

All the variables mentioned in this document are taken from (a subset of) the Irish National Election Study of 2020. The original data set and the full documentation of the variables can be found at:

<https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/E6TAVY>

The variable descriptions are in the codebook file and the original questionnaire can also be found in this repository. It is crucially important to **look up the precise formulation of the survey question** for each variable you use in your assignment in the original questionnaire! Do not rely on the description in this document to interpret your graph - it is only a crude description to allow you to choose which variables are of interest to you.

Note that the dependent variable must be selected from List A and the control variable must be selected from List C. The main explanatory / independent variable can be chosen from either List A or List B.

*A. Select a dependent (outcome) variable from:*

genderQuotas	How much do you support the use of gender quotas in national elections?
immigrEcon	Immigrants are generally good for the Irish economy.
leftRight	Where would you place yourself on a self-right scale?
econSelf	Do you think you are better or worse off, financially, than a year ago?
equalGays	What do you think of equal opportunities for the gay and lesbian community?
incomeDifferences	Should the government try to reduce income differences?

*B. Select an independent (explanatory) variable from (but you can also use any of the above):*

brexitCountry	What do you think will be the impact of Brexit on the Irish economy?
brexitSelf	What do you think will be the impact of Brexit on you personally?
churchAttendance	How regularly a respondent attends church services
corruption	How widespread is corruption in Ireland?
discussPolitics	How often do you discuss politics with people you disagree with?
econCountry	Do you think the country is better or worse off than a year ago?
environmEcon	Should the government prioritise the economy or the environment?
equalEthnic	What do you think of equal opportunities for ethnic minorities?
equalWomen	What do you think of equal opportunities for women?
firstPref	Party choice in the 2020 elections
govtSatisf	How satisfied are you with the government performance in the past four years?
immigrCult	Irish culture is harmed by immigration.
interest	How interested are you in politics?
irishUnification	How supportive are you of Irish unification?
nationalLocal	Should TDs focus on the local constituency or national issues?
particAssembly	If you were asked to participate in a citizen assembly, how likely are you to participate?
partyCandidate1	Is the candidate or the party more important to determine your choice?

partyCandidate2	If your first preference candidate was of a different party, would (s)he still get your vote?
quotaGovt	Would you support gender quotas for the cabinet?
reformAssemblies	Would politics benefit from more citizen assemblies?
reformExperts	Should experts who are not TDs be brought into the cabinet?
reformFewerTDs	Should the number of TDs be reduced?
reformMayors	Should mayors be directly elected?
reformPetitionRef	Should citizens have a right to petition for a referendum?
reformTrustworthy	Are most politicians trustworthy?
taxesSpending	Should the government reduce taxes or increase spending?
turnout2016	Did you vote in the 2016 elections?
vote2016	How did you vote in the 2016 elections?
whenDecide	When was the party choice made?

*C. Select a control variable from:*

age	Age of the respondent
education	Level of education of the respondent
gender	Gender of the respondent
income	Income of the respondent
religion	Religious affiliation of the respondent