

Coronavirus COVID-19

Public Opinion Tracking Research: 17/08/20



ABOUT THE RESEARCH

The research findings in this report are based on surveys by **Amárach Research** on behalf of the Department of Health.

The polls are conducted and reported on the same day using Amárach's SmartPoll panel and weighted to the demographics of the 18+ adult population.

Sample size (17/08/20): n=1,863



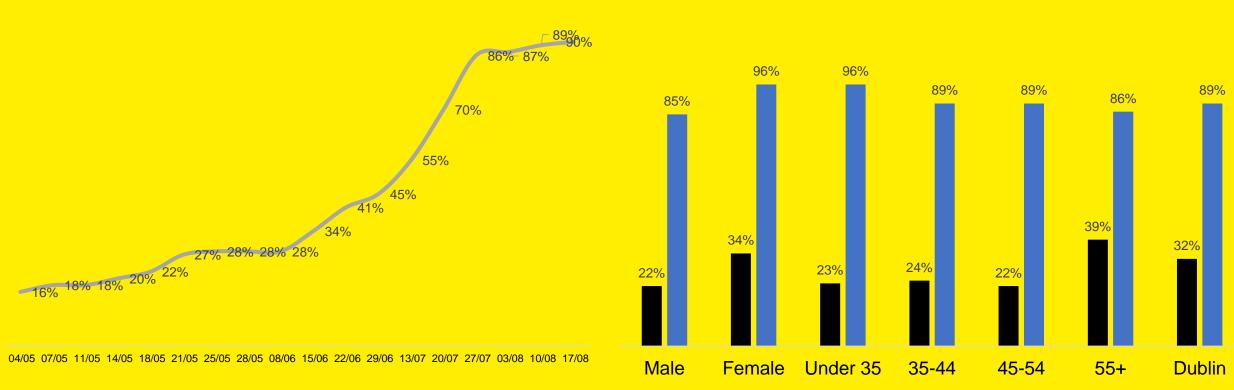
Behavioural Change



Face Masks

Do you wear a face mask when in public places? All Adults: % Yes

Face Mask Demographics Do you wear a face mask when in public places? % Yes

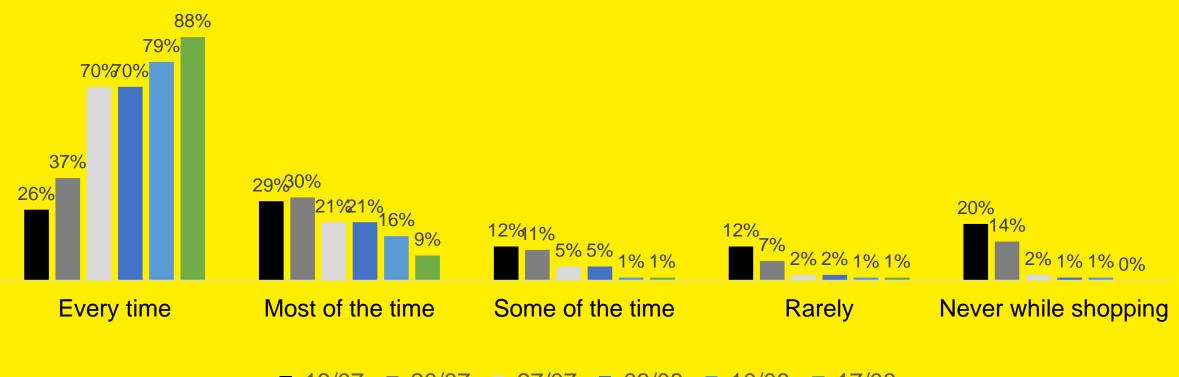


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Face Mask Frequency - I

Do you wear a face covering when you are shopping? Base: shoppers (99% of sample)

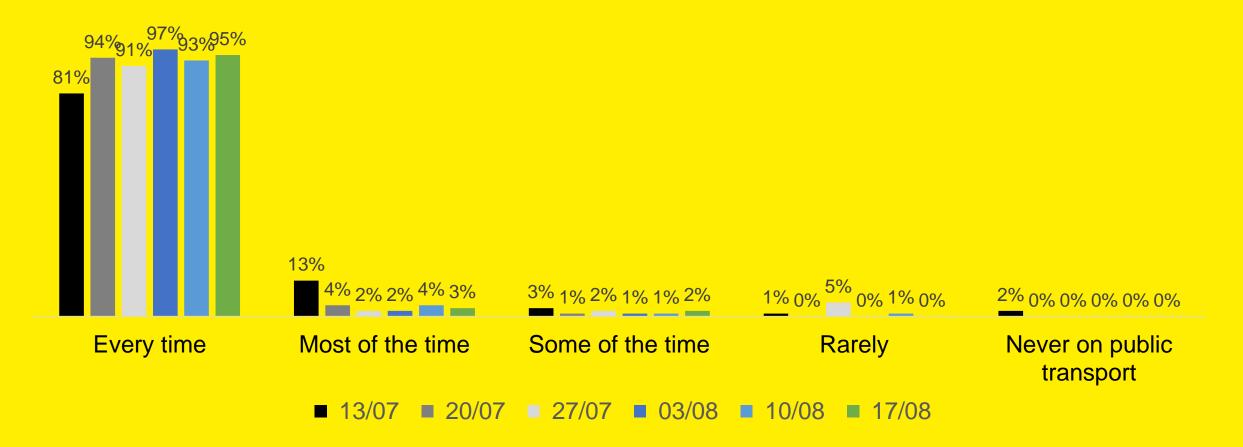


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Face Mask Frequency - II

Do you wear a face covering when using public transport? Base: users of public transport (20% of sample)

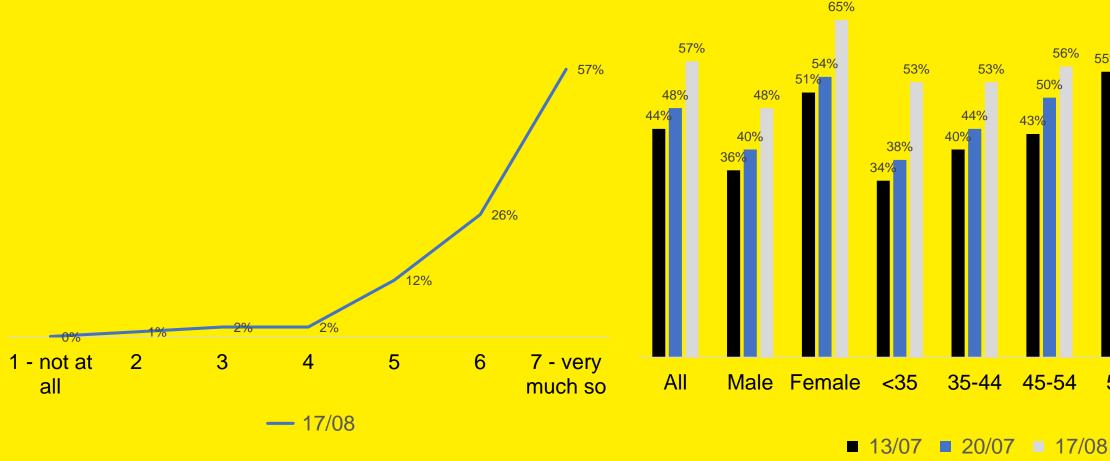




Following Recommendations - I

To what extent do you follow the recommendations from the Department of Health and HSE to prevent spread of coronavirus? Scale of 1 - 7

Following Recommendations - II Demographics: % 7 – very much so



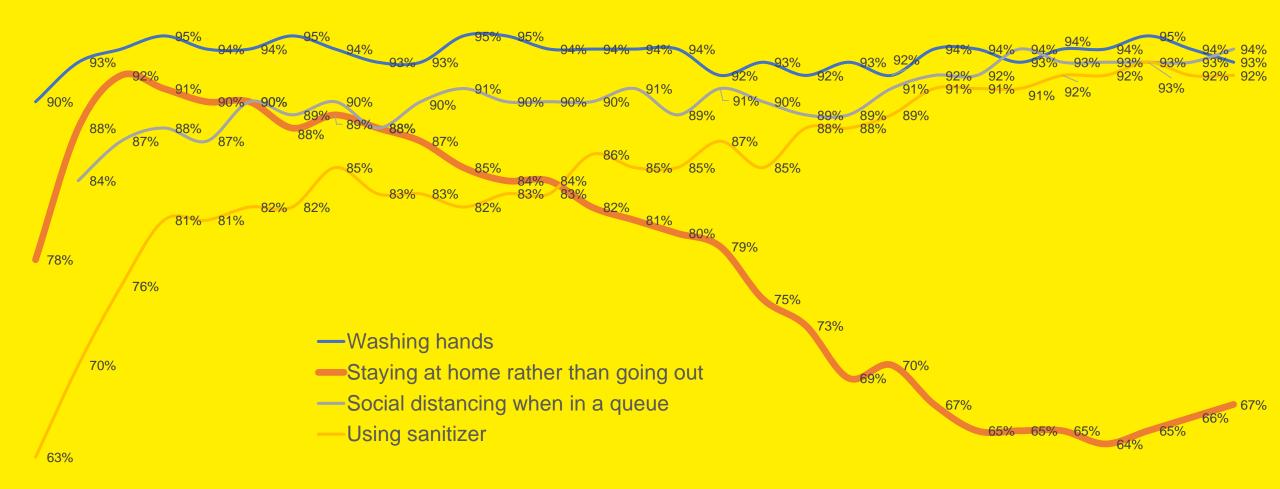
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Safe Behaviours – I

Which of the following are you doing more often as a result of the Coronavirus?



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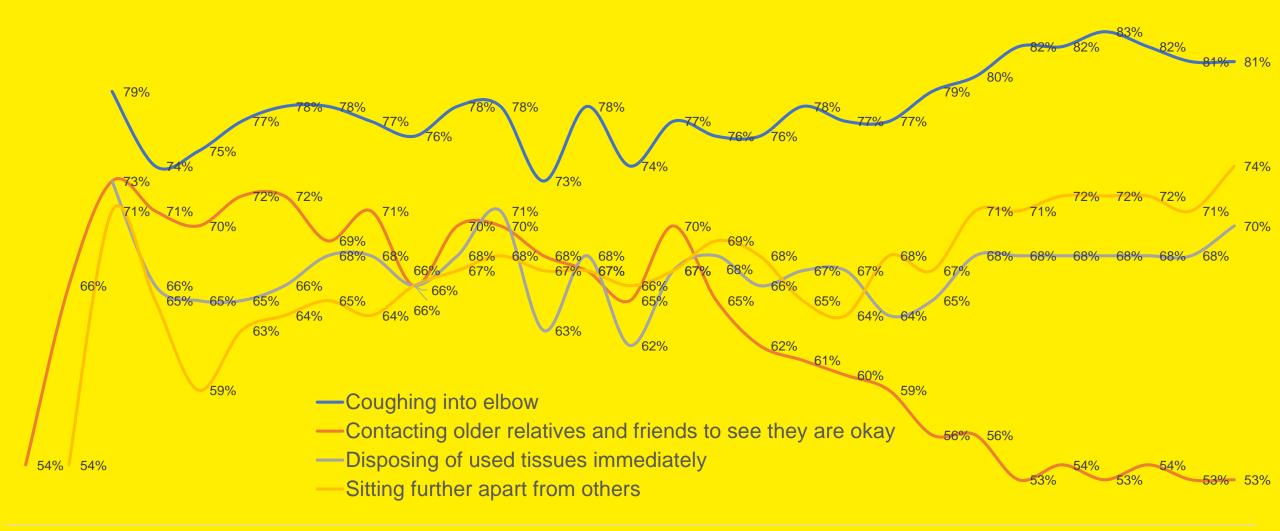
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Safe Behaviours – II

Which of the following are you doing more often as a result of the Coronavirus?

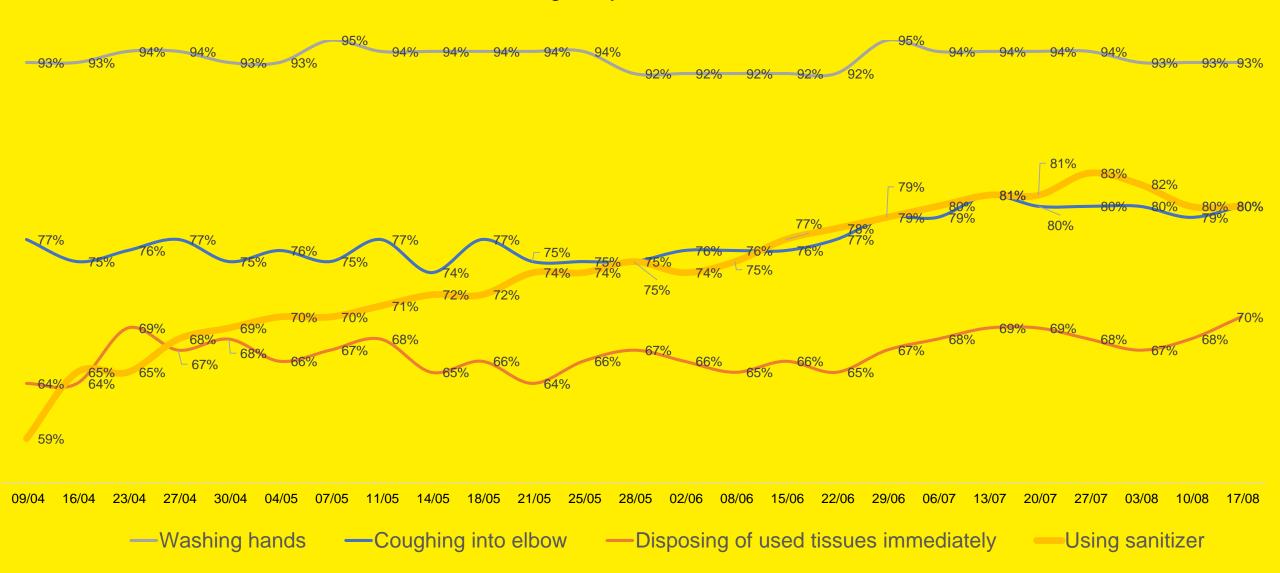


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Future Behaviours – I

Which of the following will you continue after Coronavirus?



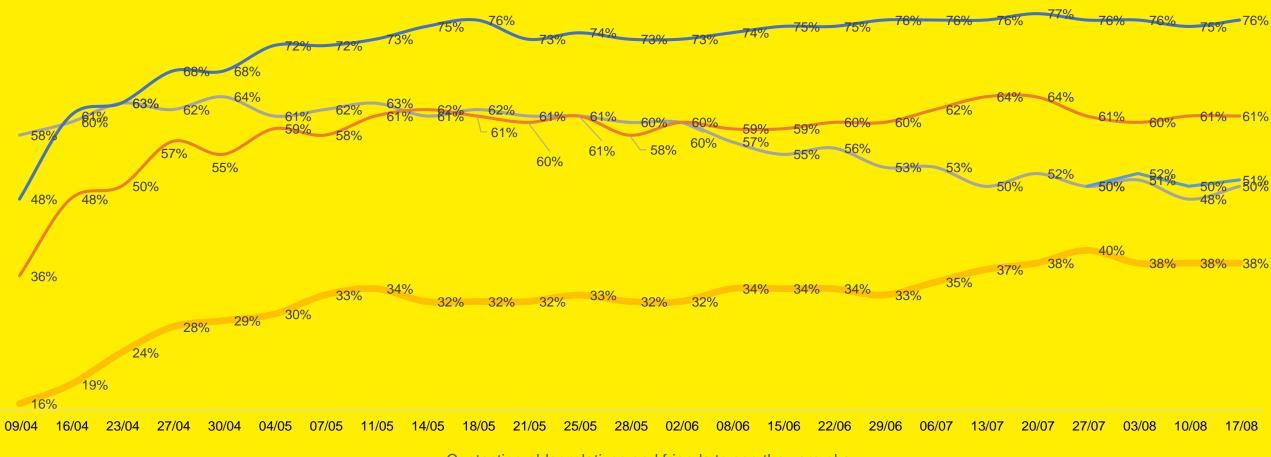
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Future Behaviours – II

Which of the following will you continue after Coronavirus?





----Contacting older relatives and friends to see they are okay

----Social distancing when in a queue

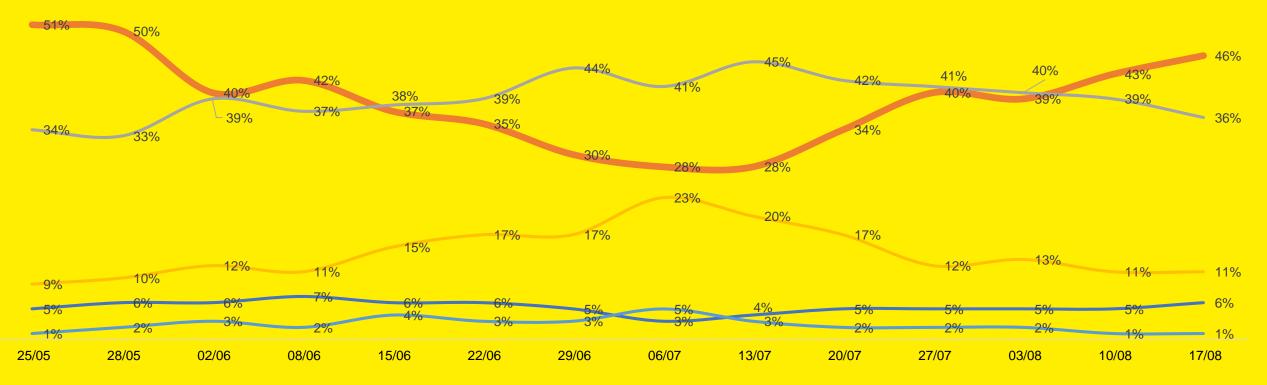
----Sitting further apart from others when outside house or on public transport

Staying at home rather than going out

Socially Distanced



Which of the following best describes the extent to which you think people in general are following the social distancing guidelines?



- —Almost everybody is following the guidelines
- -----It's about 50/50 in terms of people following the guidelines
- ----Almost nobody is following the guidelines

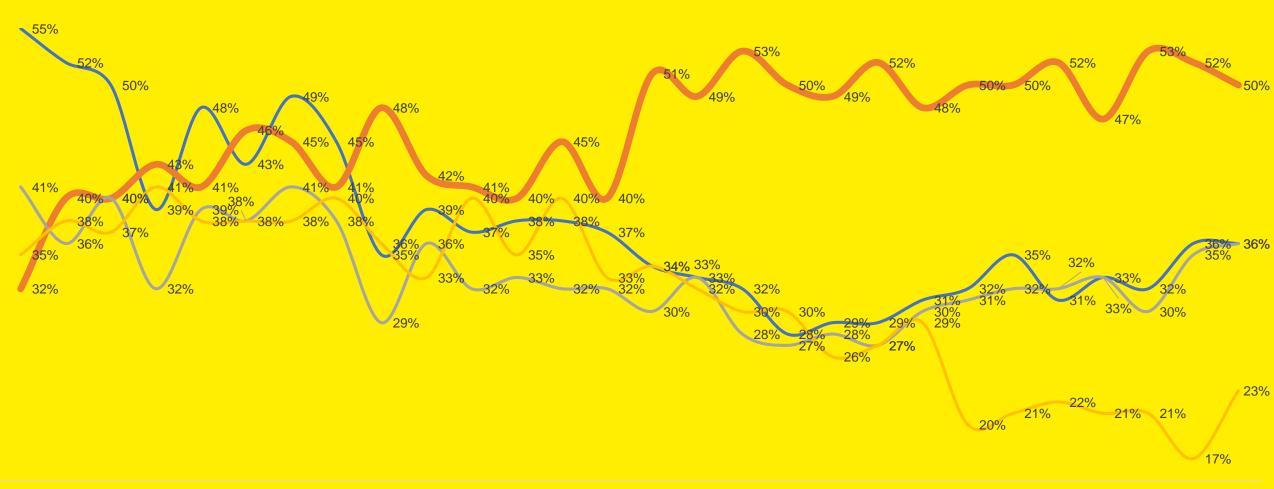
Most people are following the guidelines
Most people are not following the guidelines



Emotional Wellbeing

Emotional Wellbeing – I

Did you experience any of these feelings a lot of the day yesterday? Select all that apply:



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-Worry -Enjoyment -Anxiety

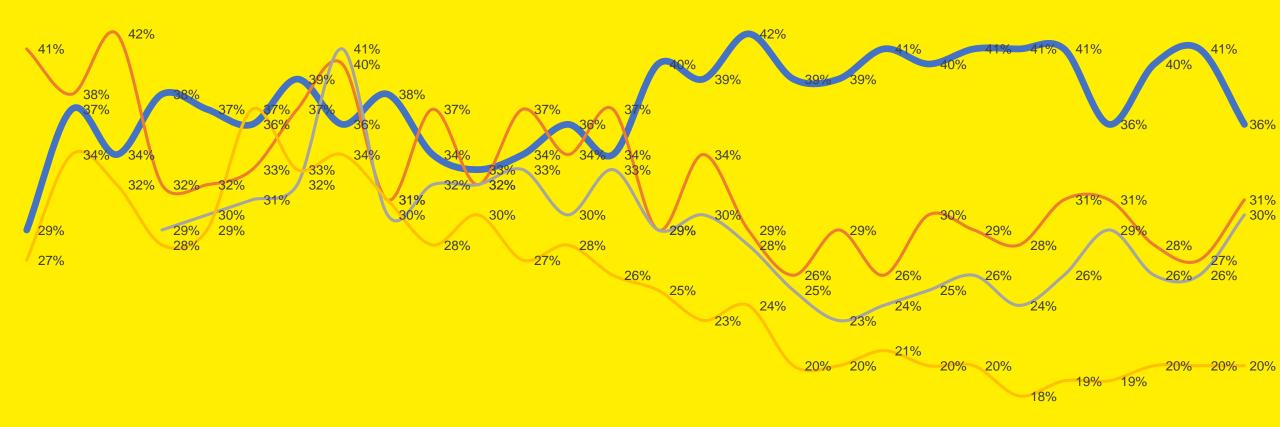
-Boredom

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Emotional Wellbeing – II

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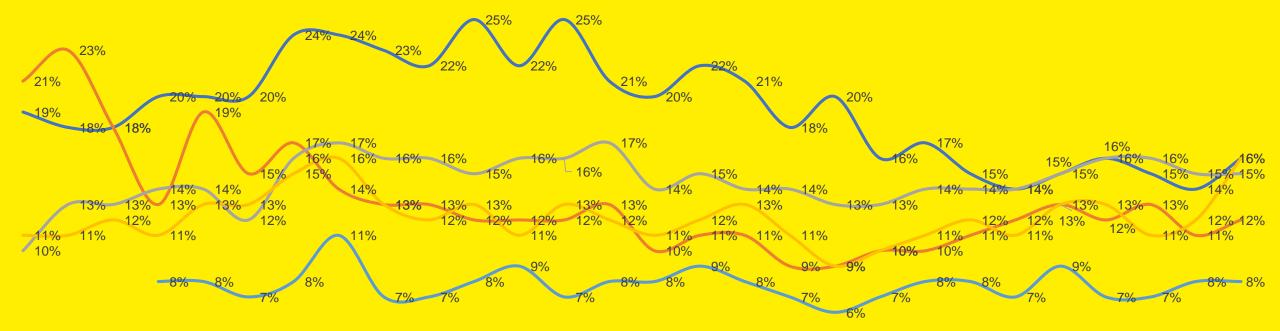
-Happiness -Stress -Frustration -Sadness



Emotional Wellbeing – III

Did you experience any of these feelings a lot of the day yesterday? Select all that apply:





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-Loneliness -Fear -Pain -Anger -Intolerance

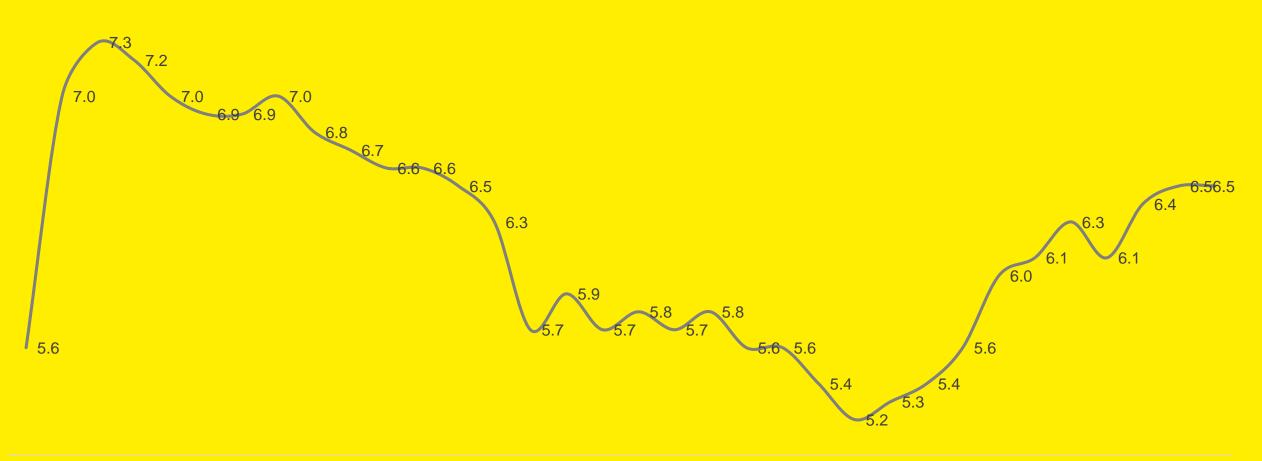


Risk Perceptions

Still Worried?



How worried are you personally about the Coronavirus? On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all worried and 10 is extremely worried: Average Score



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Sources of Worry – I

Please indicate the extent to which any of the following is a current source of worry? On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all and 5 is a great deal: Average Score



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- -Health of Family & Friends
- Prolonged Restrictions
- —Health system being overloaded (added 29/06)

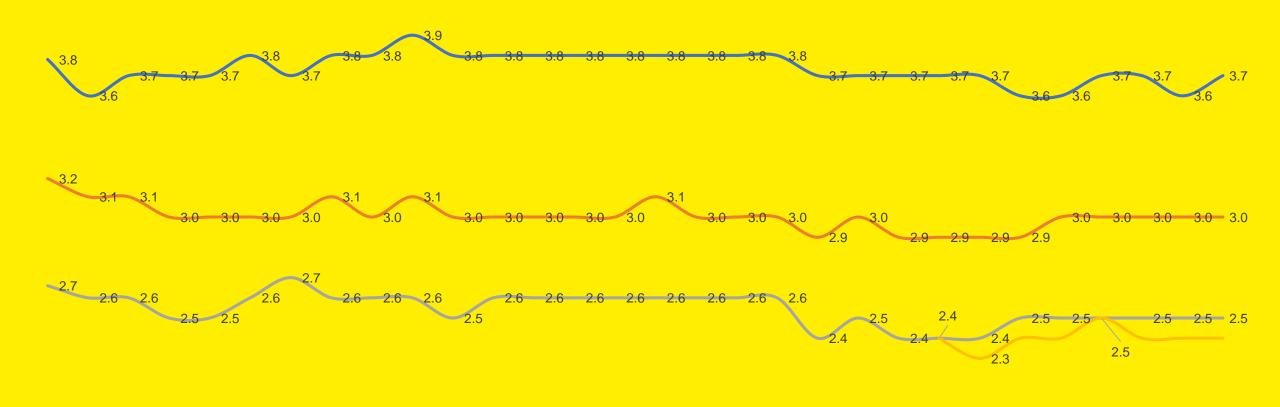
— Personal Health — Reduced Social Contact Coronavirus

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Sources of Worry – II



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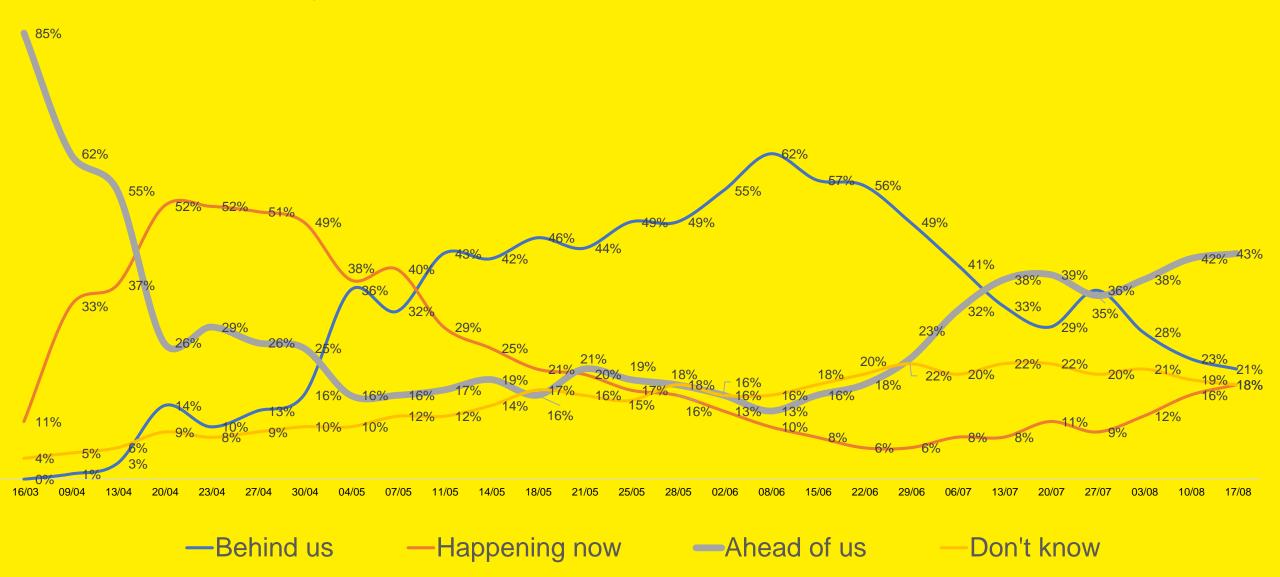
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——The Economy ——Personal Finance ——Employment Status ——Becoming Unemployed (added 29/06)

Pandemic Stage

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Do you feel that the worst of the Coronavirus crisis in Ireland is:

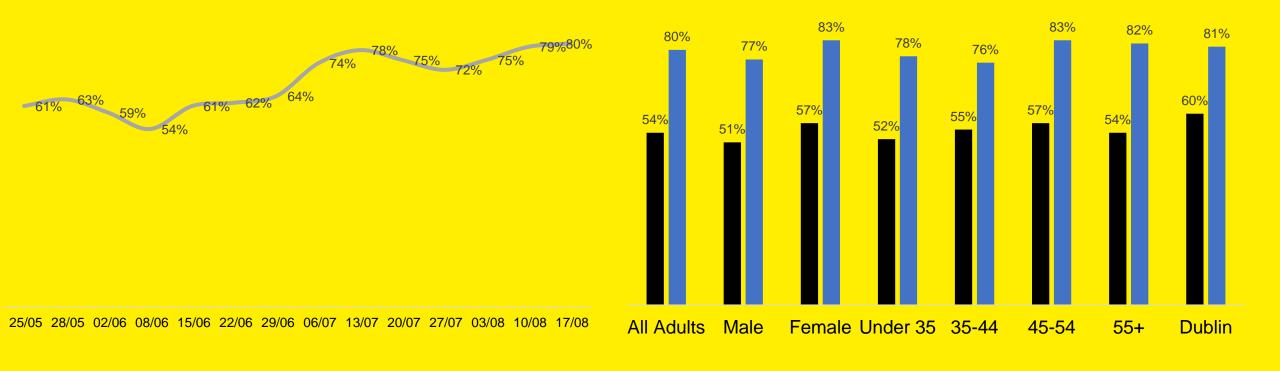




A Second Wave

How likely do you think it is that Ireland will experience a second wave of COVID-19 infections? On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is 'very unlikely' and 7 is 'very likely': % 5-7

A Second Wave Demographics: % 5-7



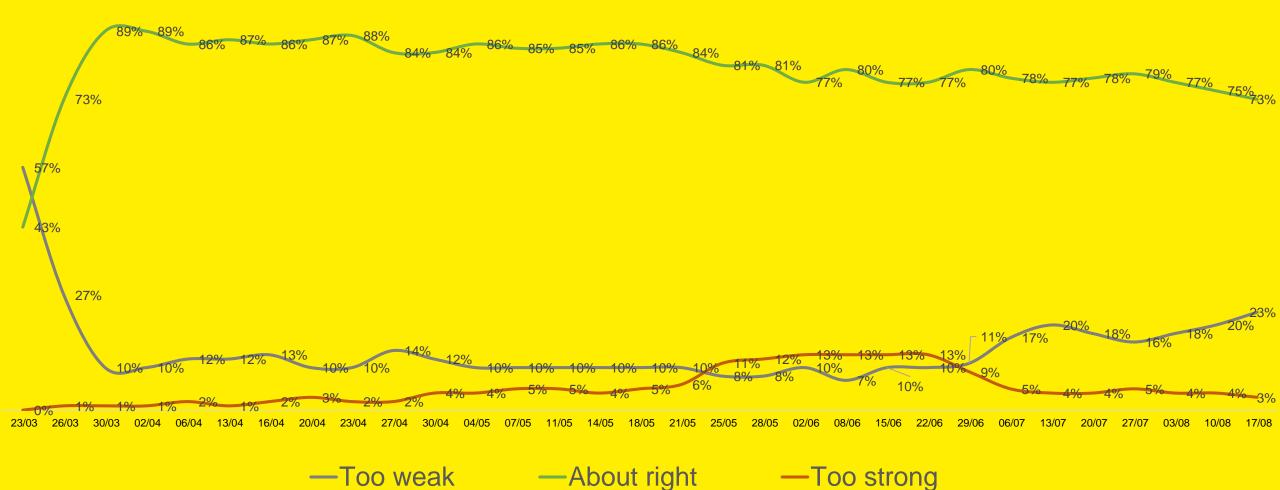
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Policy Preferences

Social Distancing

Do you think the current government measures on social distancing are:

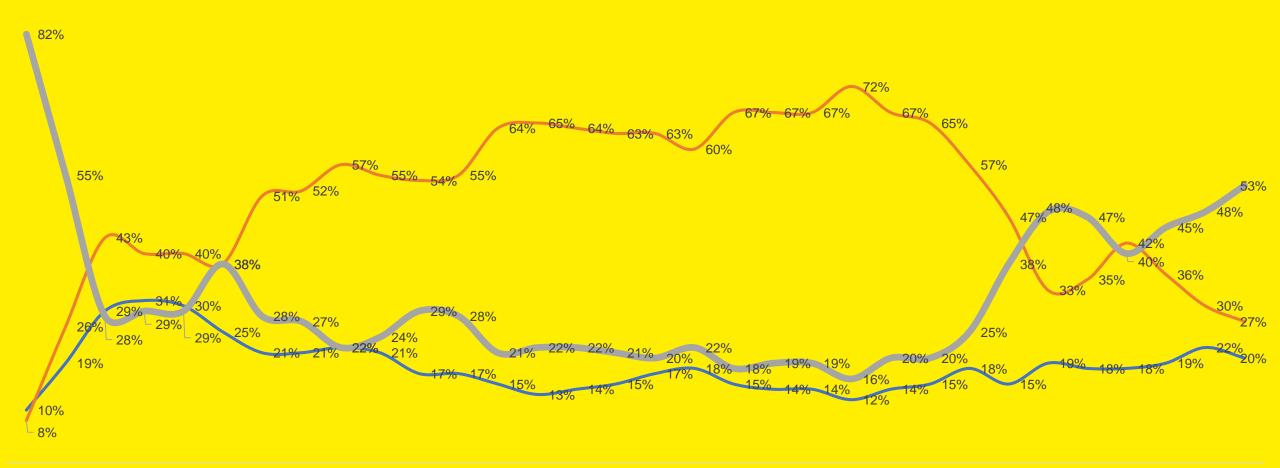


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Go Further? Do you think there should be more restrictions?





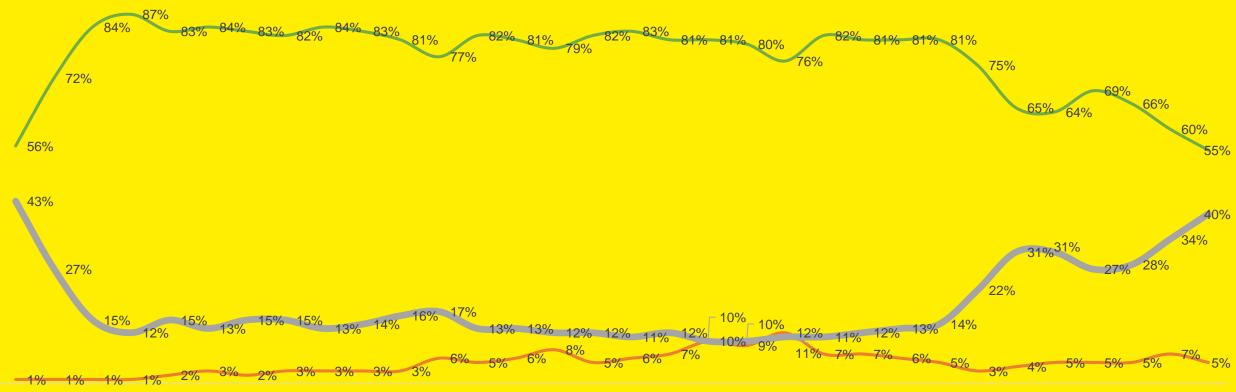
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—Don't know —No —Yes

Going Too Far?



Do you think the reaction of the government to the current coronavirus outbreak is appropriate too extreme or not sufficient?



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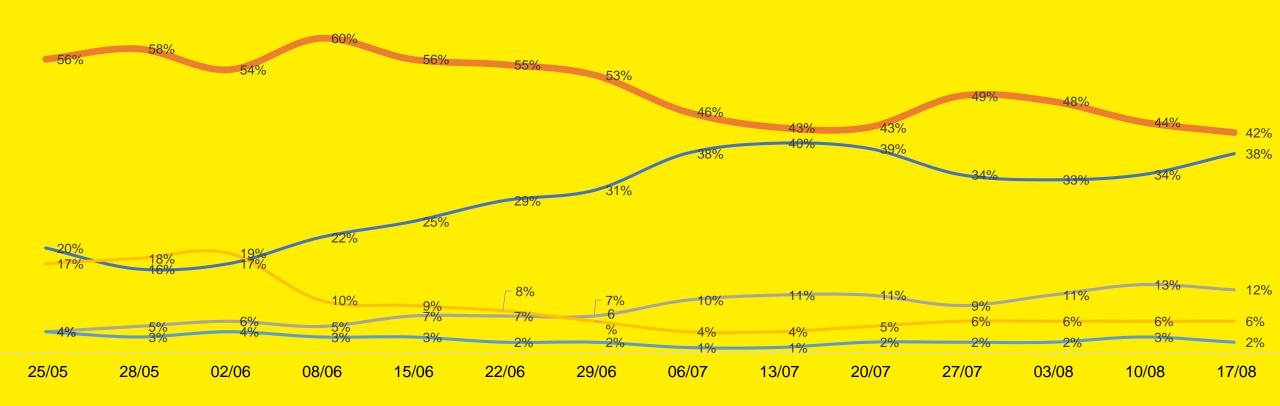
—Too Extreme —Appropriate

Insufficient

Returning to Normal



On balance, do you think that Ireland is trying to return to normal:



—Much too quickly —A bit too quickly —At about the right pace —A bit too slowly —Much too slowly

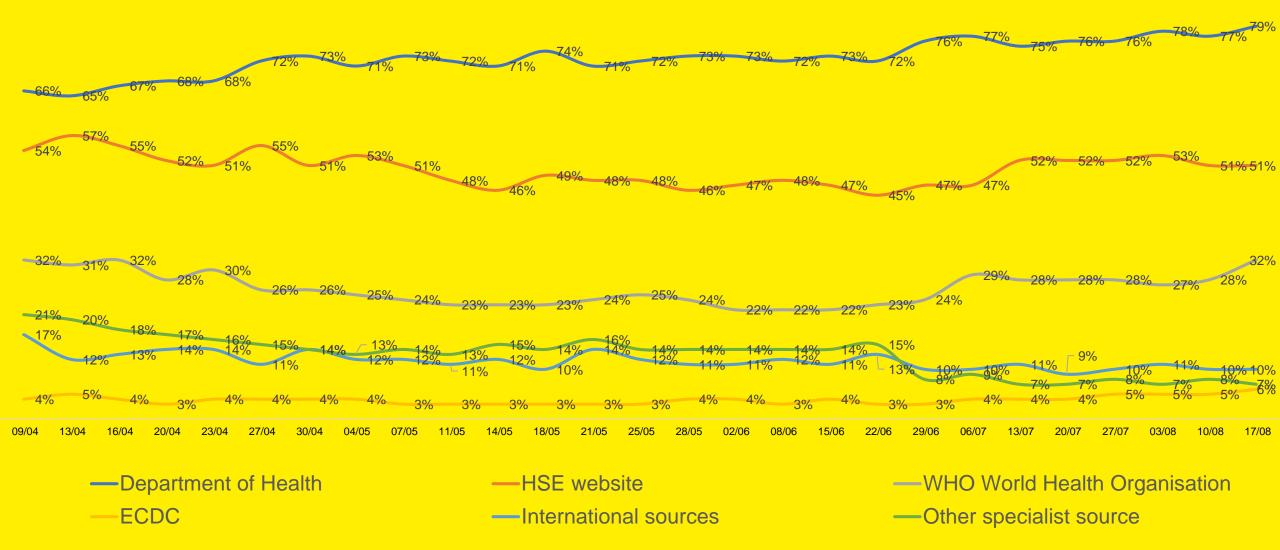


Information & Communications

Covid-19 Information Sources

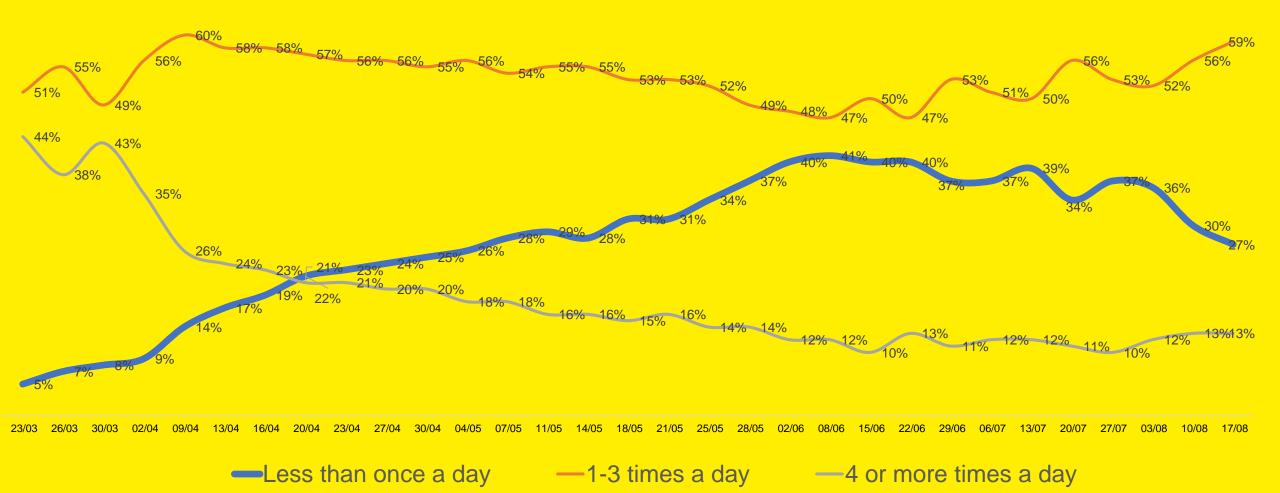
Where are you currently getting trusted information on Covid-19 from?





Media Consumption

How often are you checking the news about Coronavirus (on TV, radio the internet apps etc)?

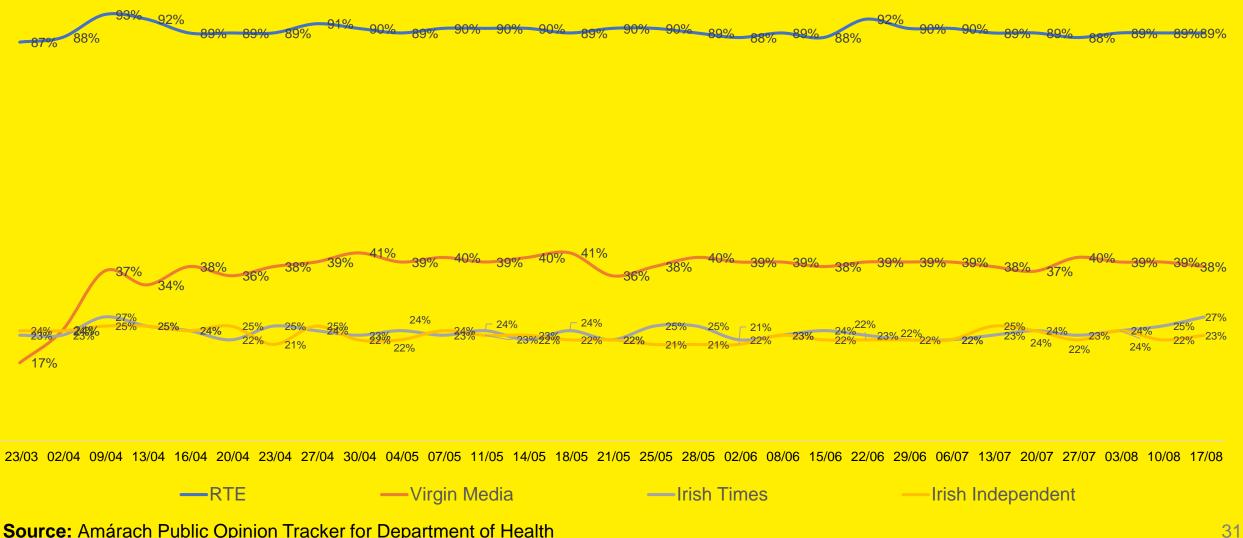




News Sources – I



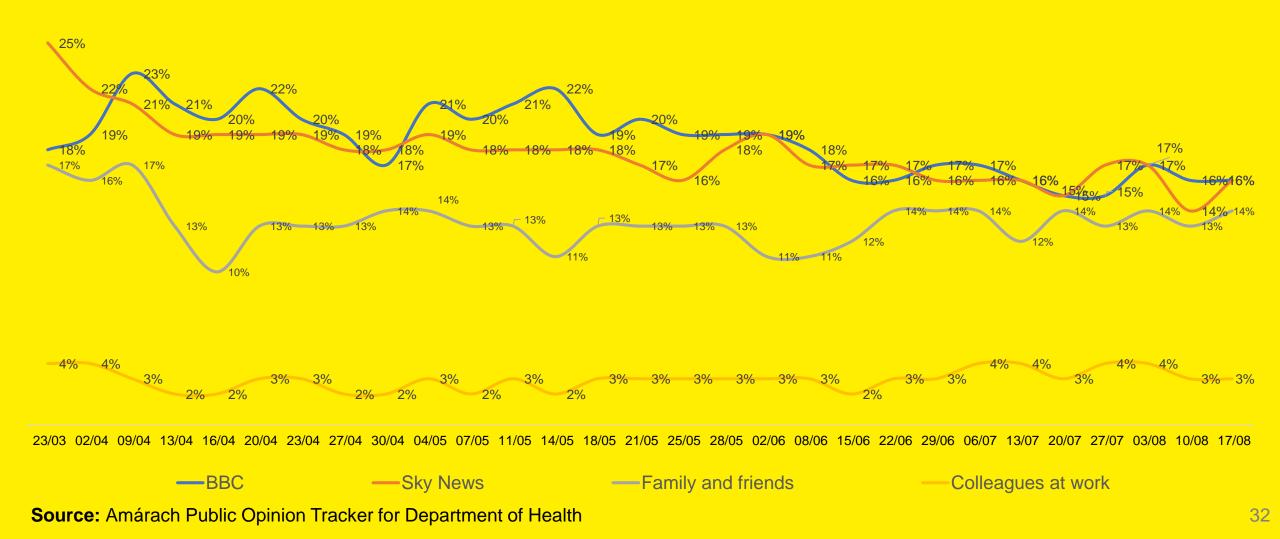
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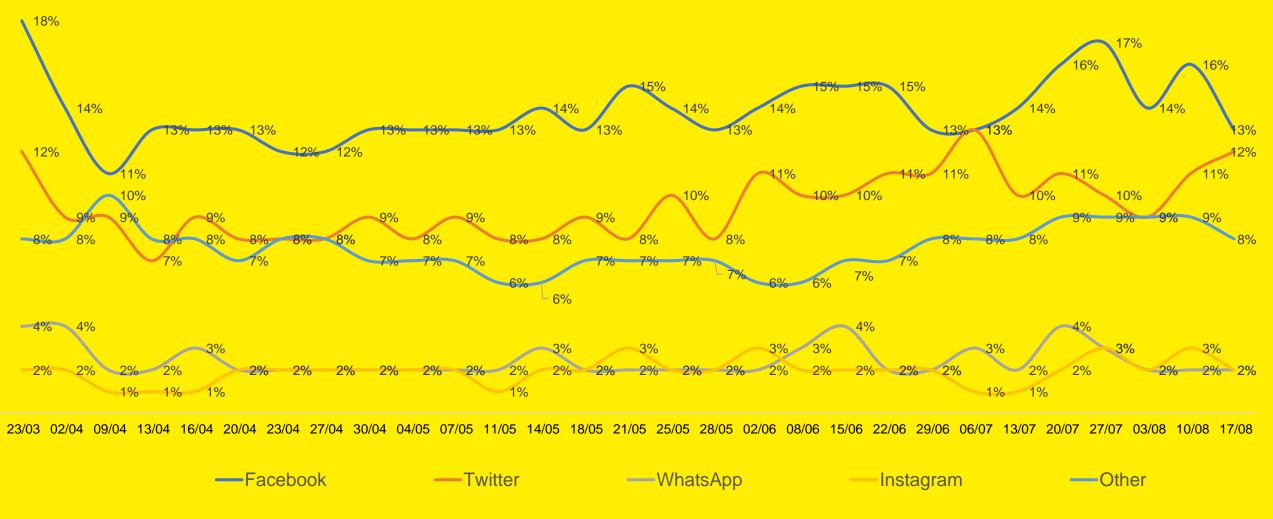
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News Sources – III



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