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**Business
Post**

Opinion Poll Report January 2023

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Methodology and Weighting

- RED C interviewed a random sample of **1004** adults aged 18+ online between Friday 20th and Wednesday 25th January 2023.
- An 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.
- Vote intention data is also weighted to take account of claimed likely turnout on the day of an election.
- In all respects the poll was completed to the opinion polling guidelines set out by both ESOMAR and AIMRO.

REDC LIVE

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 panellists 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

Panellists 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 26th January and the 2nd February, while we also conducted two further polls online using our RED Line omnibus service.

The online polls were run in order 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.

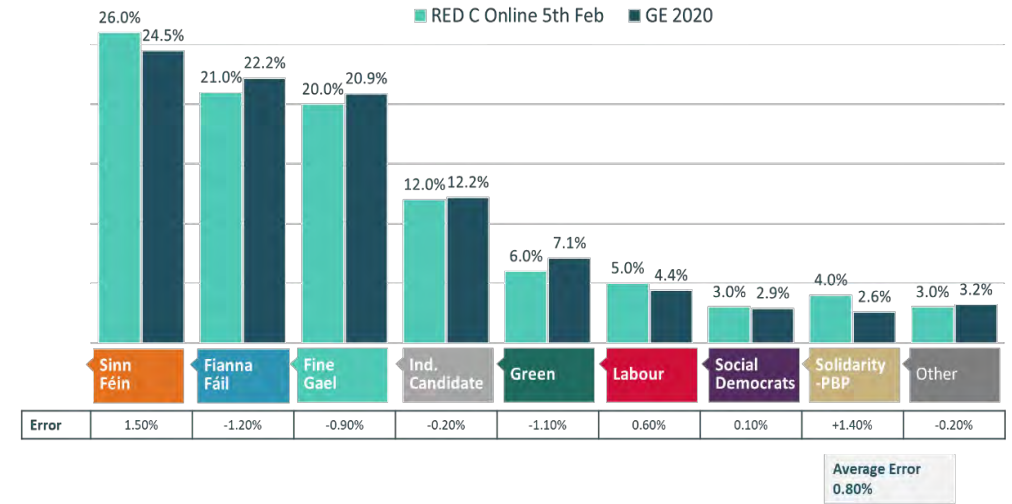
It has proved that we can, with our expert knowledge of the political landscape in Ireland and our strict quality controls, utilise a more cost effective and flexible online approach for polling moving forward.

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

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)



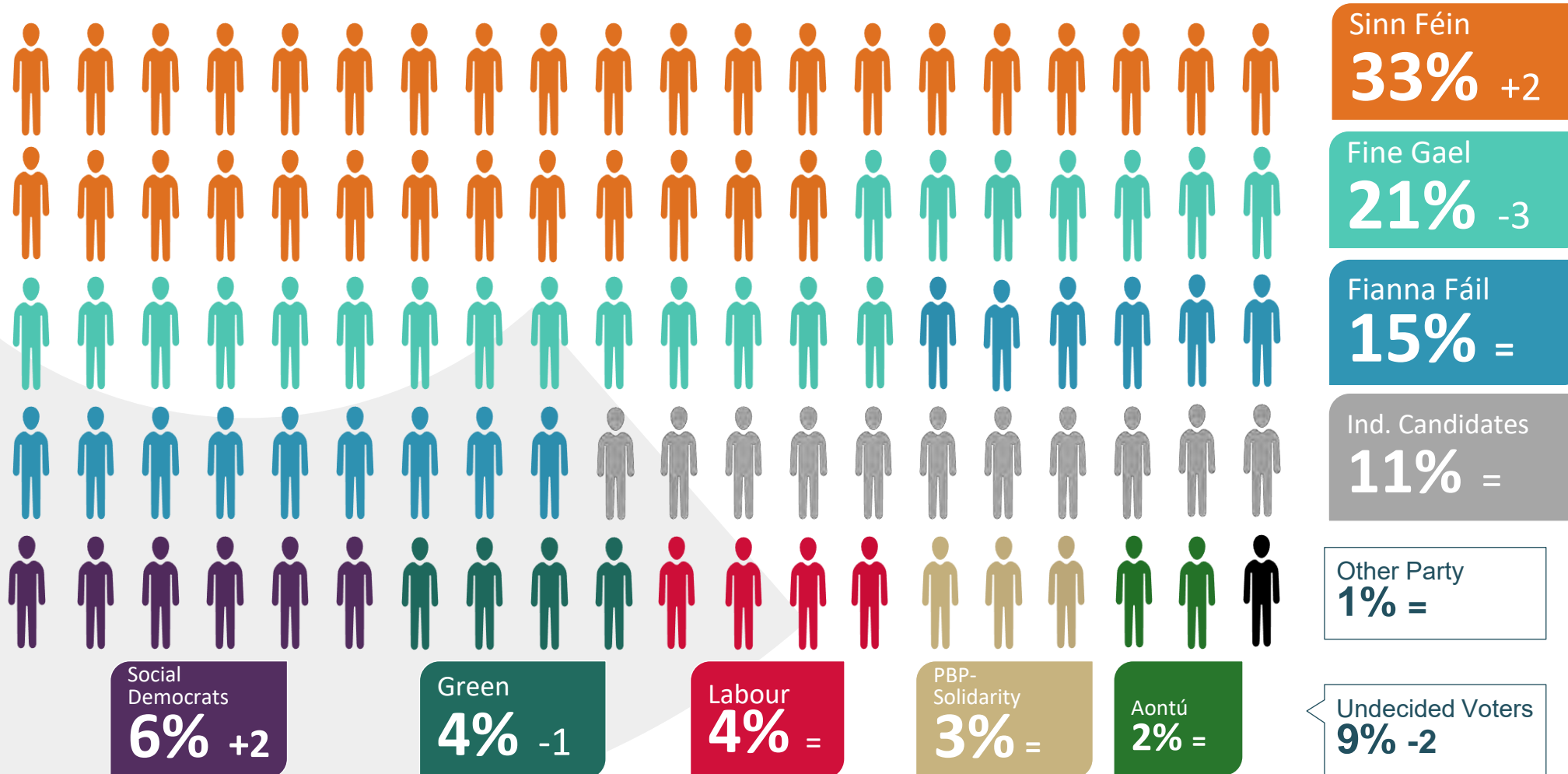


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Vote Intention @ General Election

First preference vote intention – 29th January 2023

With change vs. last poll – November 2022

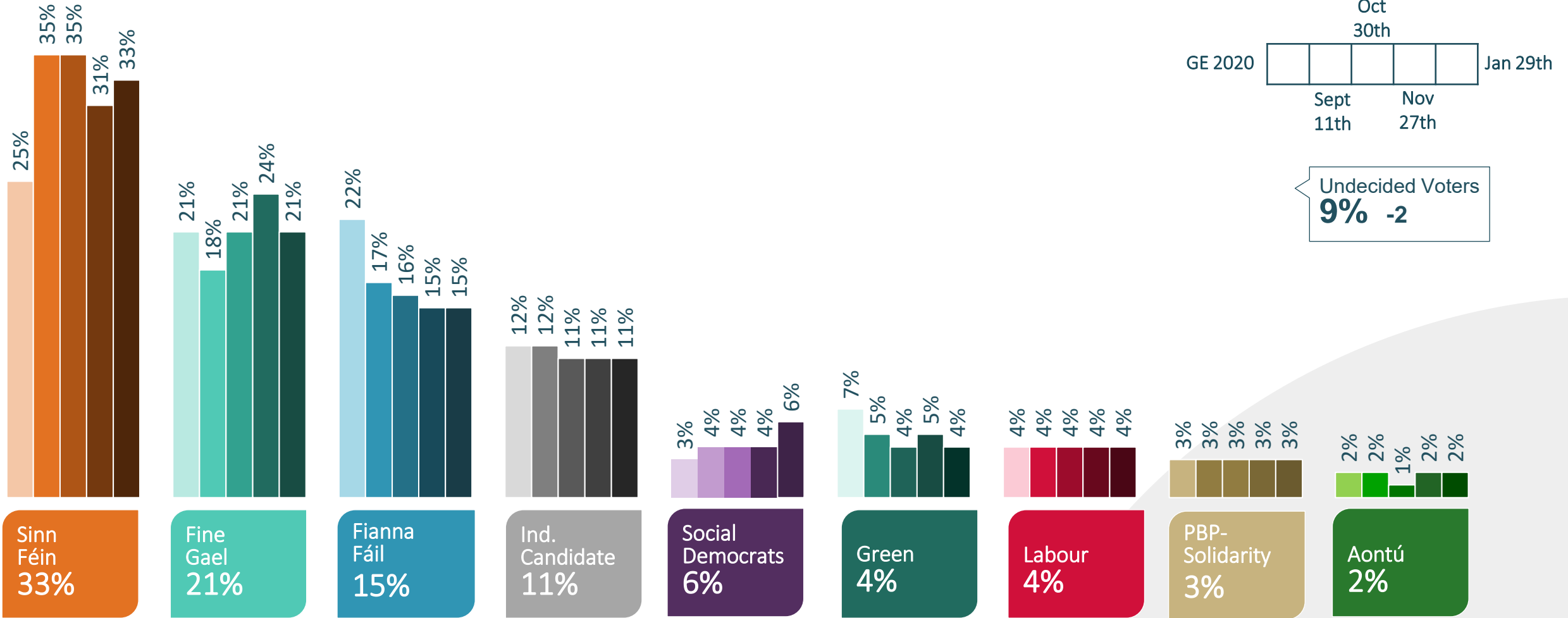


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First preference vote intention

Shown over time and vs. last General Election Results



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Core vote intention to Turnout weighted data process

29 th January 2023	Core data	Core data with prompt for most likely party ⁽¹⁾	Undecided/ Non Voters Removed ⁽²⁾	Turnout Weighted ⁽³⁾
Sinn Féin	27%	29%	34%	33%
Fine Gael	16%	17%	20%	21%
Fianna Fáil	12%	12%	14%	15%
An Independent Candidate	8%	9%	11%	11%
Social Democrats	5%	5%	6%	6%
Green Party	4%	4%	5%	4%
Labour Party	3%	3%	4%	4%
People Before Profit-Solidarity	2%	2%	3%	3%
Aontú	2%	2%	2%	2%
Other Party	1%	1%	1%	1%
Would not vote	4%	5%		
Undecided/Refused	16%	11%		

Notes

1. For those that initially suggest they are undecided, we prompt with an extra question to ask which party they are most likely to vote for at this moment in time.
2. After this prompt we remove those that still say they are undecided, or would not vote, and re-proportion on those expressing a preference.
3. Turnout weighting is added based on a algorithm that combines data on how likely someone is to say they plan to vote at the next GE on a 10 point scale, and whether they actually voted at the last election (if they were eligible to do so).

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

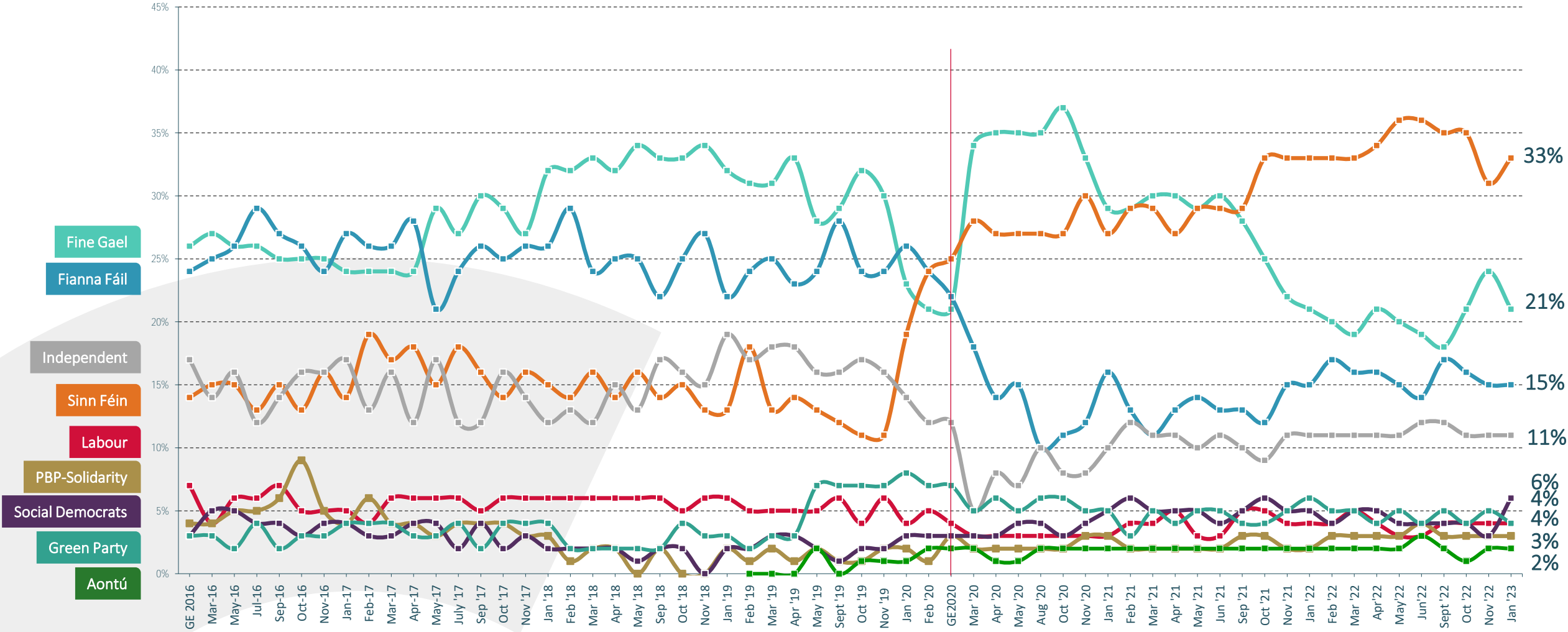
29 th January 2023	Gender		Age			Social Class		Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	Dublin	Rest of Leinster	Munster	Conn/ Ulster
Sinn Féin	33%	33%	33%	38%	36%	27%	23%	45%	28%	40%	30%	37%
Fine Gael	21%	24%	19%	16%	15%	31%	21%	18%	22%	19%	18%	26%
Fianna Fáil	15%	15%	15%	13%	16%	15%	19%	11%	10%	16%	20%	12%
Independent	11%	8%	13%	7%	15%	9%	9%	12%	4%	9%	16%	16%
Social Democrats	6%	6%	6%	9%	6%	4%	9%	3%	11%	4%	4%	4%
Green Party	4%	5%	4%	6%	2%	5%	7%	2%	7%	2%	4%	2%
Labour Party	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%	3%	1%
People Before Profit - Solidarity	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%	6%	1%	2%	1%
Aontú	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%

Not Showing Other Party: 1%

(Base: All adults 18+ who will vote)

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 – since GE 2016

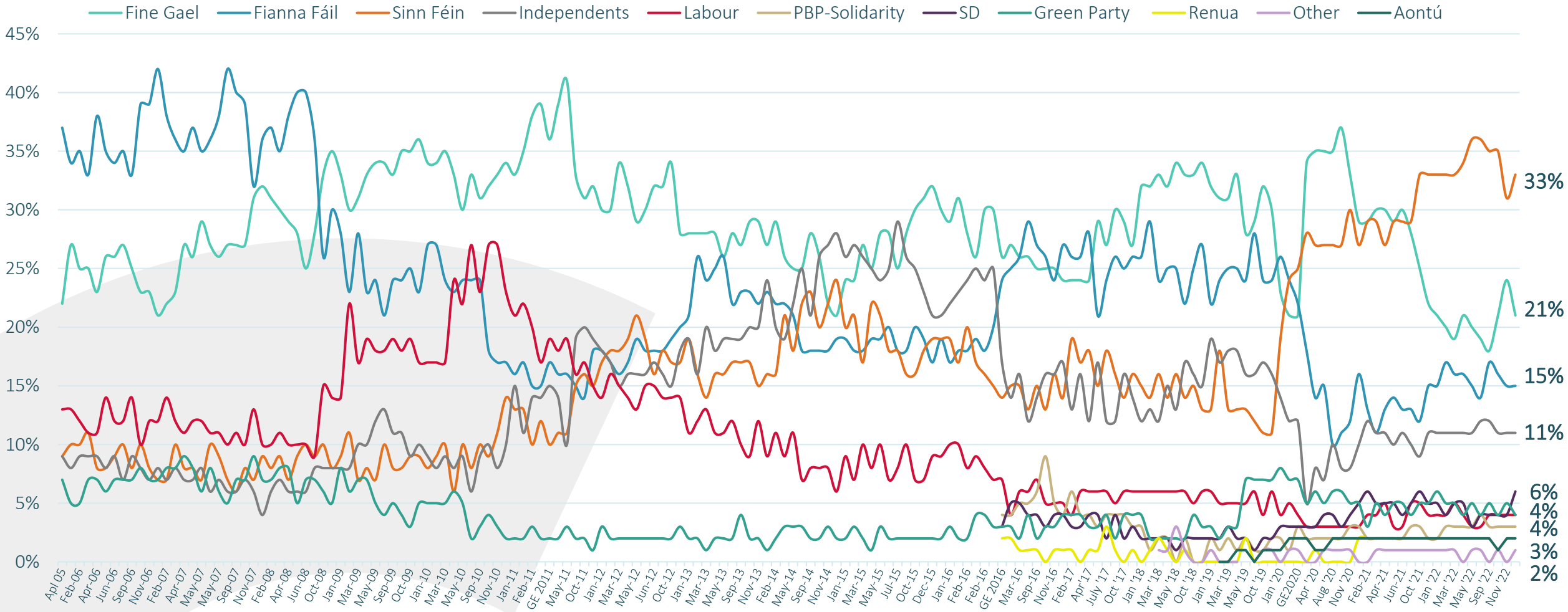


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First preference vote intention – 2005 to 2022

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



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)

(Base: All adults 18+ who will vote)



02

Voter Attitudes

Attitudes around cost-of-living and housing - % Agree



77%

The **energy subsidy scheme** for businesses should be extended



69%

The temporary **ban on evictions of tenants from their homes** should be extended



66%

The **lower rate of VAT of 9% for hotels and restaurants** should be extended



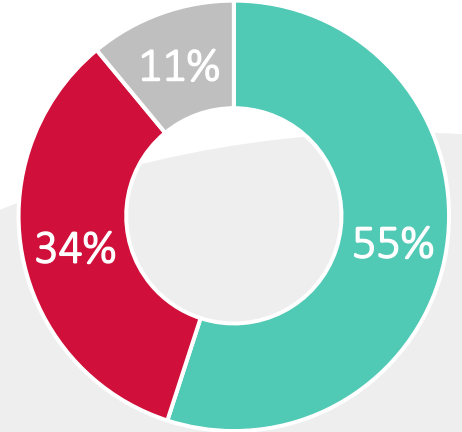
63%

I would support the government using **new powers** to install modular homes **for people on housing waiting lists**, without planning permission, in my area

(Base: All adults 18+)

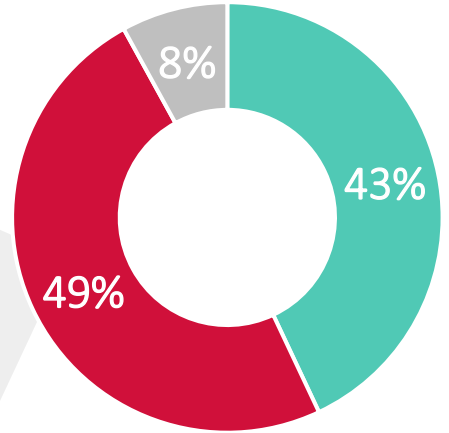
Please select the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements that others have made about the rising cost-of-living, the Ukrainian refugee crisis and other recent events

Attitudes around refugee crisis - % Agree



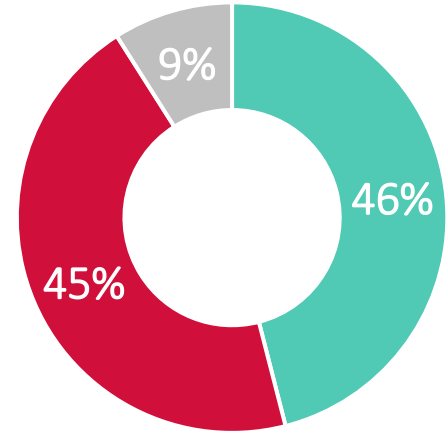
■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Don't Know

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The government is doing a good job at dealing with the Ukrainian refugee crisis



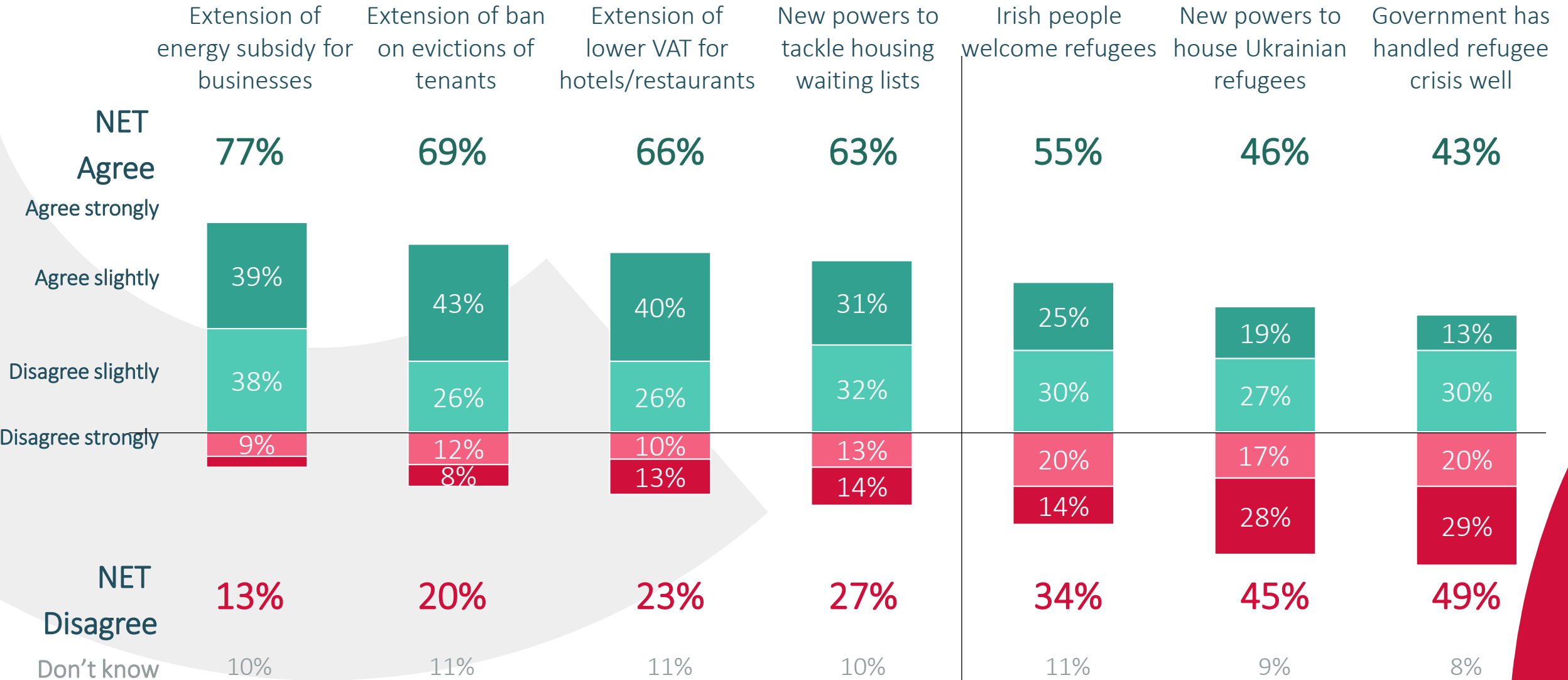
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I would support the government using new powers to install modular homes for Ukrainian refugees, without planning permission, in my area

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Attitudes around cost-of-living and refugee crisis



(Base: All adults 18+)

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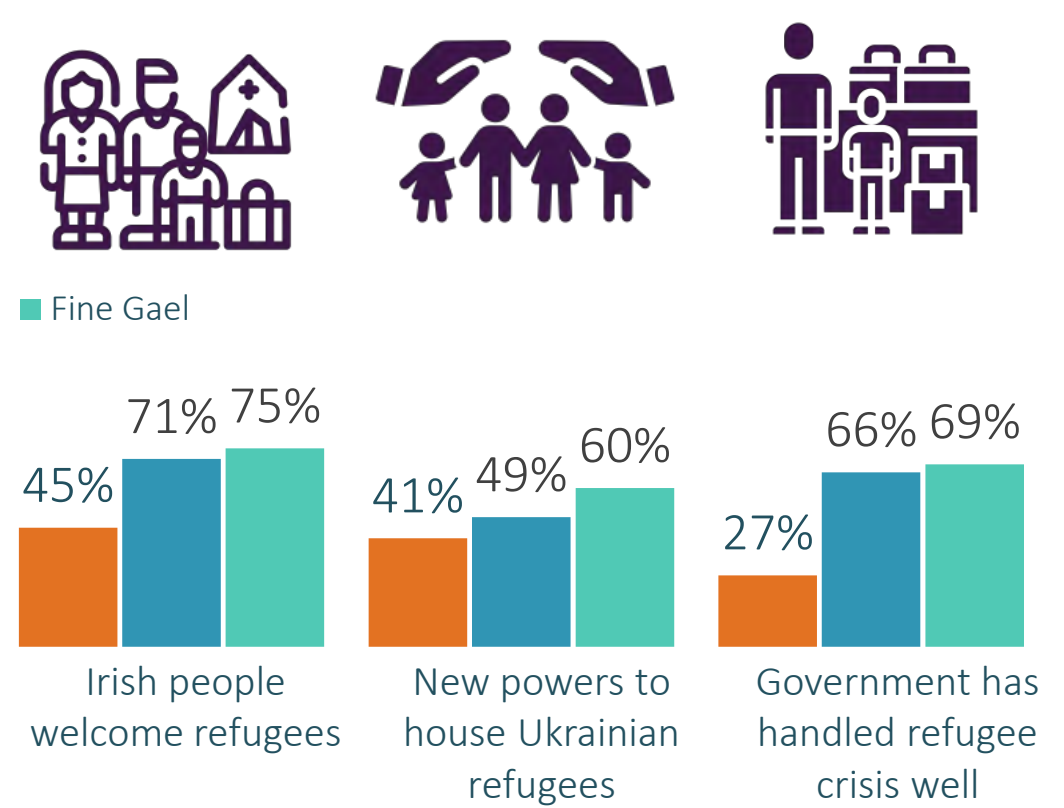
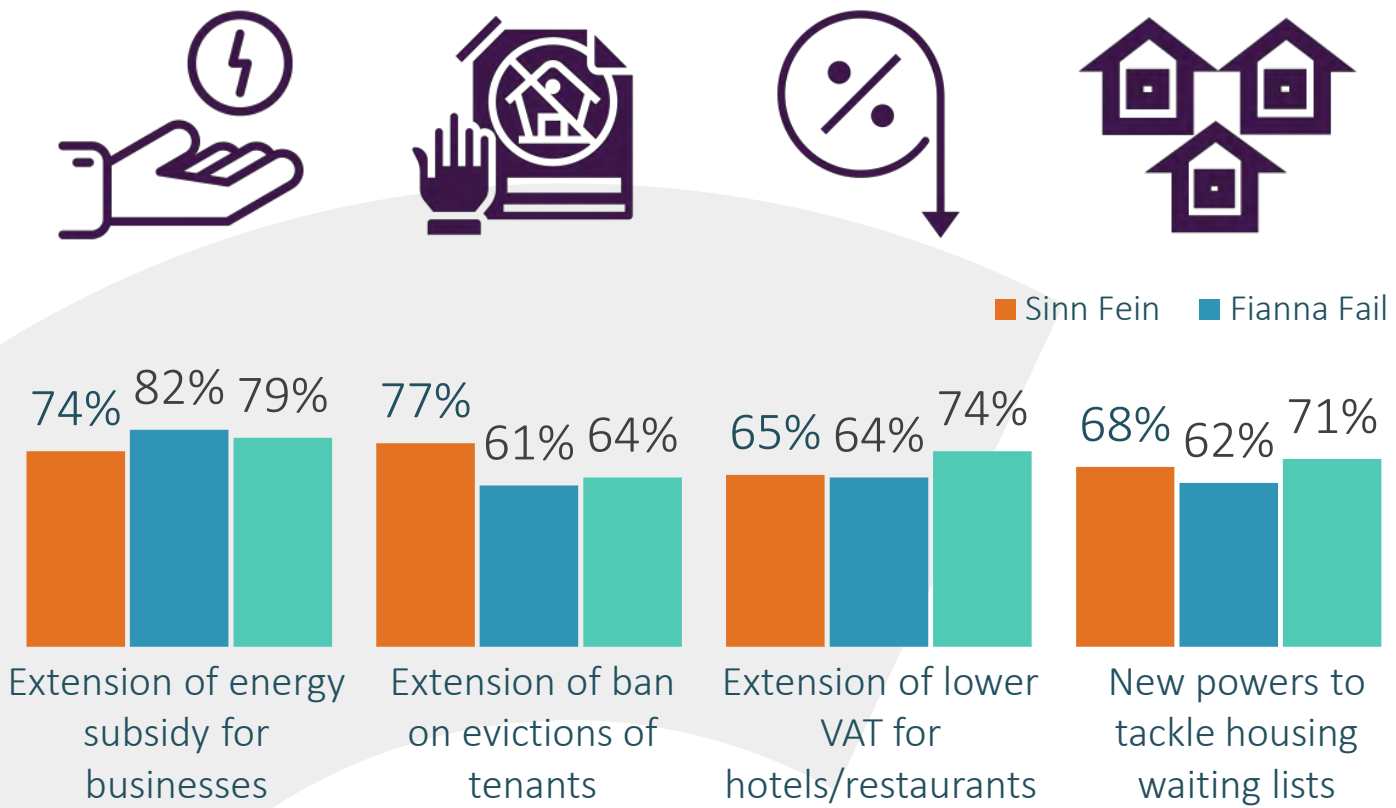
Government supports more likely to welcome refugees

Fianna Fáil/Fine Gael voters more likely than Sinn Féin to say that Irish people welcome refugees, and to support more power to house refugees, as well as to agree the government has handled the crisis well.

% agree

Cost-of-living

Refugee crisis

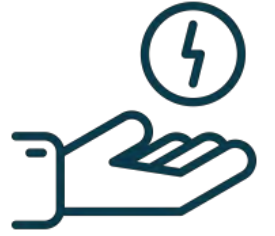


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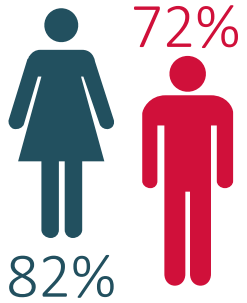
Women, 55+s, Munster support extending energy subsidy

% say the energy subsidy scheme for businesses should be extended

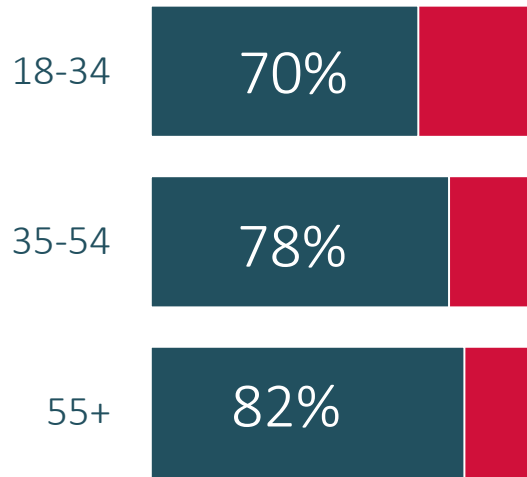


77%

Gender



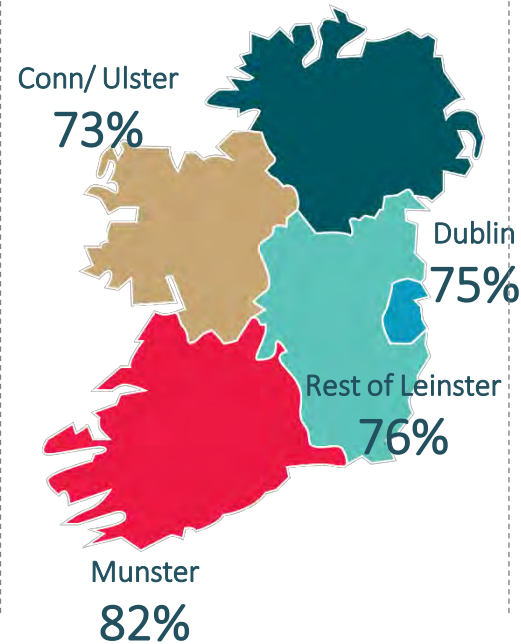
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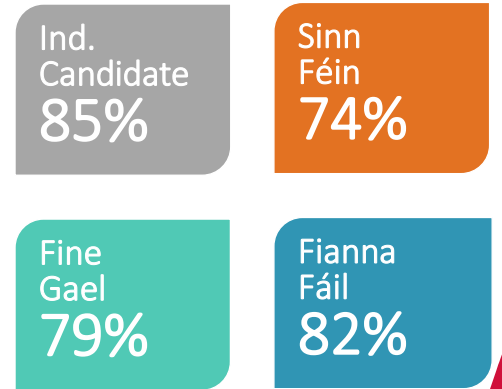
Social Class



Region



Party Support



(Base: All adults 18+)

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The energy subsidy scheme for businesses to help them cope with high energy costs should be extended

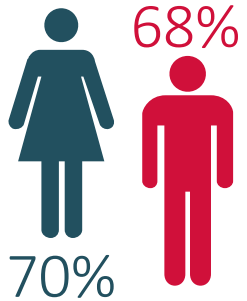
Majority in all parties support extending eviction ban

% believe the temporary ban on evictions should be extended beyond March

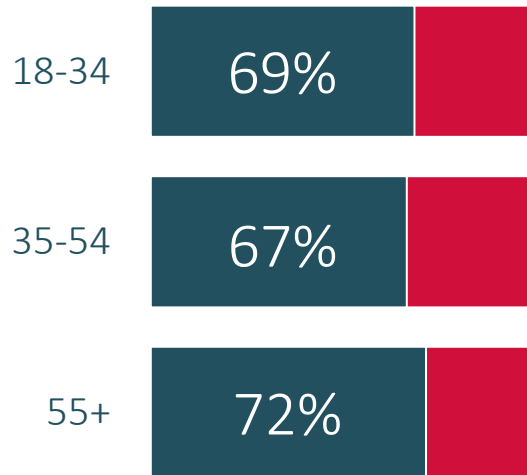


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Gender



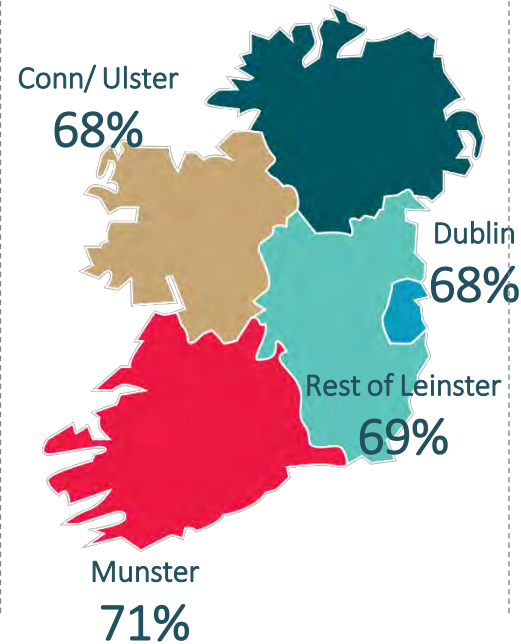
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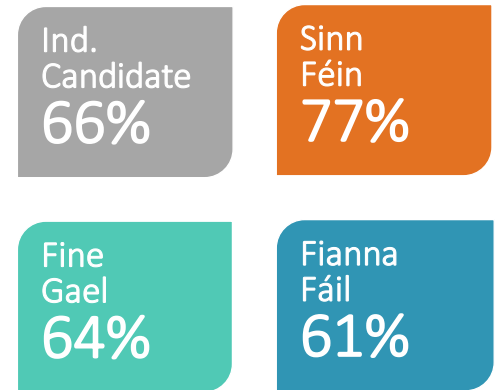
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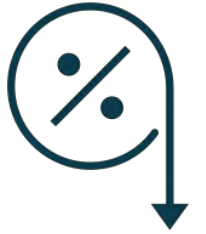
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The current temporary ban on evictions of tenants from their homes should be extended beyond the current cut-off date of March 31st

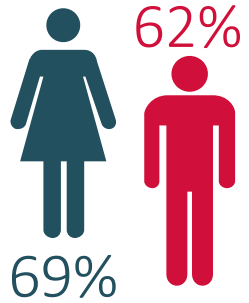
Older cohorts most likely to support maintaining lower VAT

% say the lower rate of VAT for hotels and restaurants should be maintained beyond February

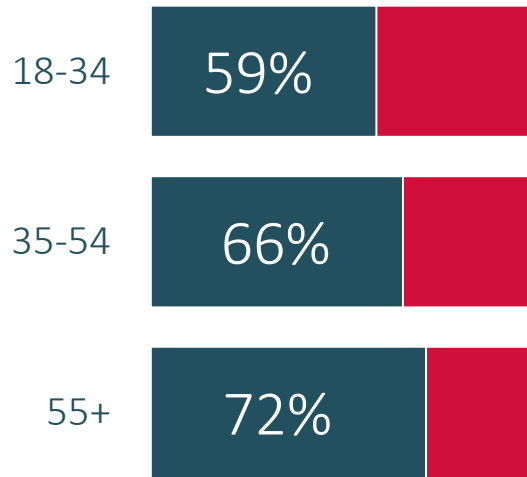


66%

Gender



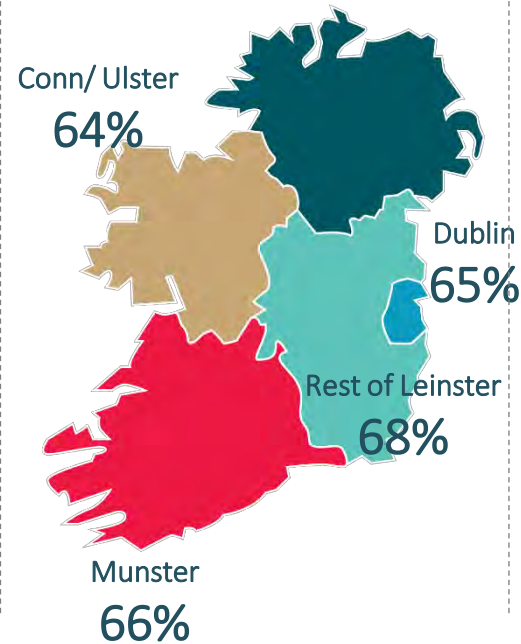
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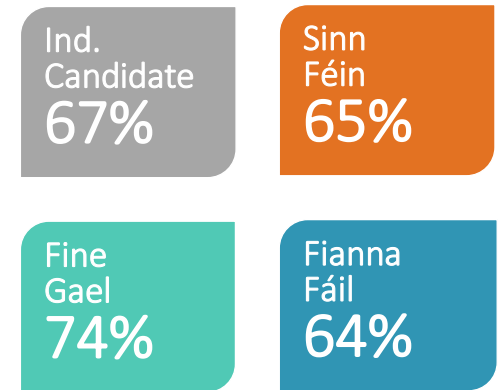
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The lower rate of VAT of 9% for hotels and restaurants, due to increase to 13.5% at the end of February, should be maintained beyond that date

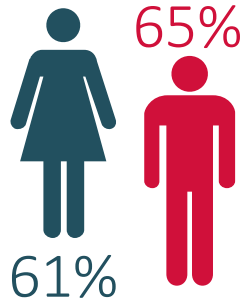
SF and FG voters support new powers to build homes

% would support new powers to build modular homes for people on waiting lists in their area

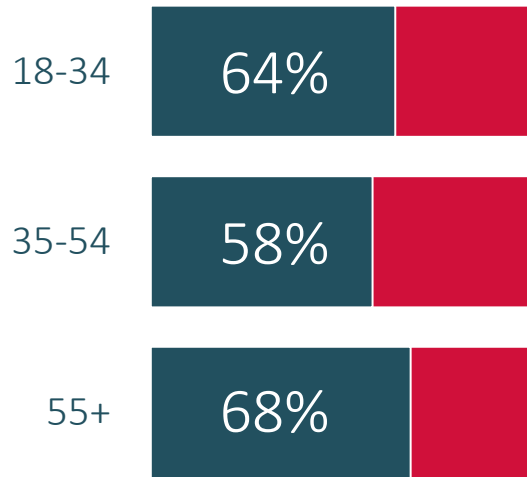


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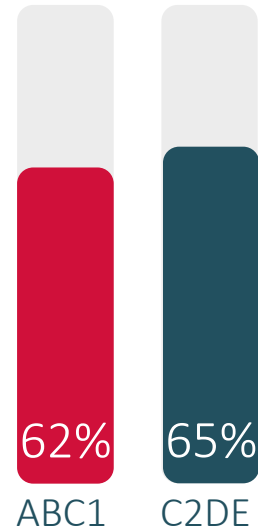
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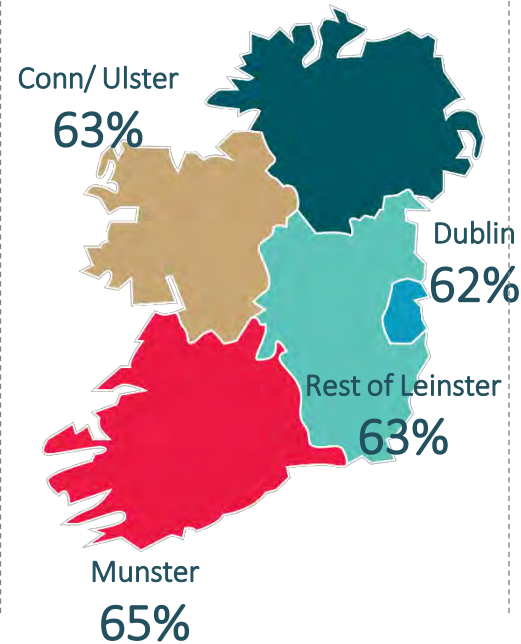
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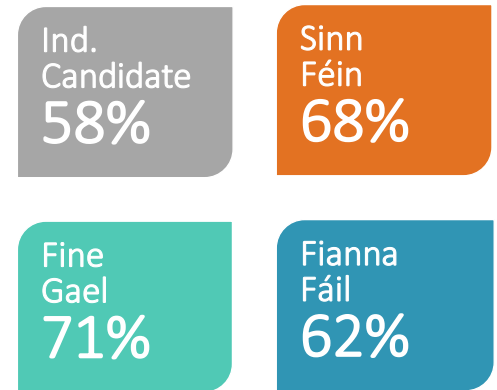
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I would support the government using new powers to install modular homes for people on housing waiting lists without planning permission in my area

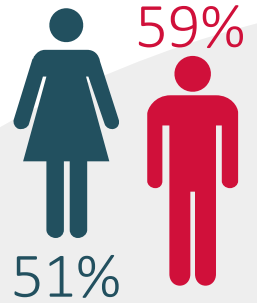
FG/FF voters & 55+s believe only far-right oppose refugees



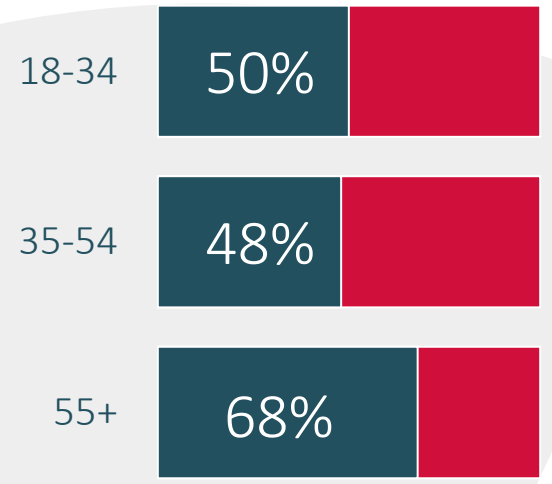
% welcome refugees and believe only the far-right oppose this

55%

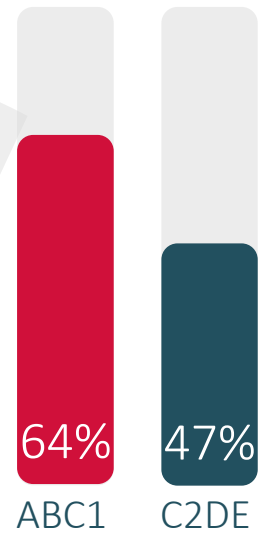
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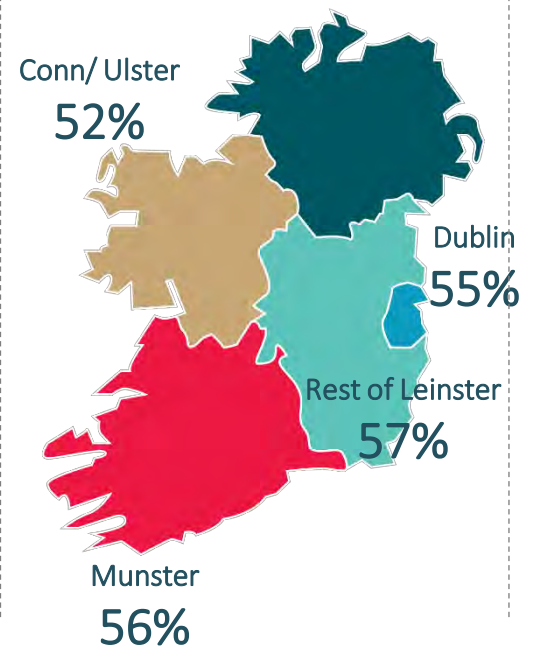
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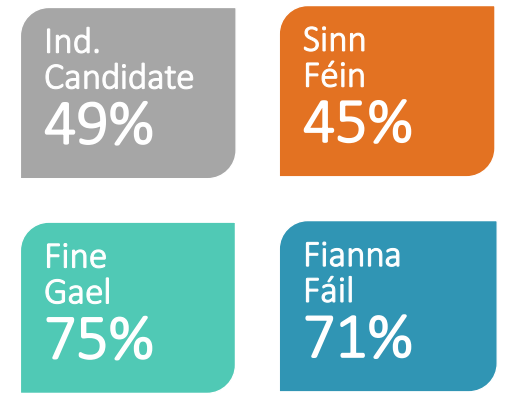
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Irish people welcome refugees on the whole, it's just the far-right activists opposing this

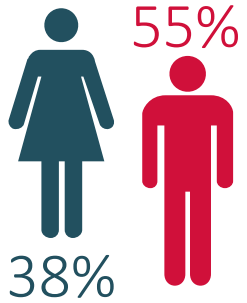
Men and over 55s support new powers to house refugees

% would support the government using new powers to build modular homes for *refugees* in their area

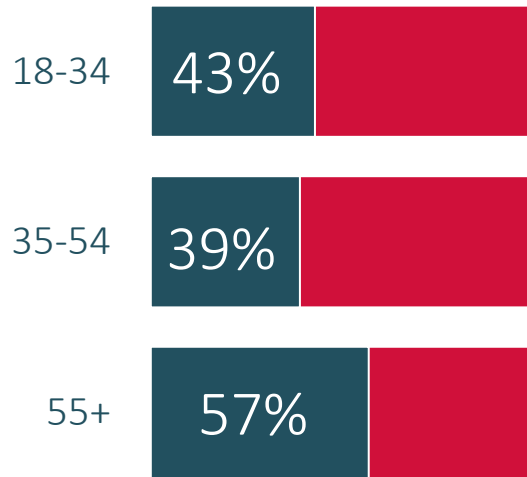


46%

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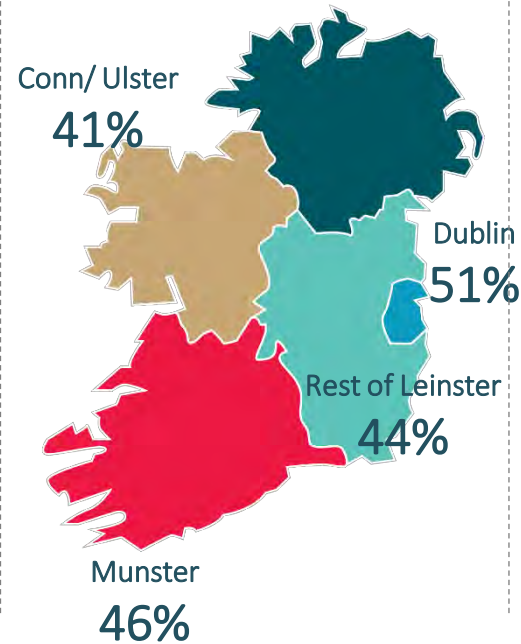
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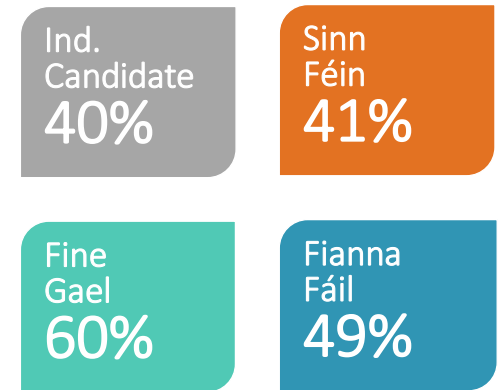
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I would support the government using new powers to install modular homes for Ukrainian refugees without planning permission in my area

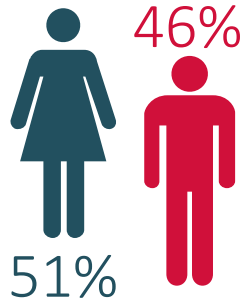
Under 55s believe the government has *not* done a good job



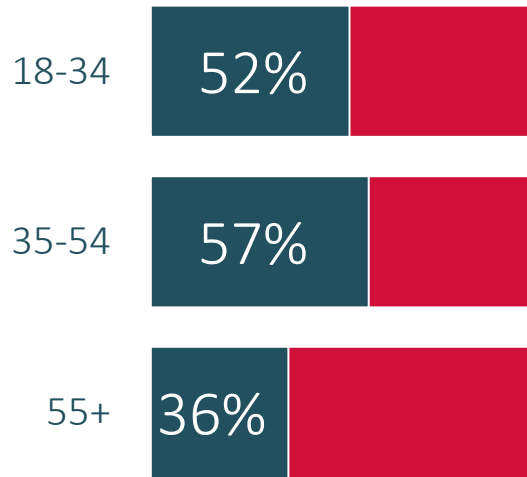
% think that the government is not doing a good job of dealing with the Ukrainian refugee crisis

49%

Gender



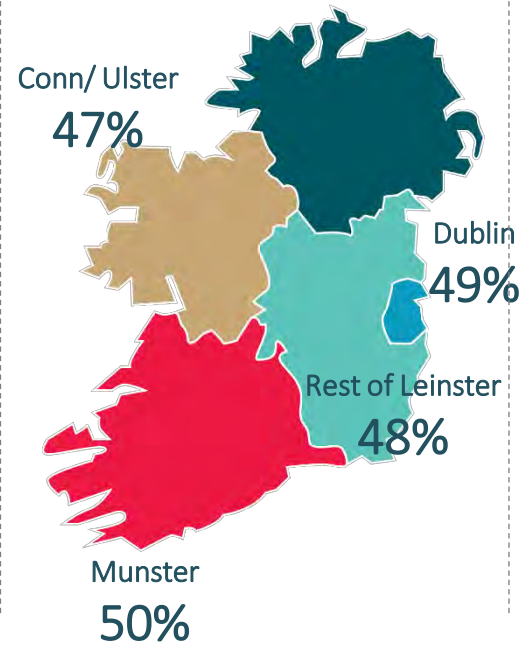
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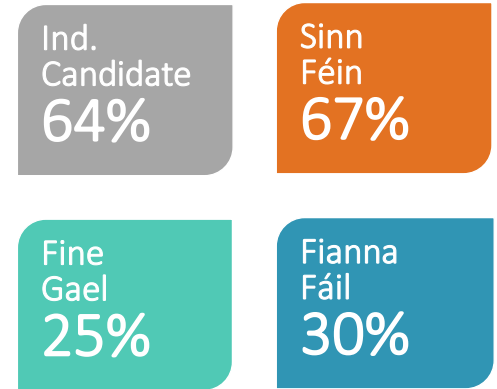
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The government is doing a good job at dealing with the Ukrainian refugee crisis



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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**.





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

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

Opportunity



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

Growth



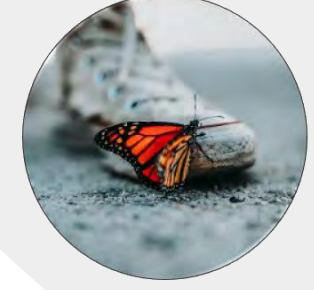
Uncovering choices, preferences and decisions that enable business to design brands, products and services that beat the competition.

Retention



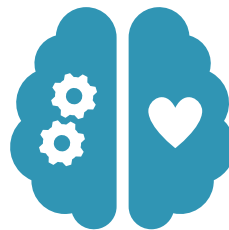
Mapping and delivering easy and enjoyable customer journey's and experiences to maximize purchase and retention.

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

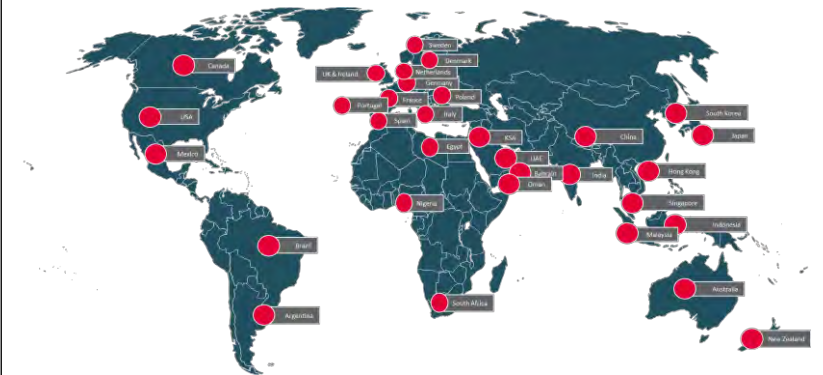


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