

# Coronavirus COVID-19

**Public Opinion Tracking Research: 20/07/20** 



#### **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 (20/07/20): n=2,100

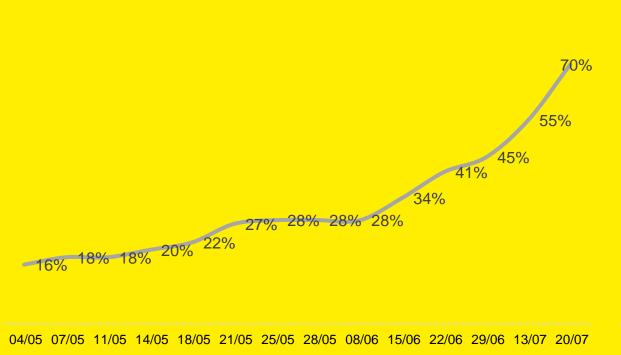


# **Behavioural Change**



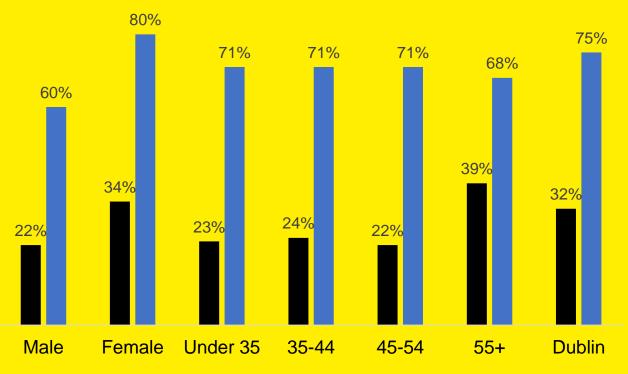
#### **Face Masks**

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



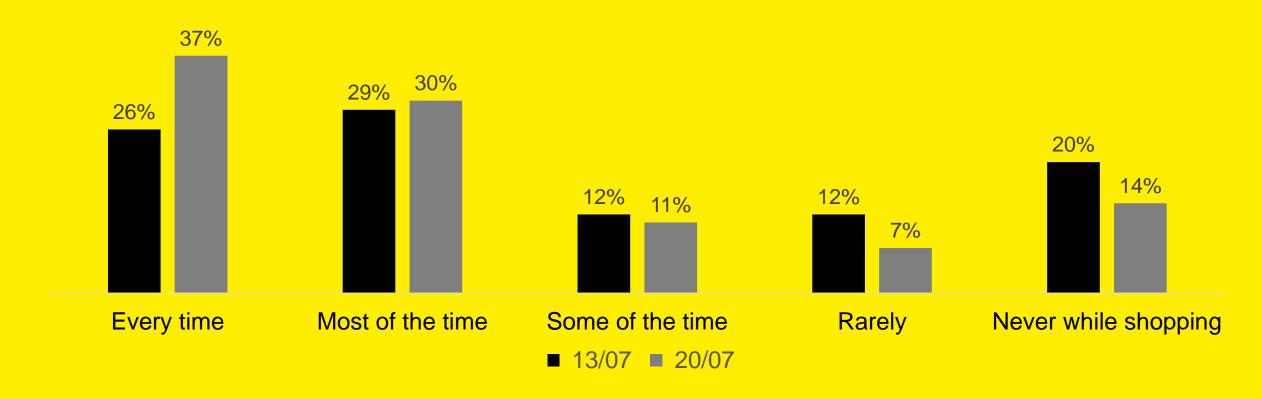
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## Face Mask Frequency - I

Do you wear a face covering when you are shopping?

Base: shoppers (97% of sample)

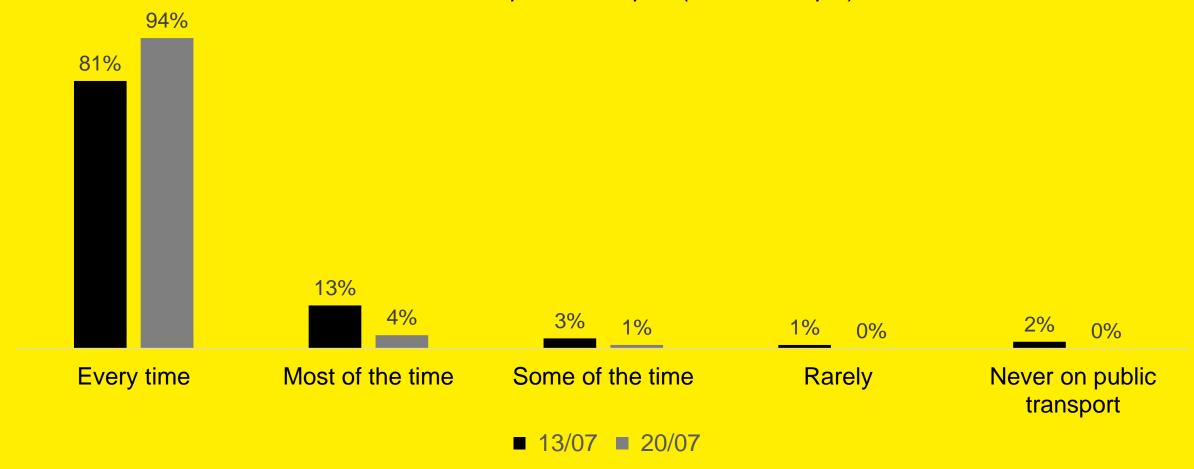




# Face Mask Frequency - II

Do you wear a face covering when using public transport?

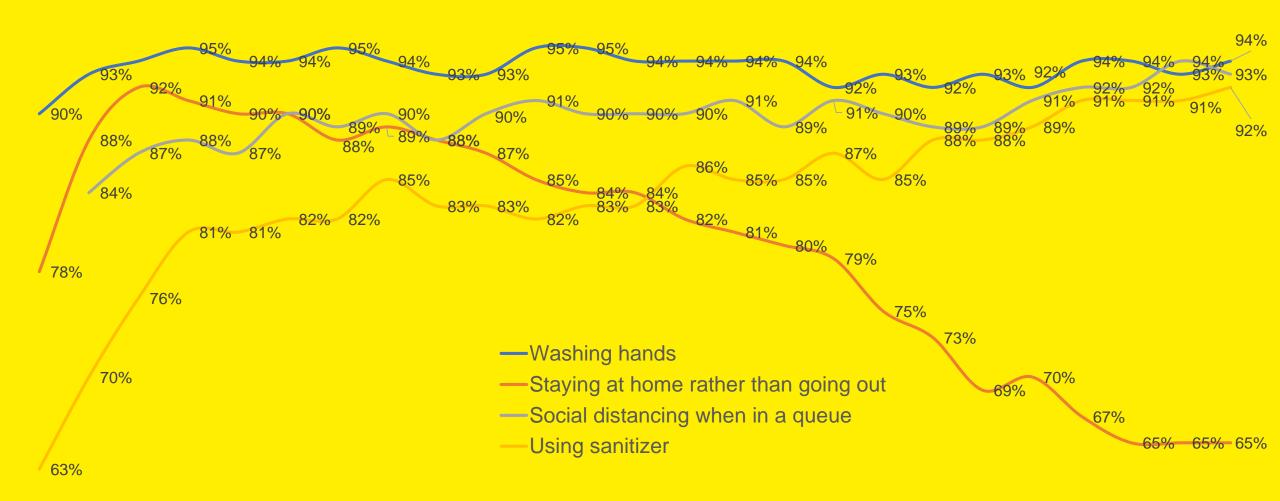
Base: users of public transport (17% of sample)



#### Safe Behaviours - I



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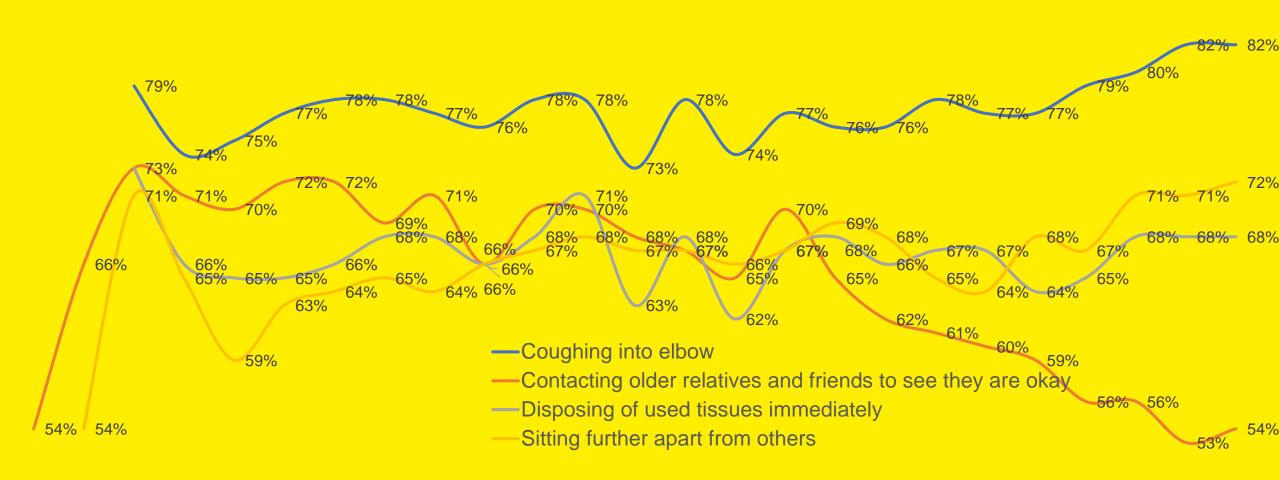


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#### Safe Behaviours – II



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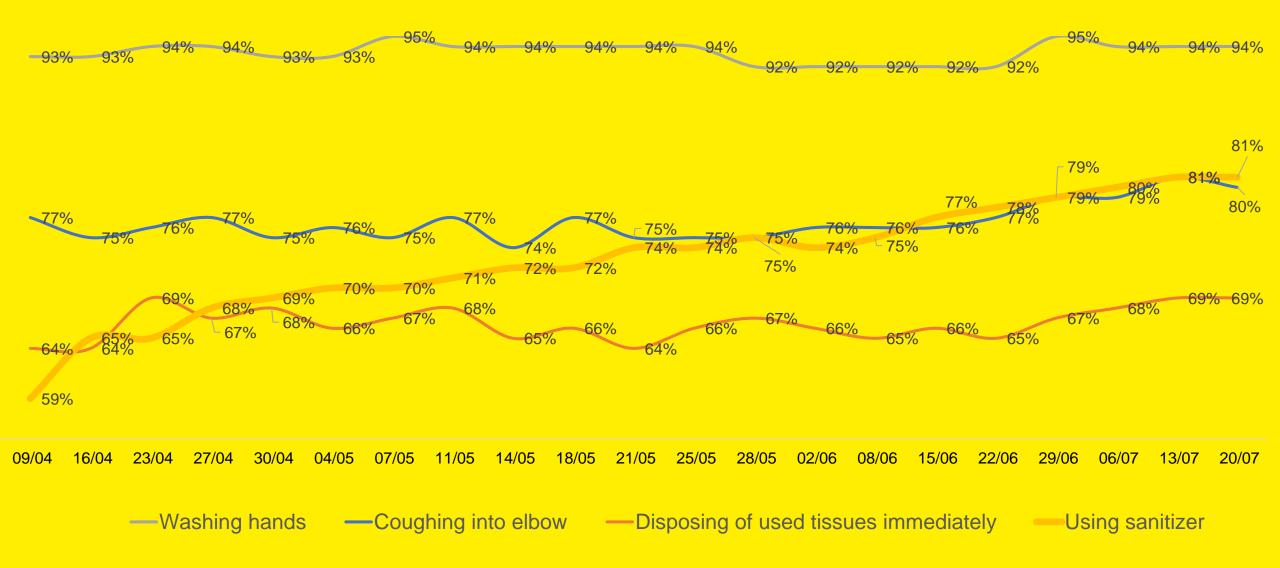


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#### Future Behaviours - I



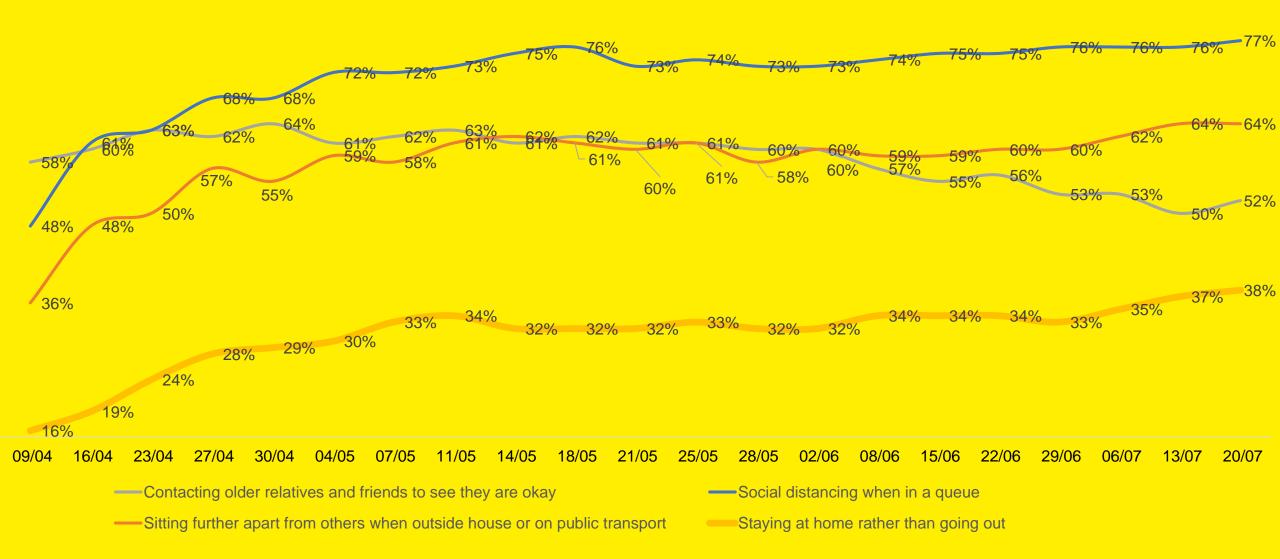
#### Which of the following will you continue after Coronavirus?



#### Future Behaviours - II



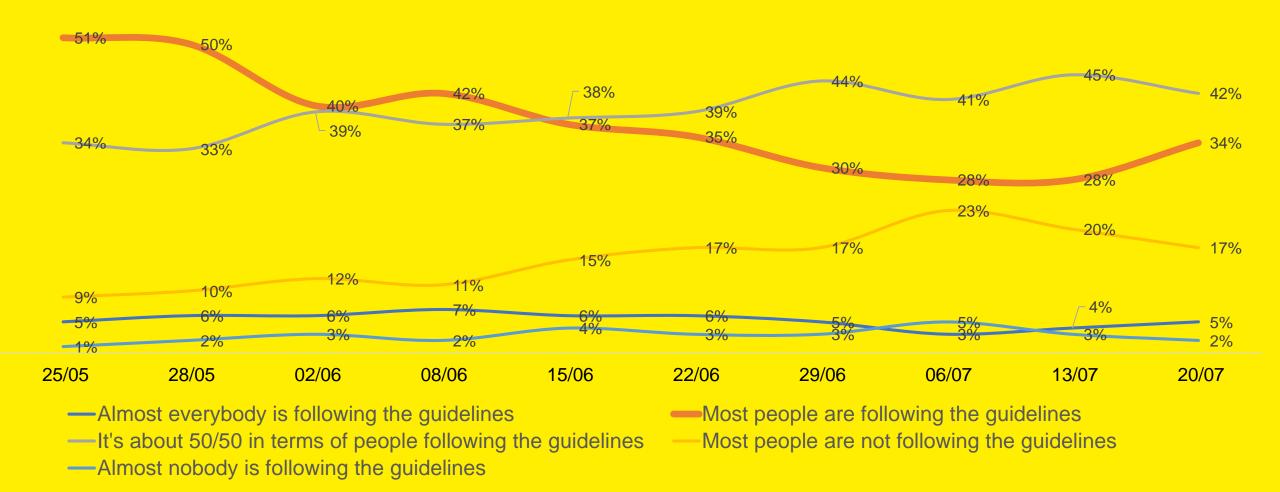
Which of the following will you continue after Coronavirus?



# **Socially Distanced**



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



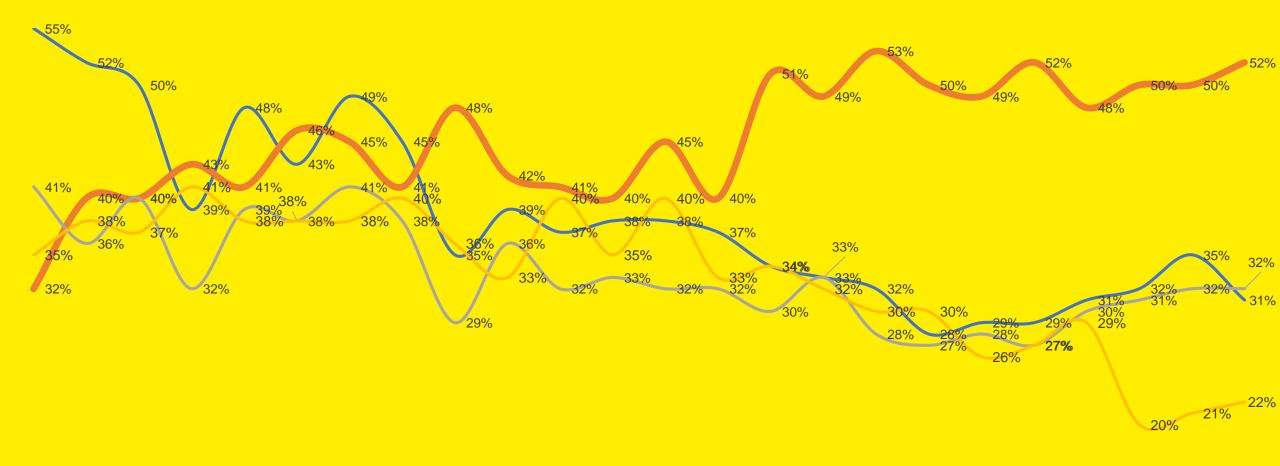


# **Emotional Wellbeing**

# Emotional Wellbeing – I



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



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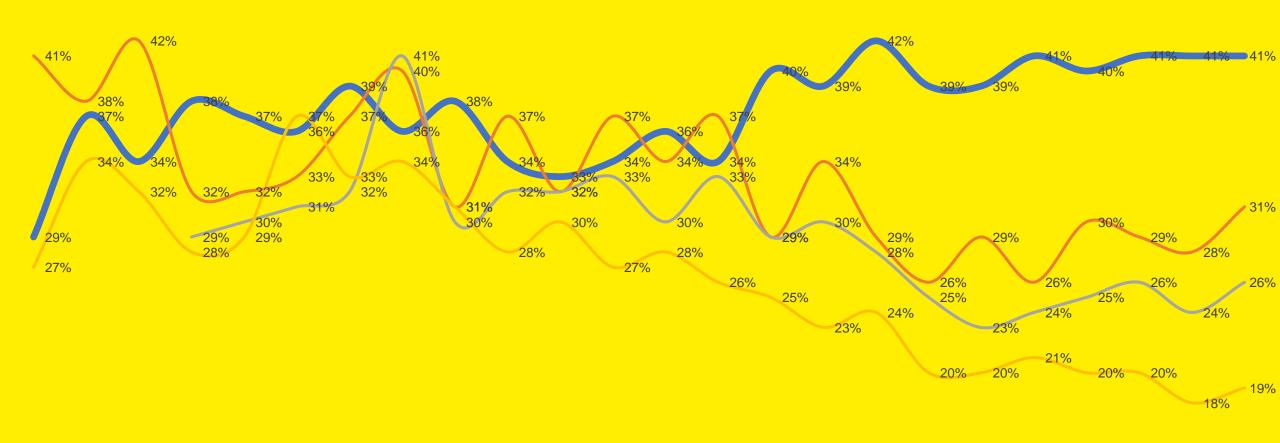
—Worry —Enjoyment —Anxiety

--Boredom

## Emotional Wellbeing – II



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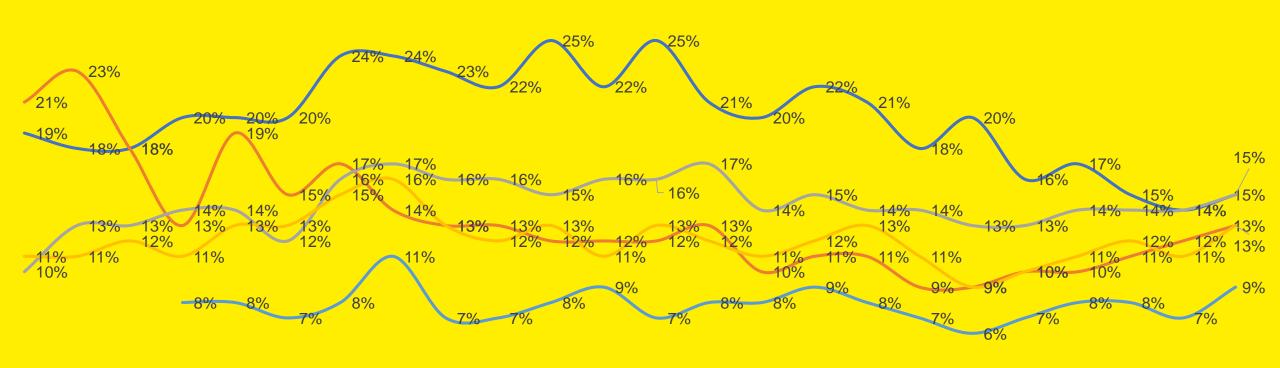
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#### Emotional Wellbeing – III



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

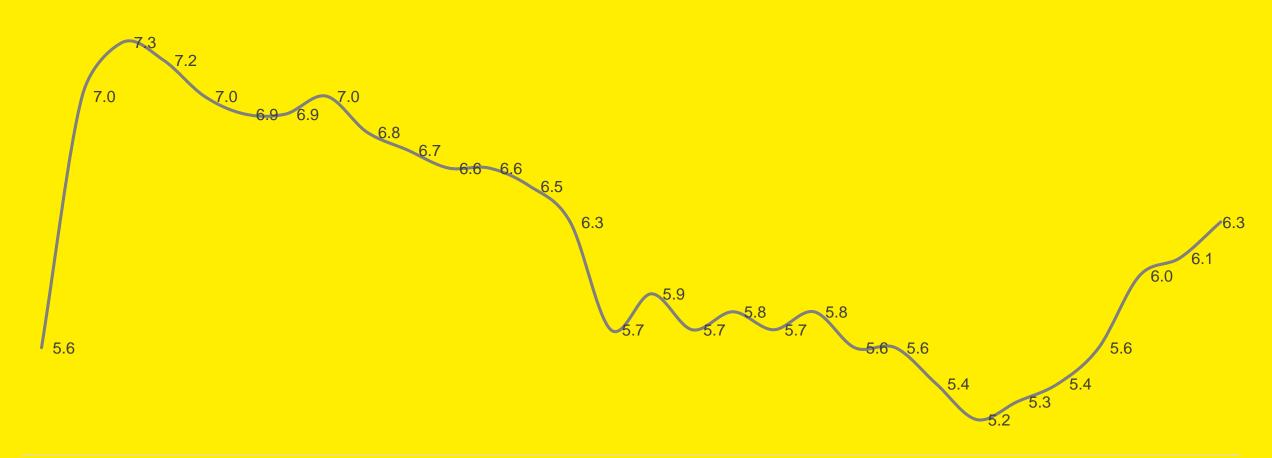


# Risk Perceptions

#### 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

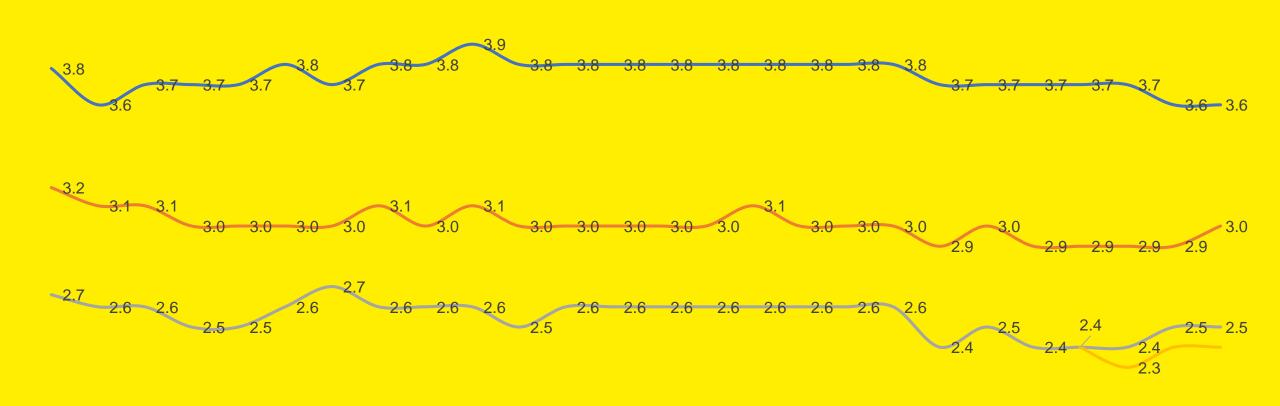
—Health system being overloaded (added 29/06)

Personal HealthReduced Social Contact

# Sources of Worry – II



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



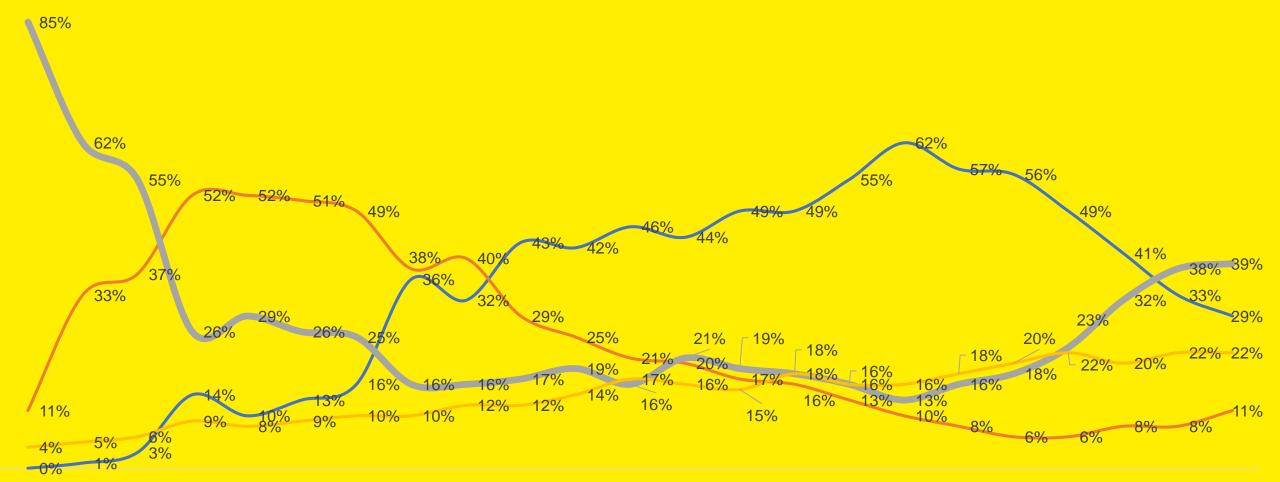
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—The Economy —Personal Finance —Employment Status —Becoming Unemployed (added 29/06)

#### Pandemic Stage



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



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—Behind us

—Happening now —Ahead of us

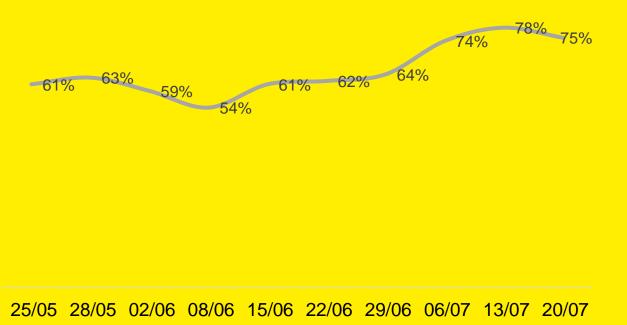
Don't know

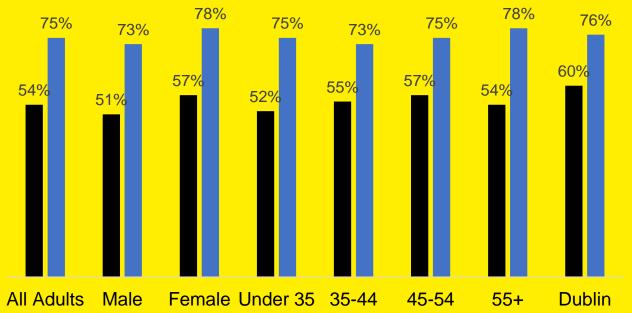


#### A Second Wave

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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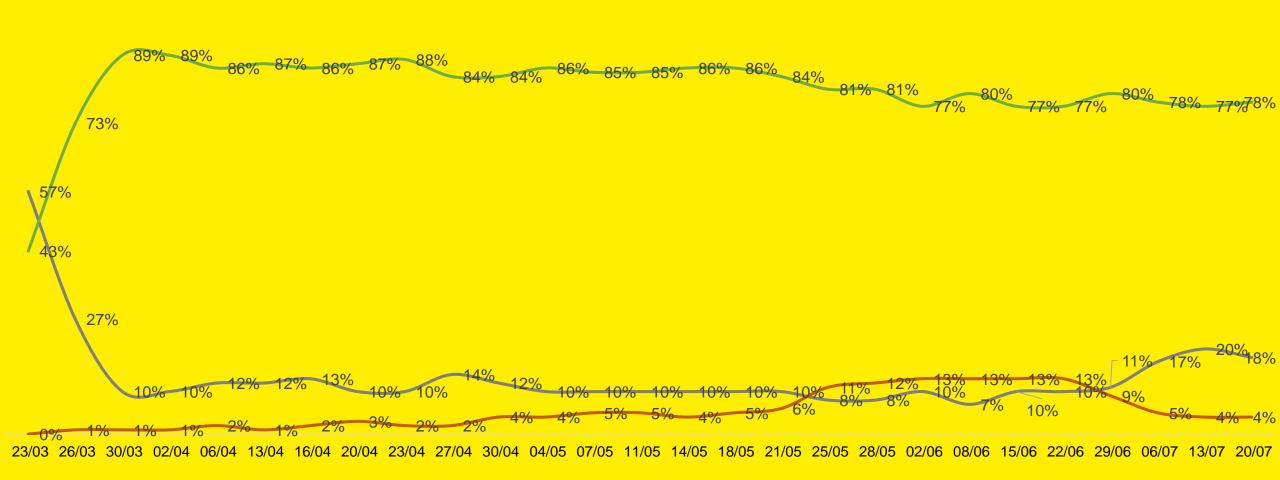


# Policy Preferences

## **Social Distancing**



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

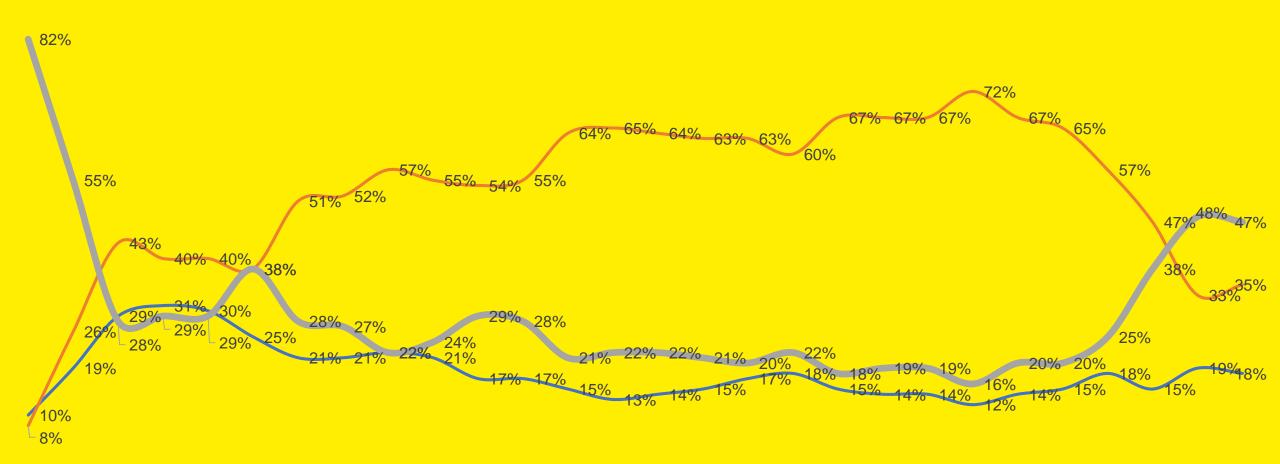


—Too weak —About right —Too strong

# Go Further?



#### Do you think there should be more restrictions?



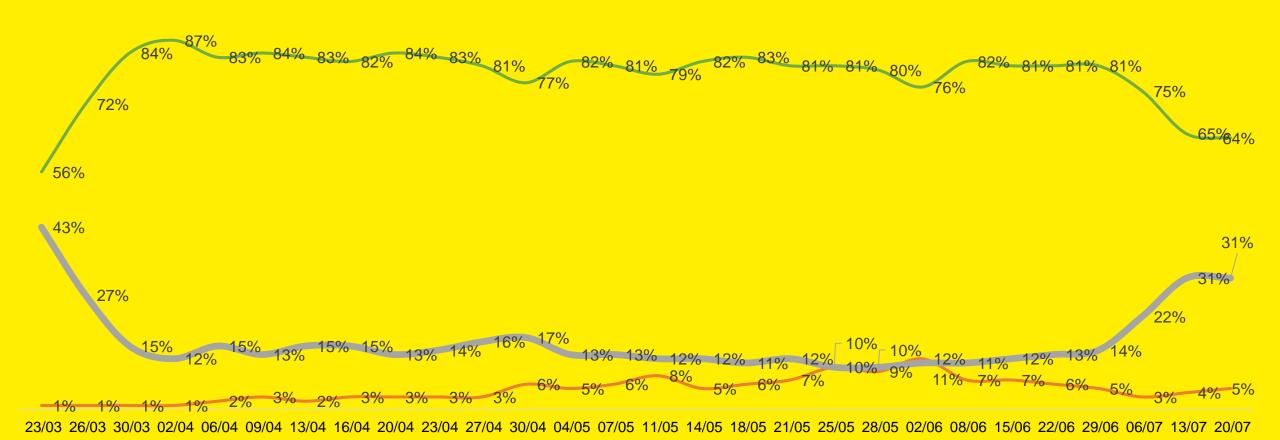
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# Going Too Far?



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



—Too Extreme

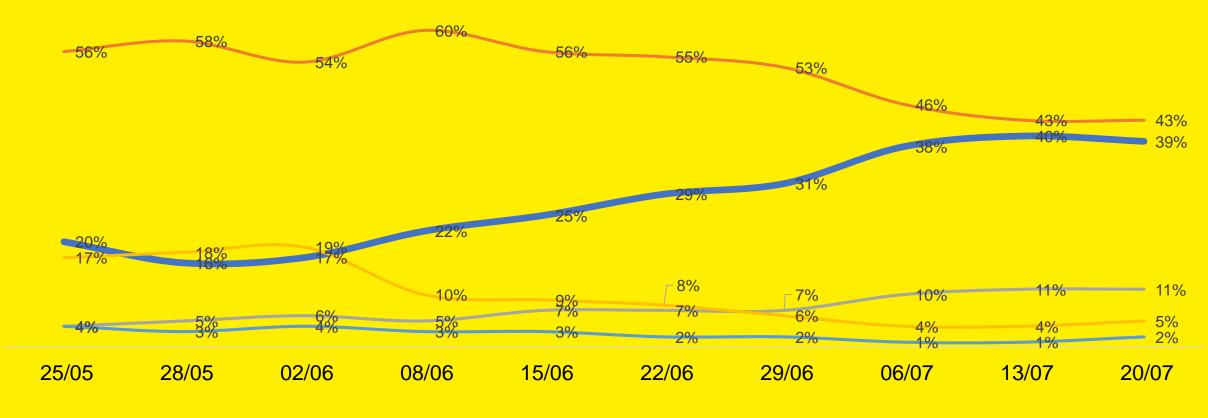
—Appropriate

—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

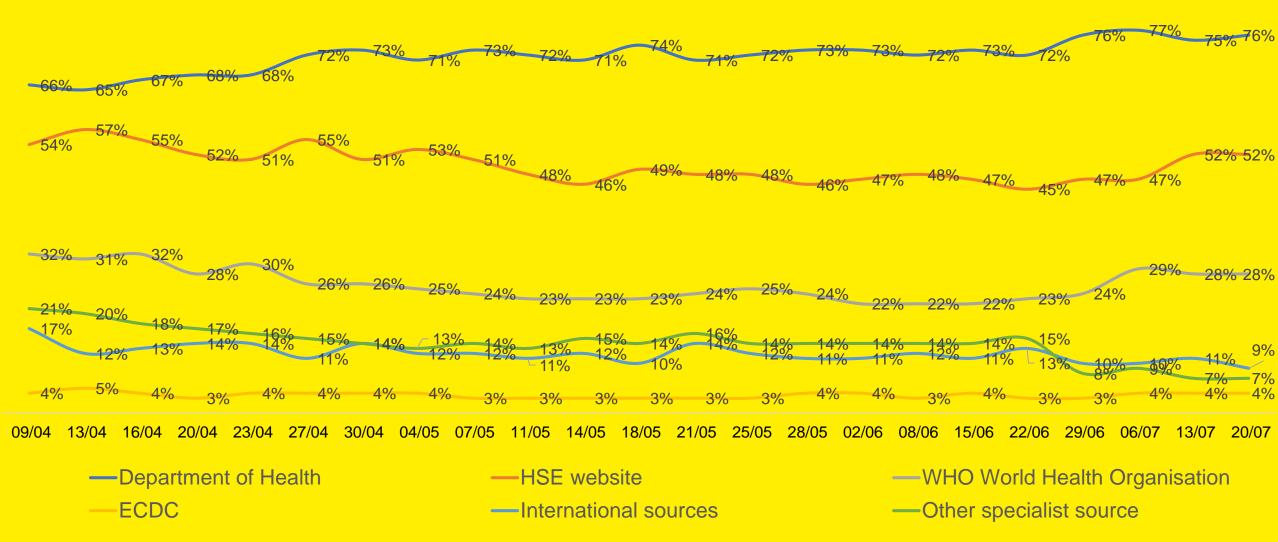


# Information & Communications

#### **Covid-19 Information Sources**



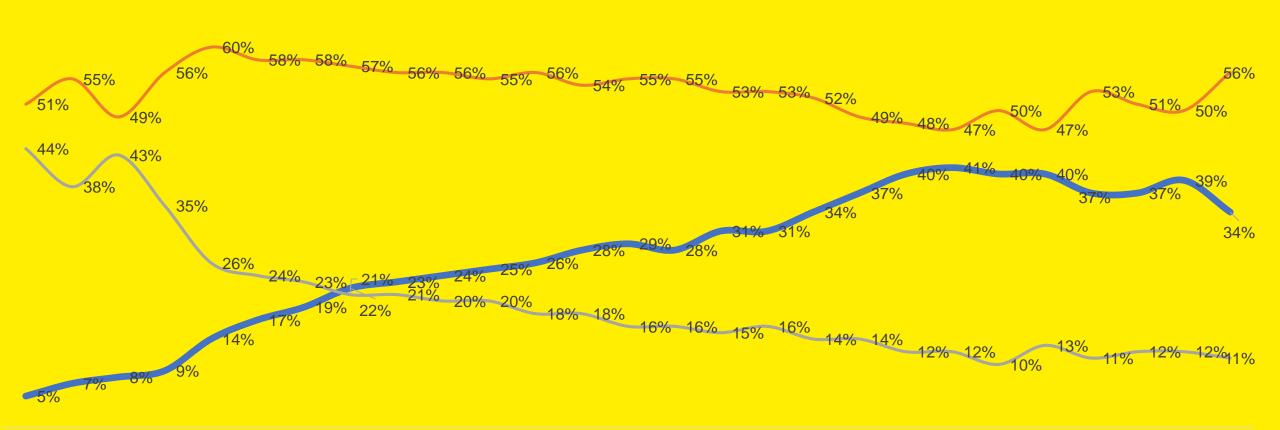
Where are you currently getting trusted information on Covid-19 from?



#### **Media Consumption**



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



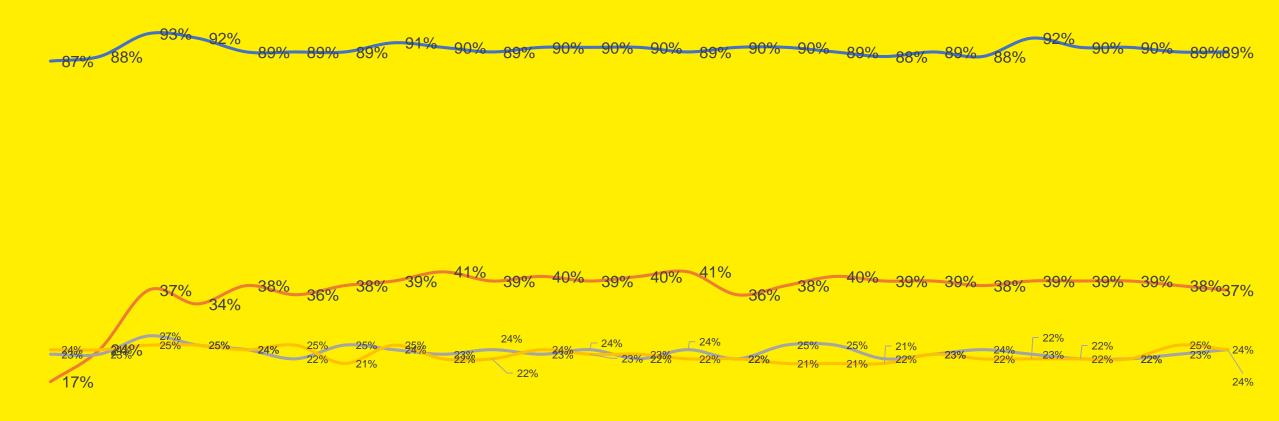
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—Less than once a day —1-3 times a day —4 or more times a day

#### News Sources – I



What are the main media sources through which you access information on the Coronavirus: % Any Mentions (in top 3)



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—Virgin Media

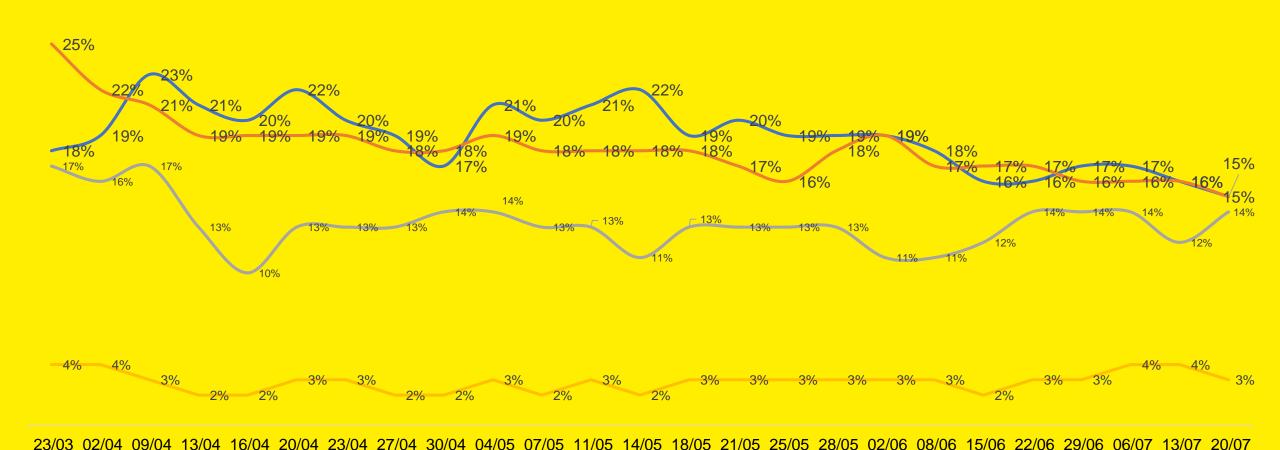
—Irish Times

-Irish Independent

#### News Sources – II



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— Family and friends

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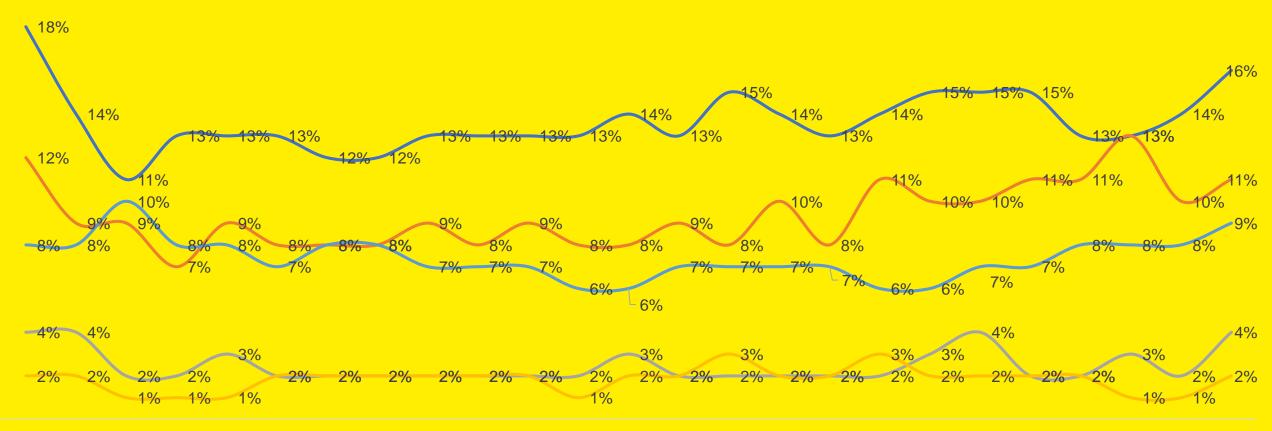
—Sky News

Colleagues at work

#### News Sources - III



What are the main media sources through which you access information on the Coronavirus: % Any Mentions (in top 3)



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