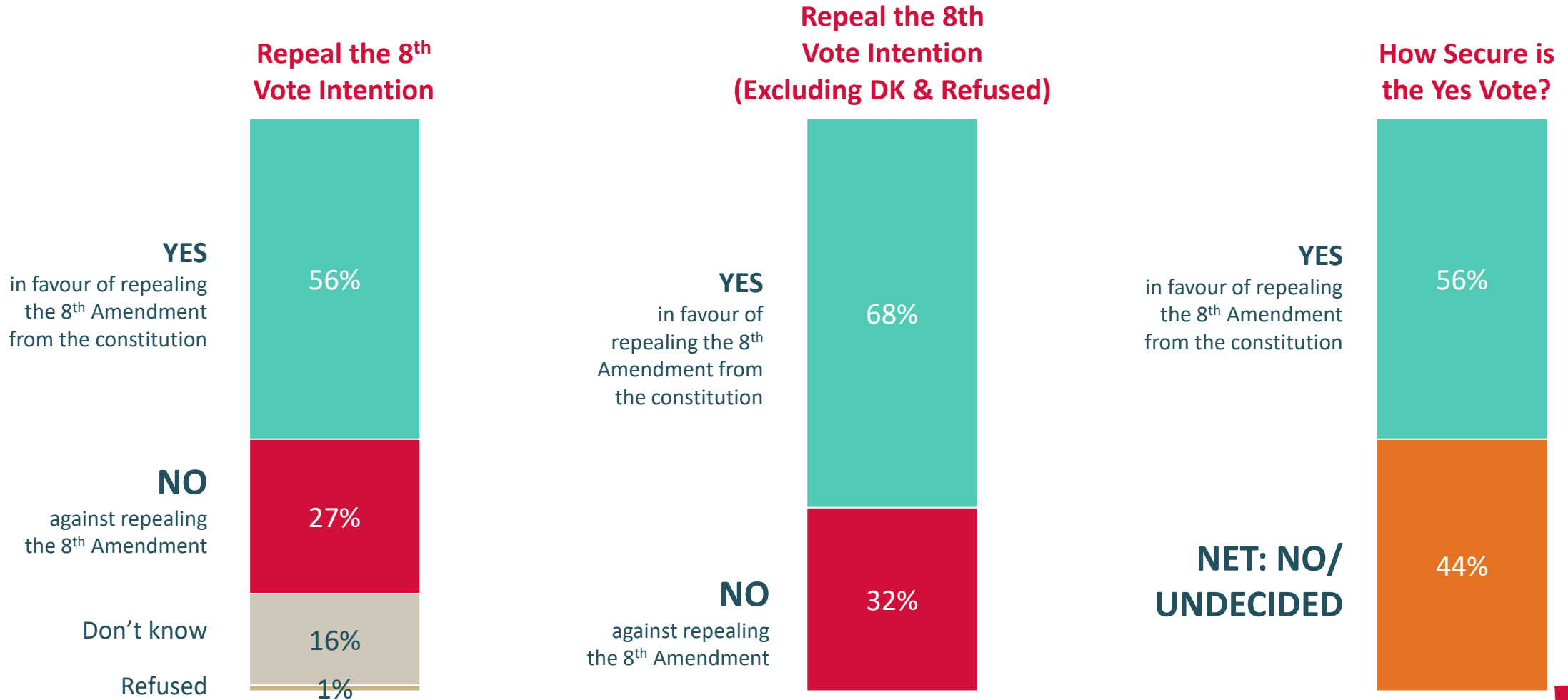


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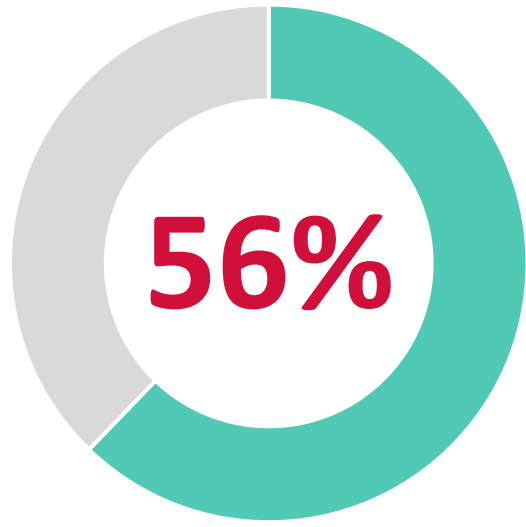
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# Support for Repealing the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment - % Yes

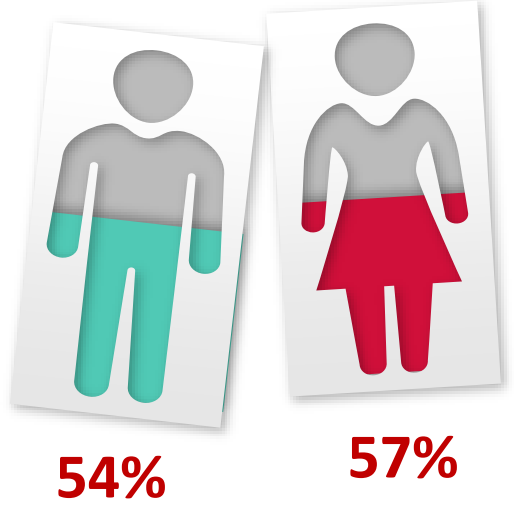
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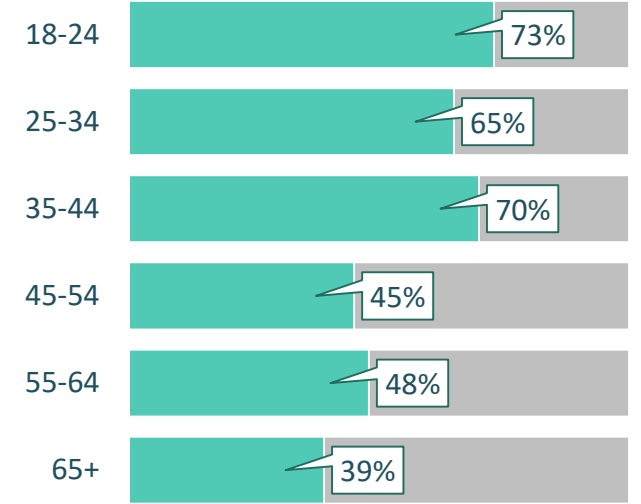
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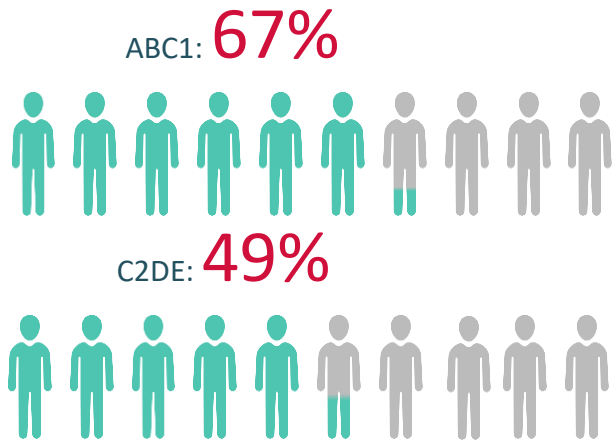
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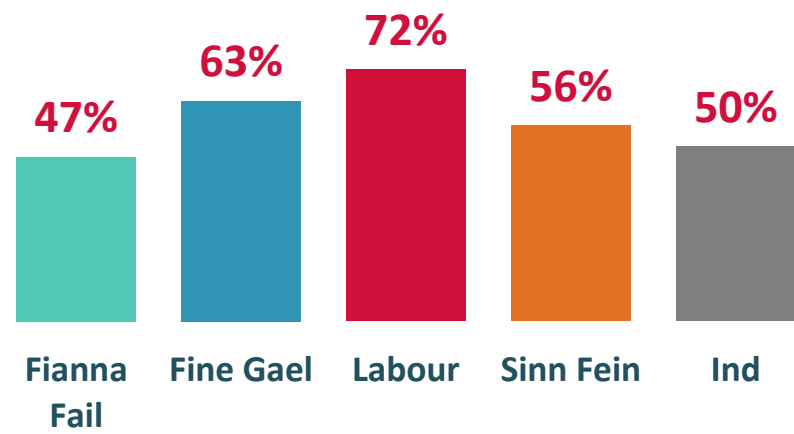
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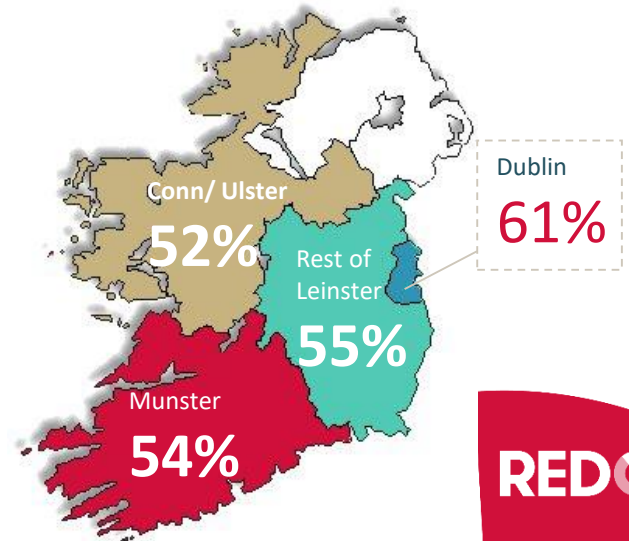
## Social Class



## Party Support



## Region

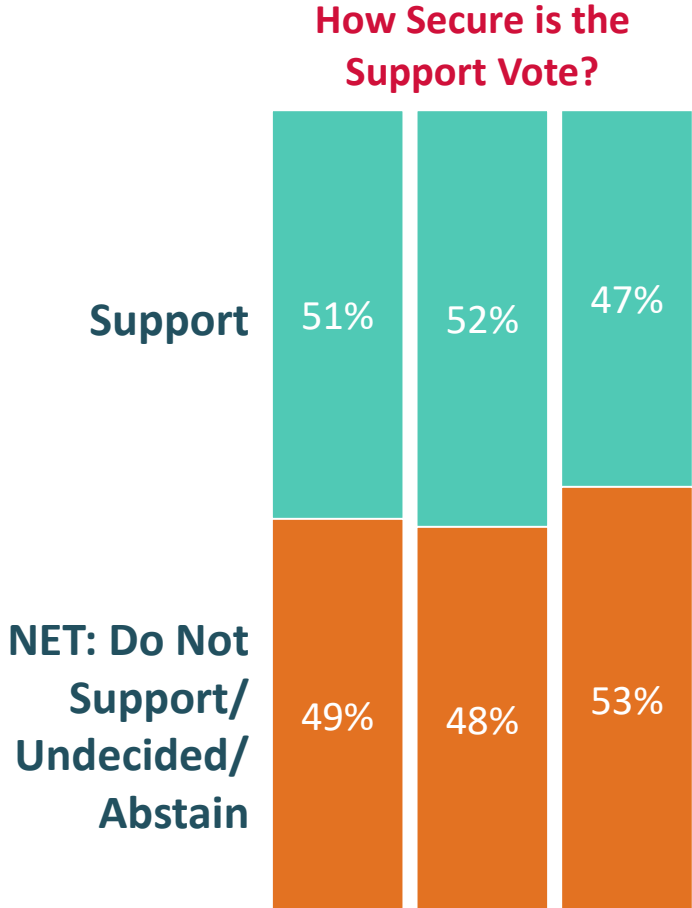
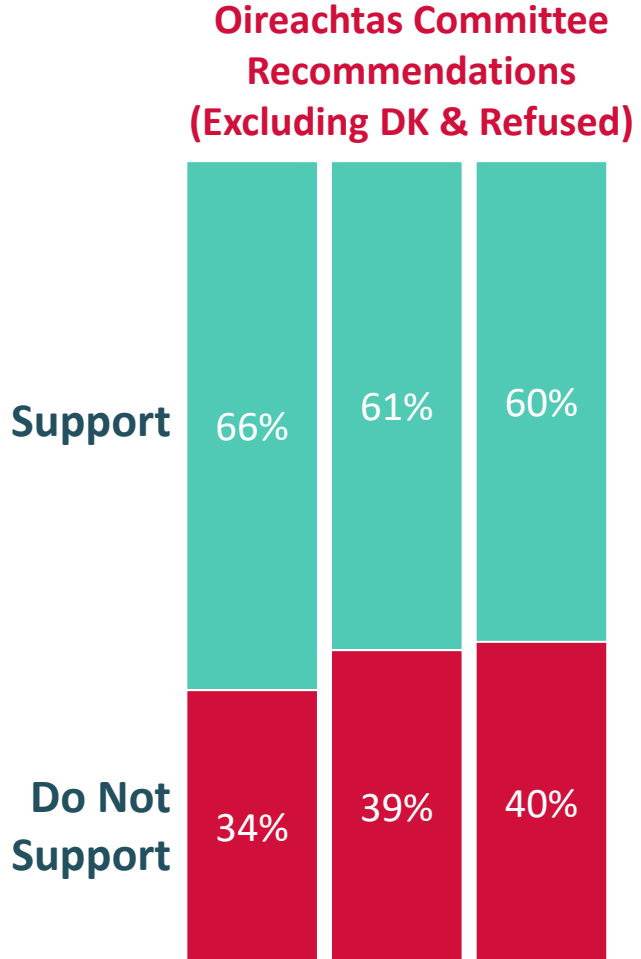
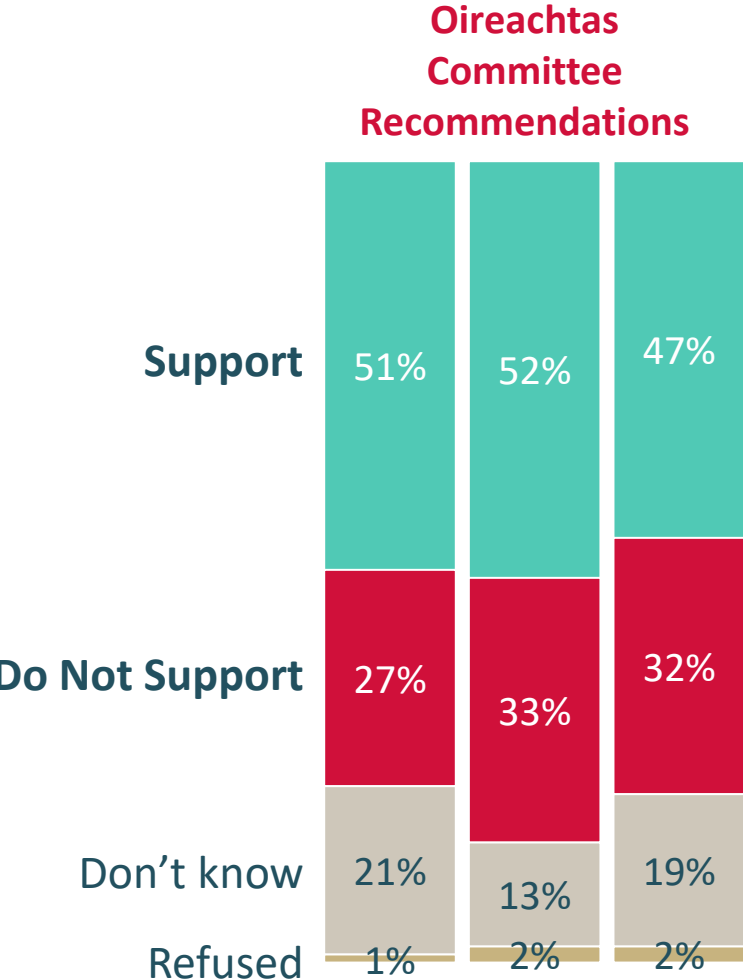


# Support for Oireachtas Committee recommendations to allow abortions up to the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

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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 May 25<sup>th</sup> 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?



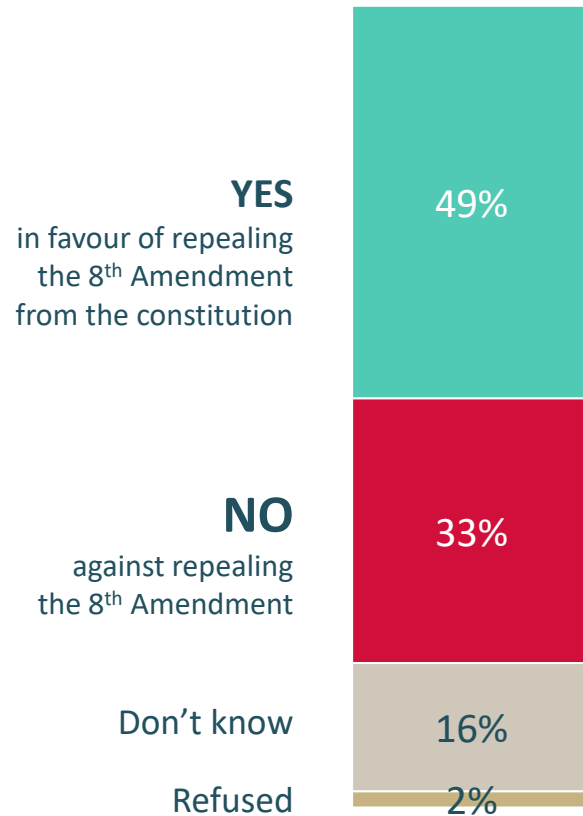
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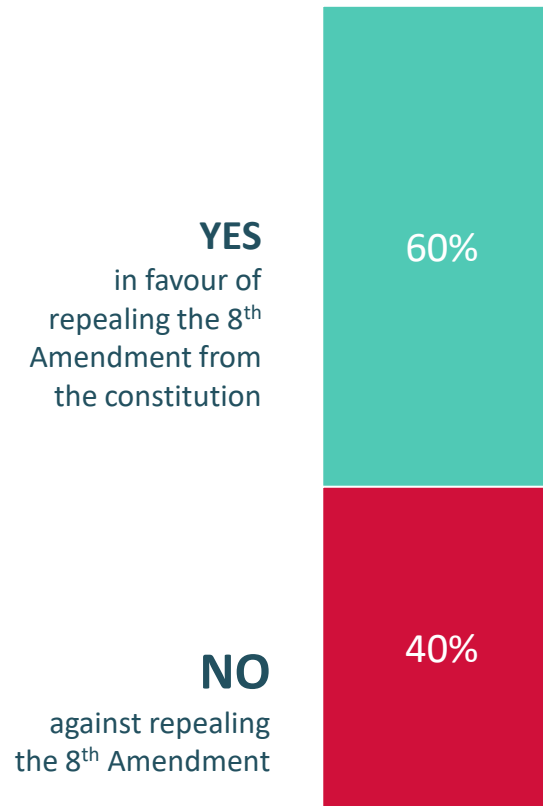
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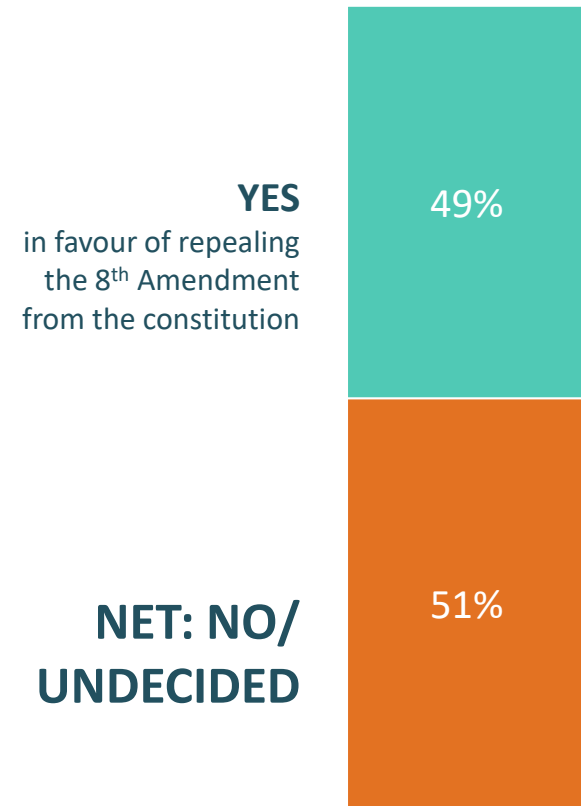
## Oireachtas Committee Recommendations



## Oireachtas Committee Recommendations (Excluding DK & Refused)



## How Secure is the Support Vote?



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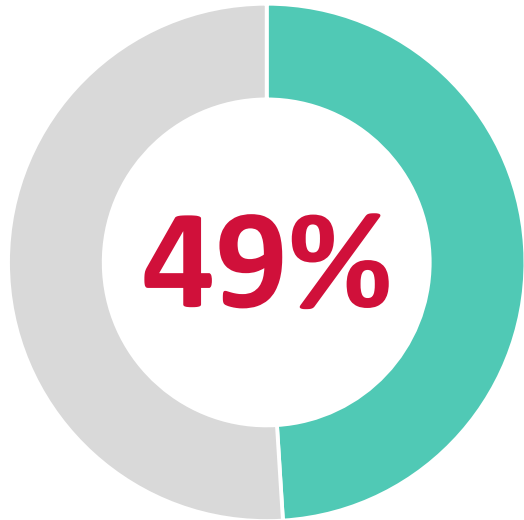


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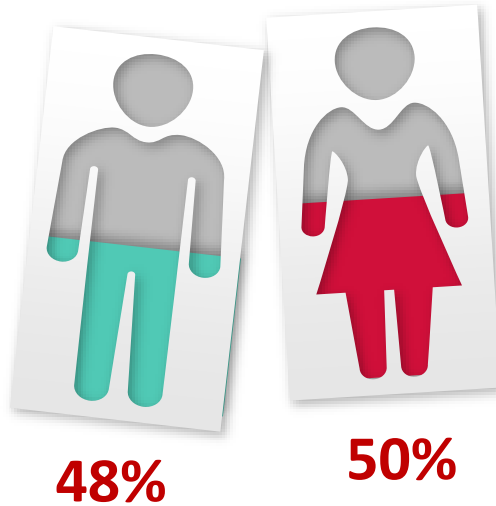
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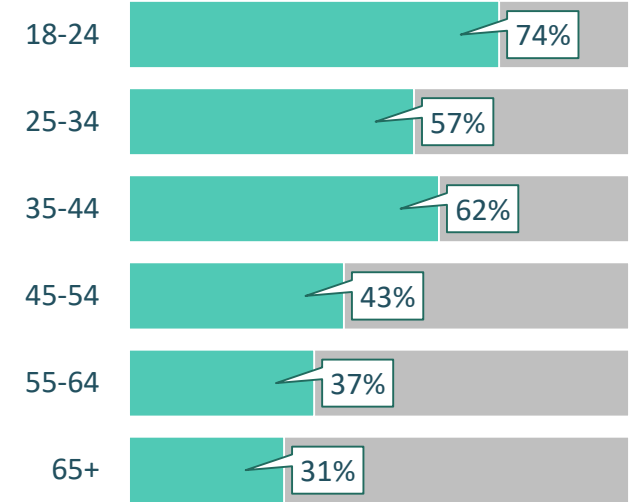
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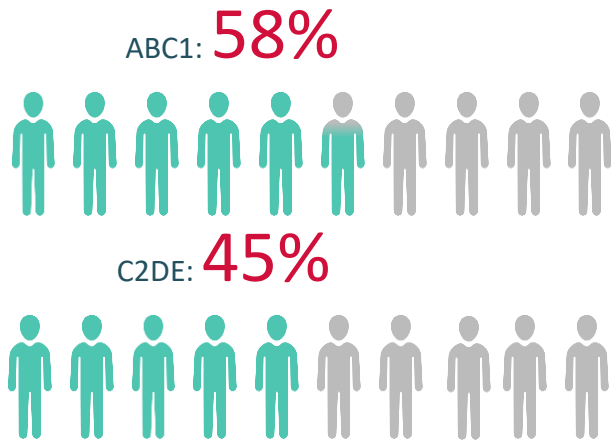
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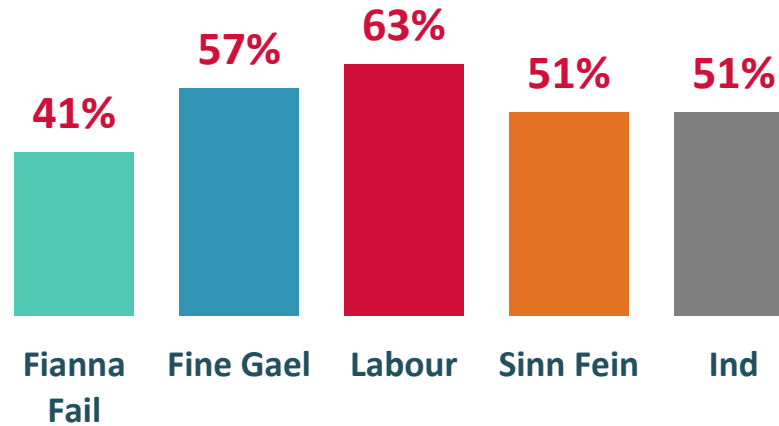
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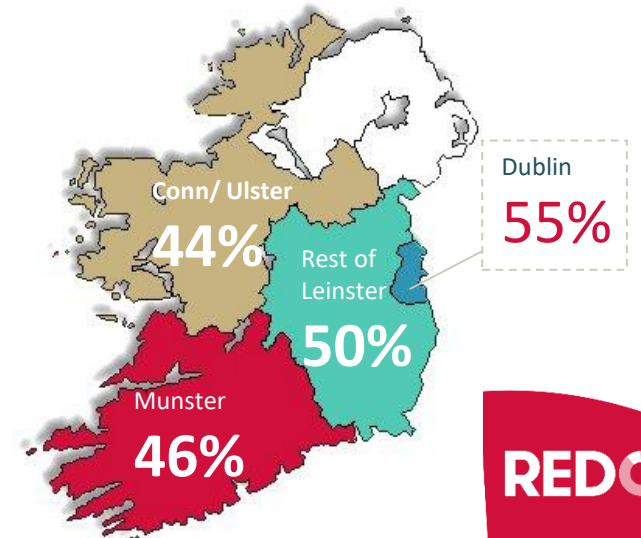
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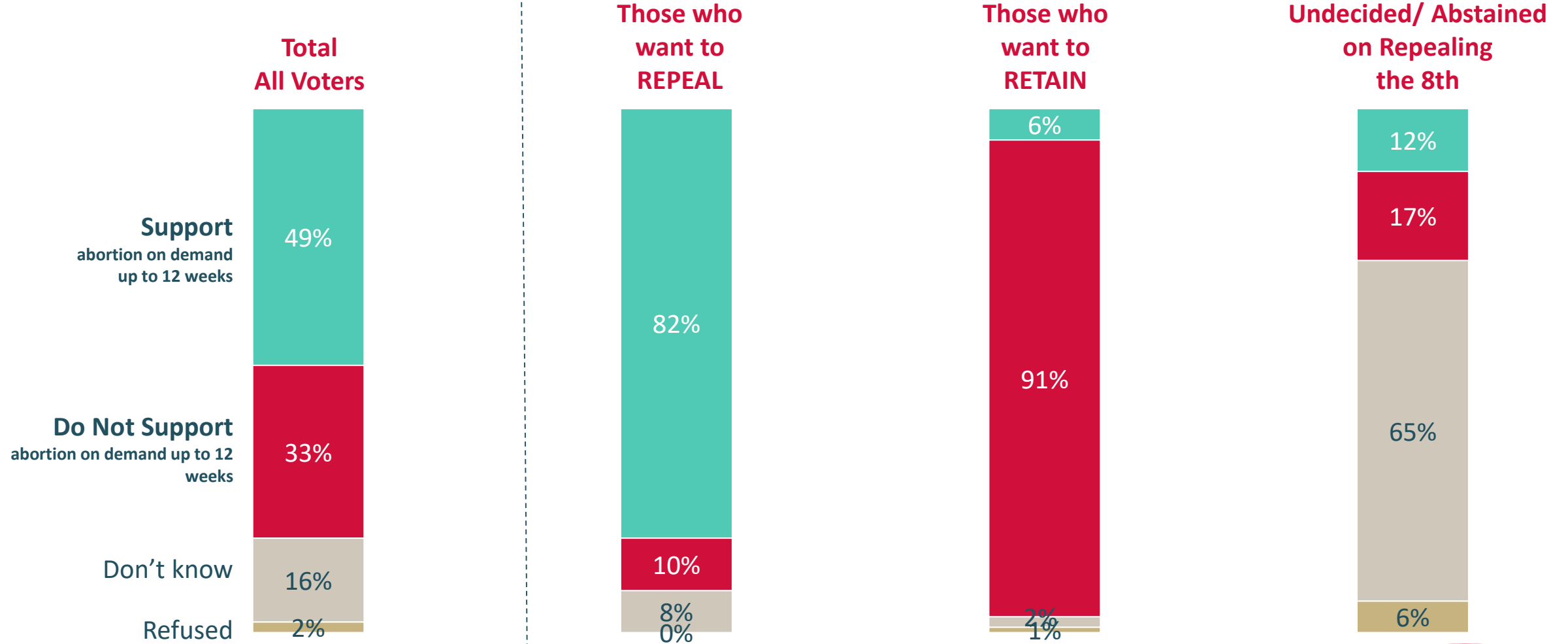


# Support for Abortion on demand up to 12 weeks X their views on repealing or retaining the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment

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