

## Introduction of a Wealth Tax

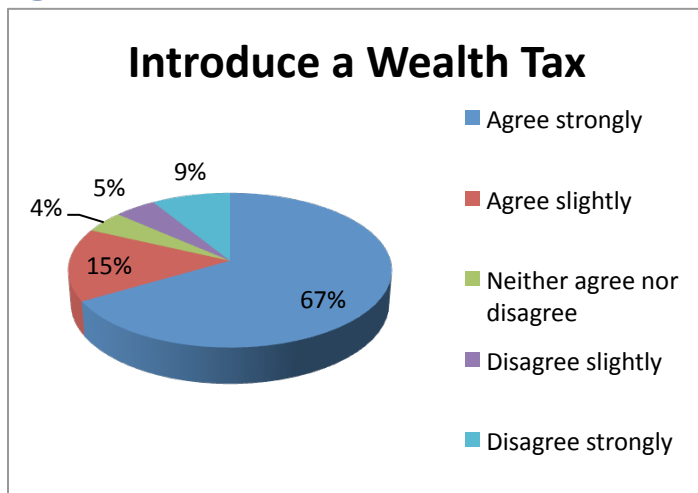
In the recent MRBI poll<sup>1</sup> commissioned by the Community Platform, a total of 82% of the 1016 people questioned stated that they agreed that the Government should introduce a wealth tax on individuals who have net assets (including property, financial assets and luxury items) which are valued at more than one million euro and who have an annual individual income of more than a hundred thousand euro.

### General

- From a gender perspective, women were slightly more likely to agree than men with 79% of men and 85% of women either agreed strongly or slightly with the question posed.
- From a regional perspective, Connaught Ulster was the region where those questioned were most likely to agree (89%). Those in the Dublin region were more likely to disagree with the question with 17% compared to 8% from the Connaught and Ulster region.
- In terms of social class, most likely to answer yes to the questions with 80% was the lowest social class category, 73% of whom agreed strongly.
- It was those from the highest social class category who were more likely to strongly disagree at 21%, 14% of which disagreed strongly.

82% of people questioned stated that they would strongly agree or agree slightly with a wealth tax

### Agree



	Number	%
Agree strongly	677	67%
Agree slightly	155	15%
Neither agree nor disagree	46	5%
Disagree slightly	48	5%
Disagree strongly	90	9%

<sup>1</sup> Do you agree or disagree that the Government should introduce a wealth tax on individuals who have net assets (including property, financial assets and luxury items) which are valued at more than one million euro and who have an annual individual income of more than a hundred thousand euro?

## AGE

Age	Net Agree		Net Disagree	
	Number	%	Number	%
15-17 years	28	82	2	6
18-24 years	108	73	28	19
25-34 years	177	82	29	14
35-44 years	135	76	39	22
45-54 years	152	86	20	12
55-64 years	122	86	14	10
65+ years	110	89	5	4

When the ages of those who agreed with the statement were analysed a large majority of each of the age groups agreed with the questions asked. A total of 89% of those aged 65+ years agreed with the statement, with 83% of them strongly agreeing.

## Region

Region	Net Agree	
	Number	%
Dublin	219	78
Rest of Leinster	217	81
Munster	233	83
Connacht/Ulster	163	89

From a regional perspective, those that agreed with the question posed were in a strong majority across the regions. Those in Connaught/Ulster were most likely to agree with the question posed, followed by Munster and the rest of Leinster. Those in the Dublin region were slightly less likely to agree, though 78% of them still agreed with the proposal.

## Gender

Gender	Net Agree		Net disagree	
	Number	%	Number	%
Men	395	79	85	17
Woman	437	85	53	10

From a gender perspective, women were slightly more likely to agree than men, with 85% of women and 79% of men either strongly or slightly agreeing with the question posed.

## Social Class

	Social Class- Net Agree		Social Class- Net disagree	
	Number	%		%
<b>AB</b>	109	76	30	21
<b>C1</b>	217	79	38	14
<b>C2</b>	208	85	35	14
<b>DE</b>	231	85	25	9
<b>F</b>	66	80	11	13

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