

YOUR PARTICIPATION COUNTS

It is only by carrying out surveys such as this one that we can get a clear idea of social attitudes and related issues in Ireland.

Although voluntary, your participation is crucial to the success of the study.

If you are busy when the interviewer first calls he/she will make an appointment to call back at a time which suits you.

I hope you will be able to support us in our work and I would like to thank you, in anticipation, for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



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ABOUT THE SURVEY

The *European Social Survey* is being carried out on behalf of a group of Social Science researchers in University College, Dublin. This is part of a very largescale international survey which is being carried out in up to 20 countries in Europe and Eastern Europe.

The survey is designed to collect accurate and up-to-date information on aspects of people's views and attitudes towards a wide range of social and related issues in Ireland today. This involves recording details on your view of:

- current social issues
- politics and politicians
- religion
- State institutions such as the Dáil, legal system etc.
- minority groups and related policy issues in Ireland today.

This information will allow us to get a picture of how we compare with other European countries in terms of our outlook on life; general social attitudes etc.

HOW YOU WERE SELECTED

Your address was selected for inclusion in this survey on a random statistical basis from the national electoral register.

CONFIDENTIALITY

You can be assured that all the information collected by the interviewer will be treated in the strictest confidence. We give an absolute guarantee of confidentiality in respect of all information which we collect.

The identity of individual respondents is never revealed in our reports. The reports we produce deal only in general, aggregate percentages such as means, averages etc. Individual information on any respondent is never revealed to anyone outside the ESRI in any manner which would allow the individual respondent to be identified.

All our interviewers carry a photo-ID card. If you want to confirm the identity of our interviewer please phone our Field Operations Executive, Mr Fergal Rhatigan at 01-6671525.

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