

Coronavirus COVID-19

Public Opinion Tracking Research: 03/08/20



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 (03/08/20): n=1,800



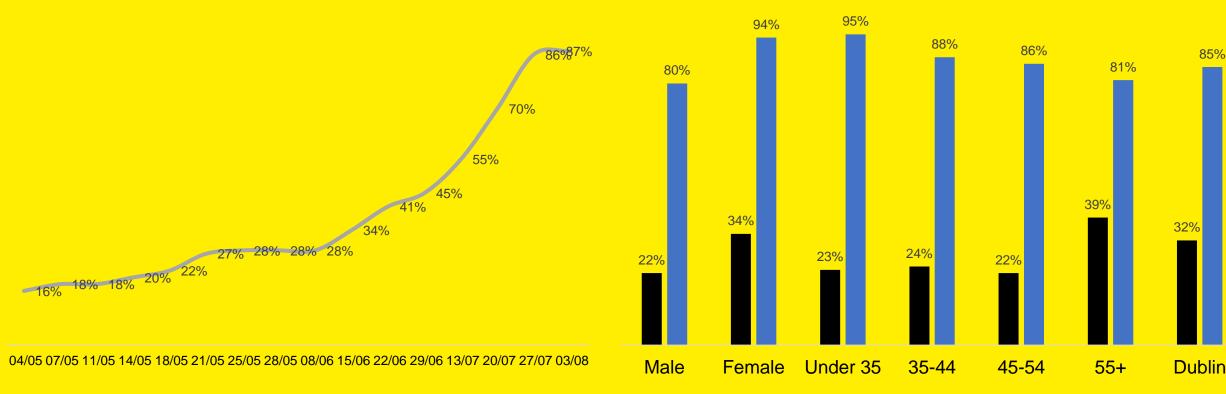
Behavioural Change



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

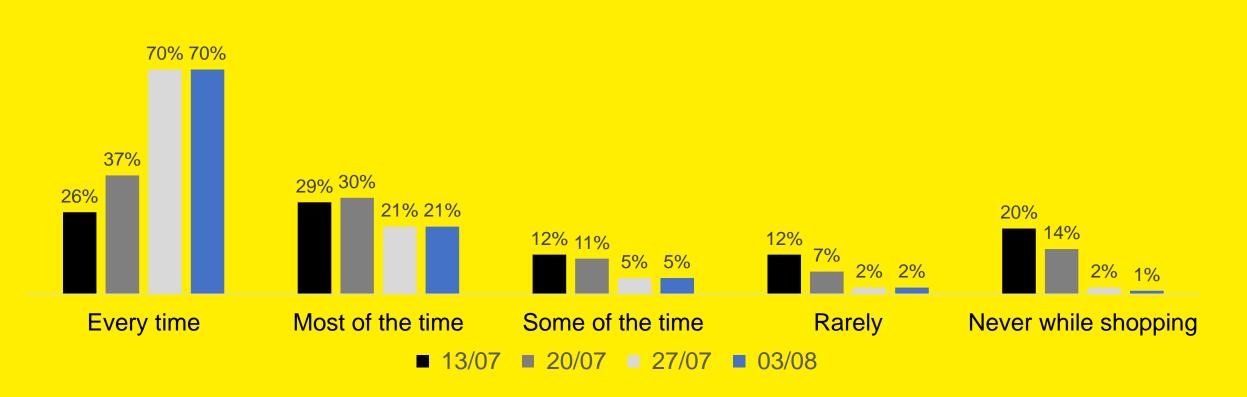


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Face Mask Frequency - I

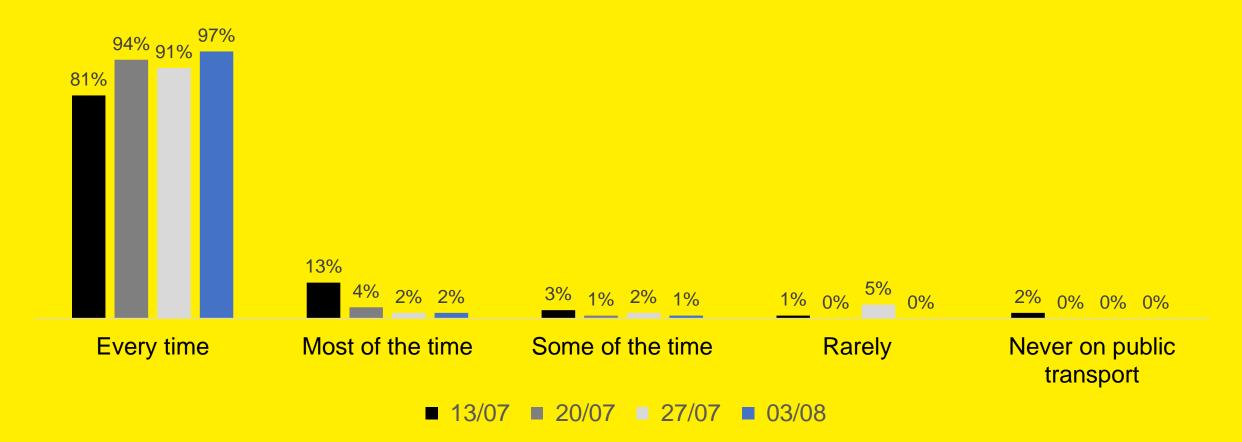
Do you wear a face covering when you are shopping? Base: shoppers (99% of sample)





Face Mask Frequency - II

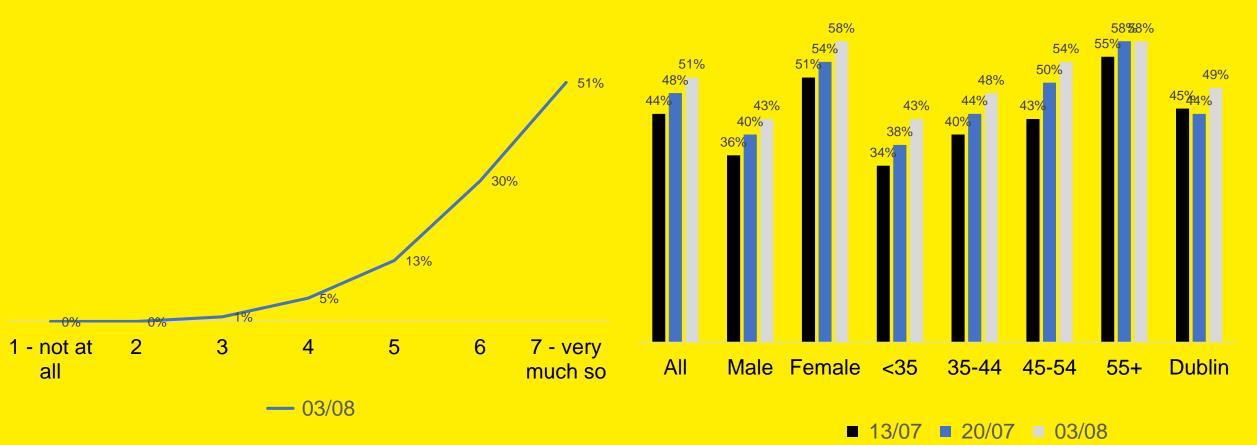
Do you wear a face covering when using public transport? Base: users of public transport (20% of sample)





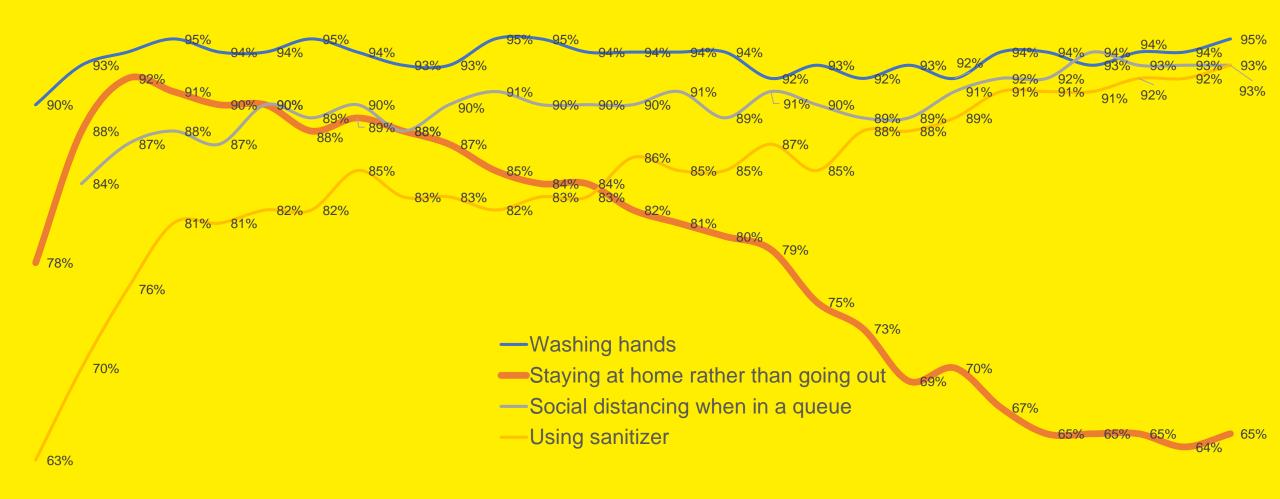
Following Recommendations - I

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



Safe Behaviours – I

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

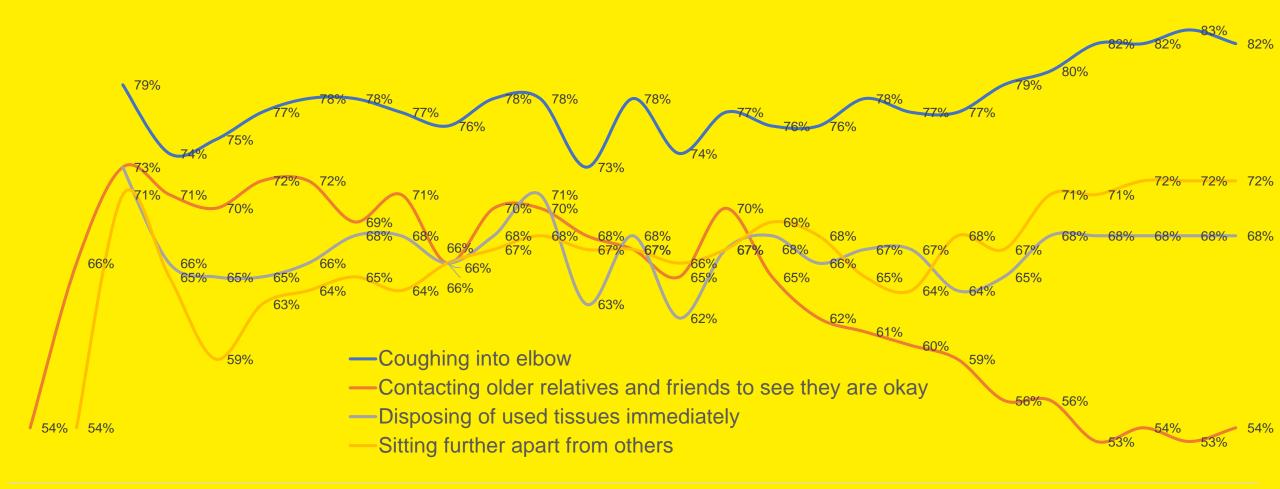


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Safe Behaviours – II

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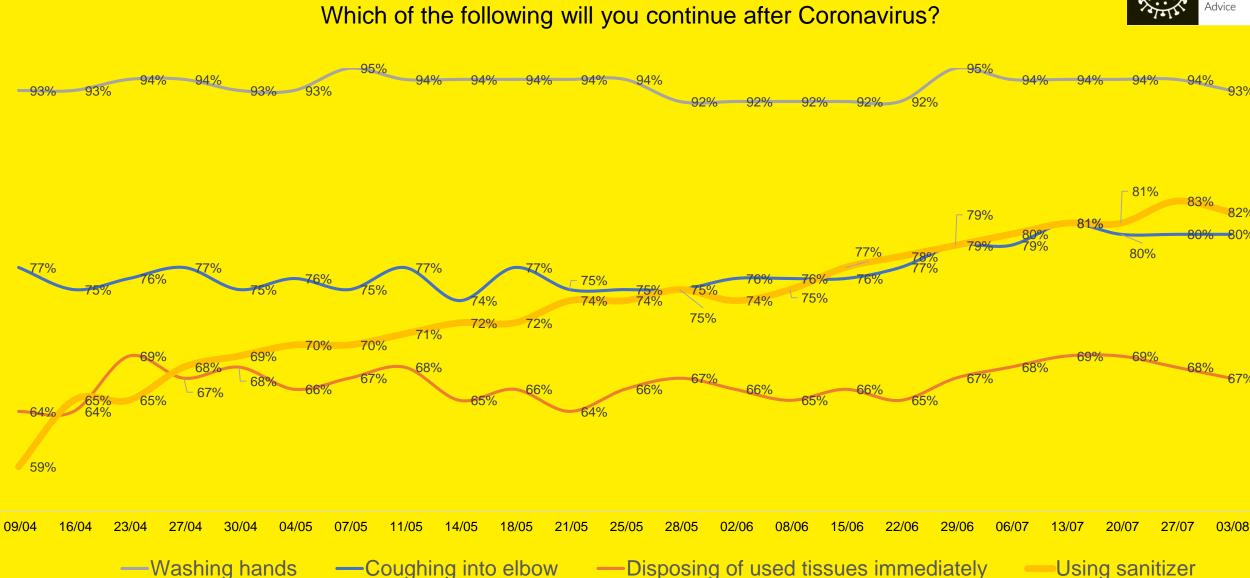
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Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health

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Future Behaviours – I



-----Washing hands -Coughing into elbow -Disposing of used tissues immediately

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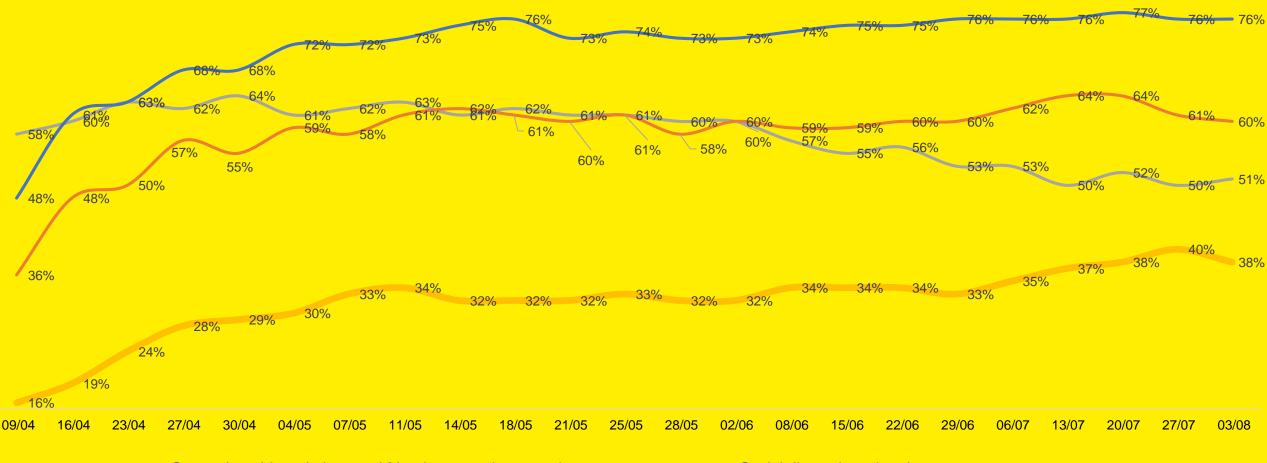
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Future Behaviours – II

Which of the following will you continue after Coronavirus?





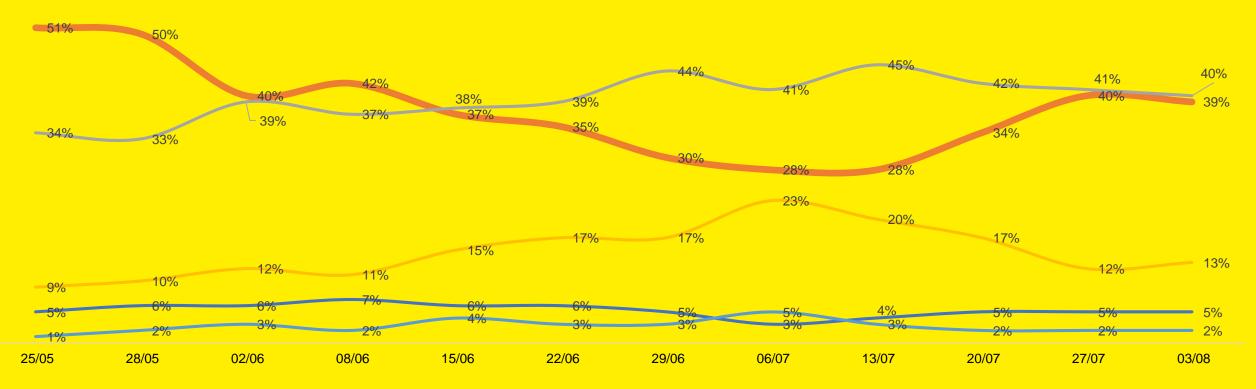
Contacting older relatives and friends to see they are okay Social distancing when in a queue

-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

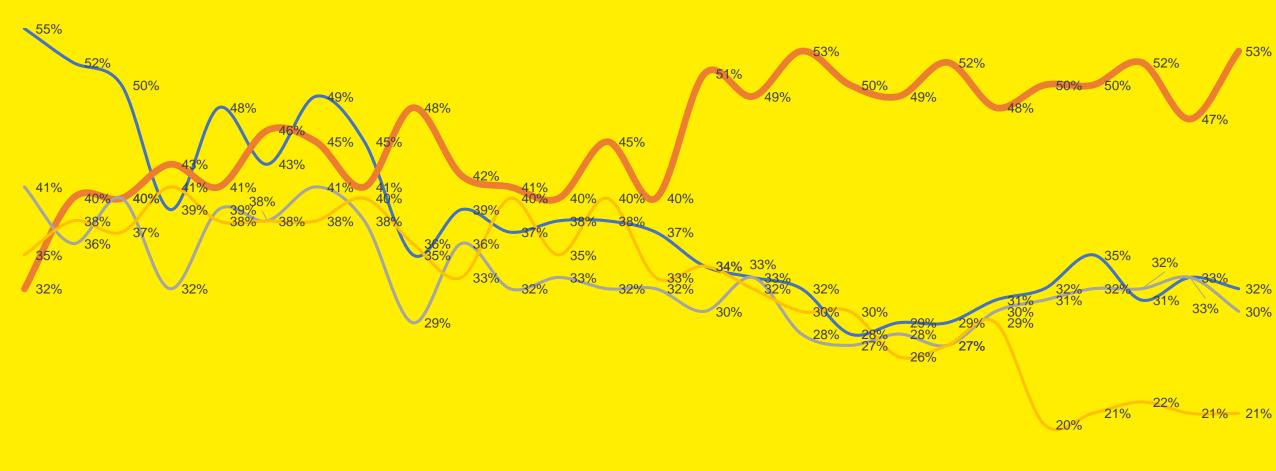
Most people are following the guidelines
Most people are not following the guidelines



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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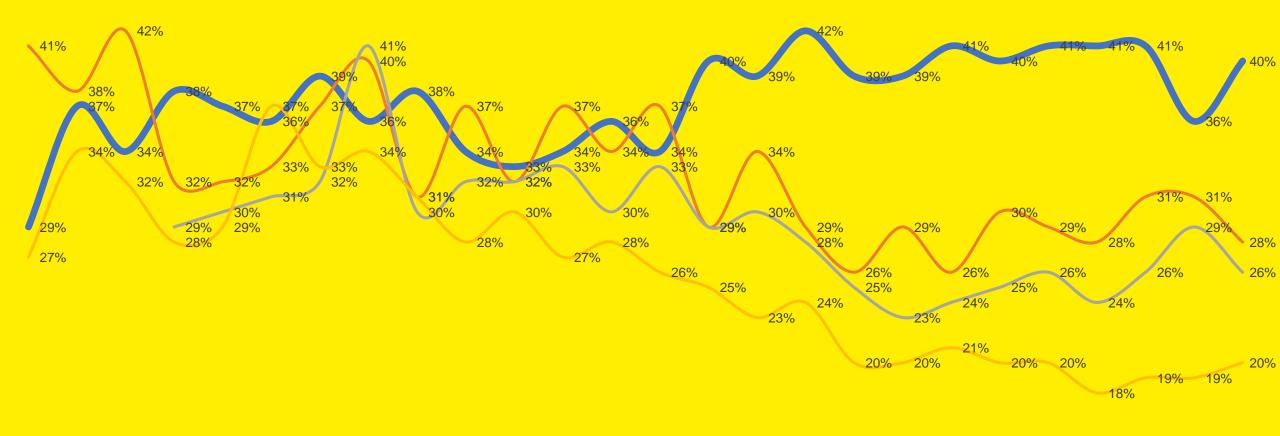
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Emotional Wellbeing – II

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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:



03/08 26/0306/0409/0411/05 14/0518/05 21/0525/0528/0502/0608/06 15/0613/0720/0727/0730/03—Fear -Pain -Loneliness —Anger —Intolerance

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health

21%

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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)

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- -Personal Health
- —Reduced Social Contact

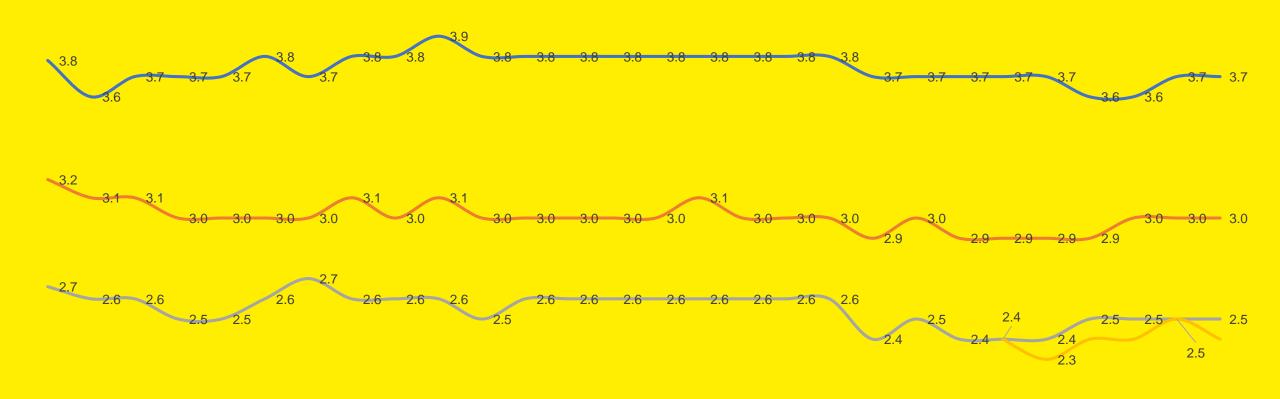
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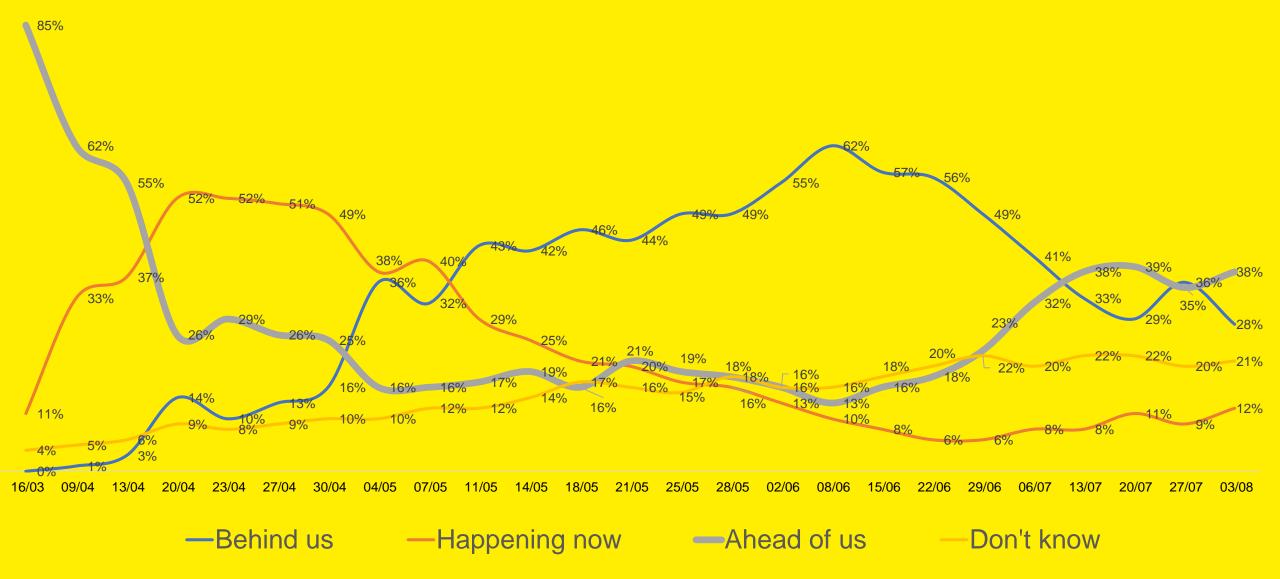
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——The Economy ——Personal Finance ——Employment Status ——Becoming Unemployed (added 29/06)

Pandemic Stage

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

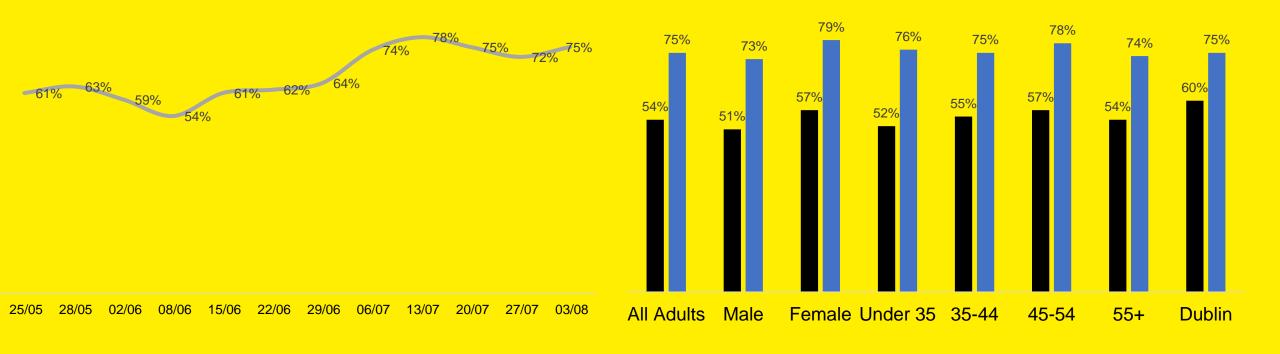




A Second Wave

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



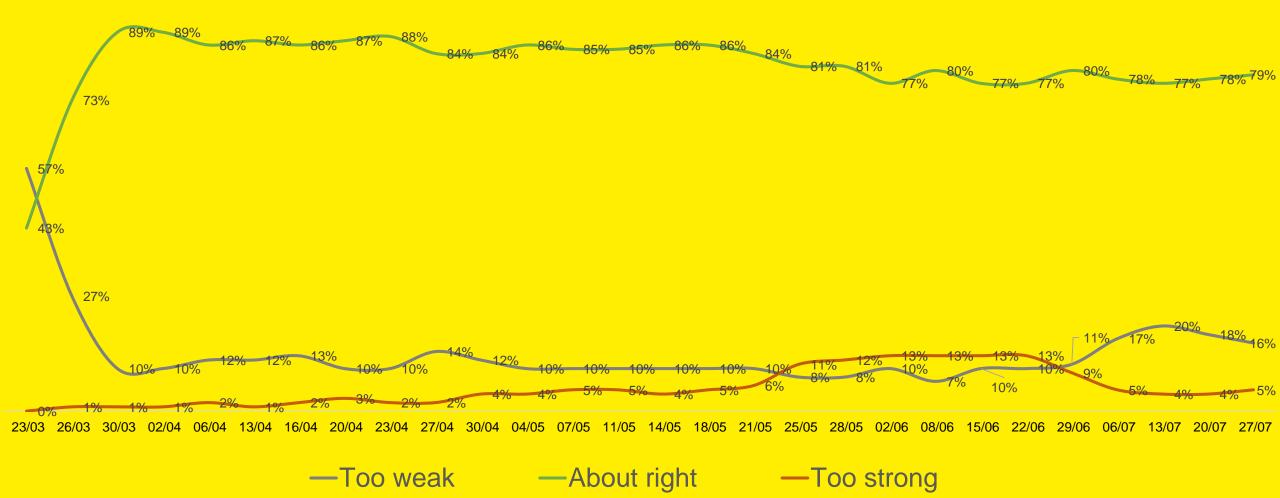
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Policy Preferences

Social Distancing

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

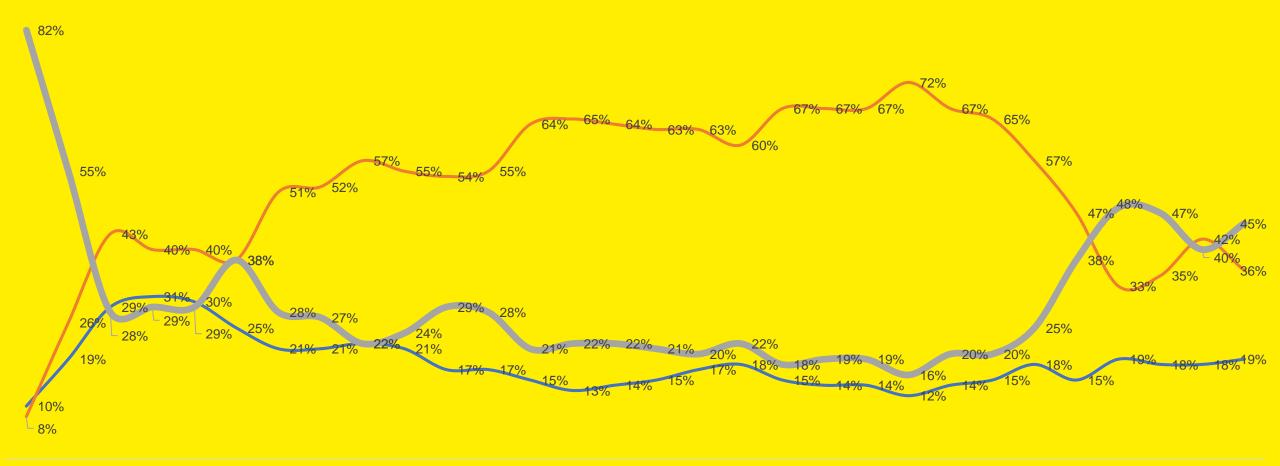


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Go Further? Do you think there should be more restrictions?





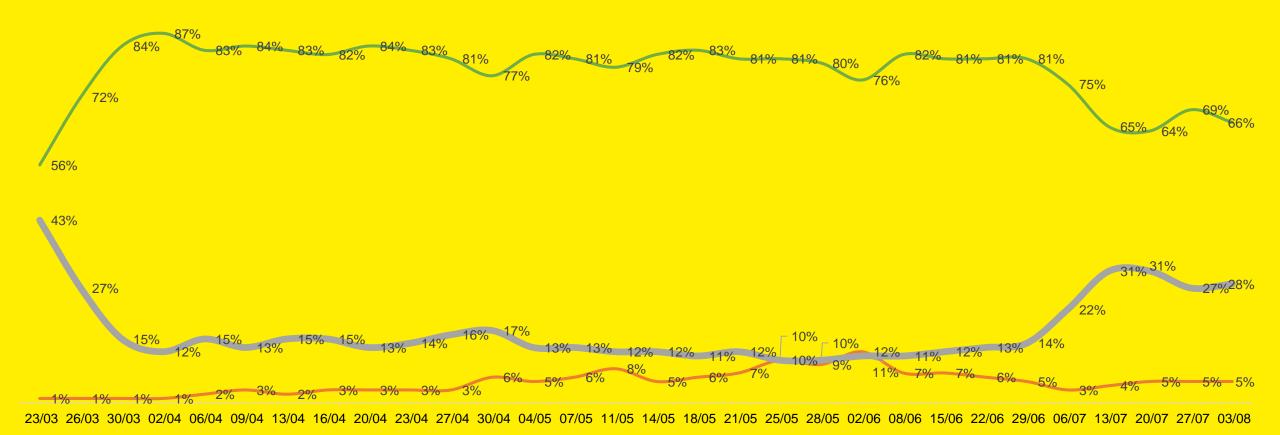
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—Don't know —No —Yes

Going Too Far?



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



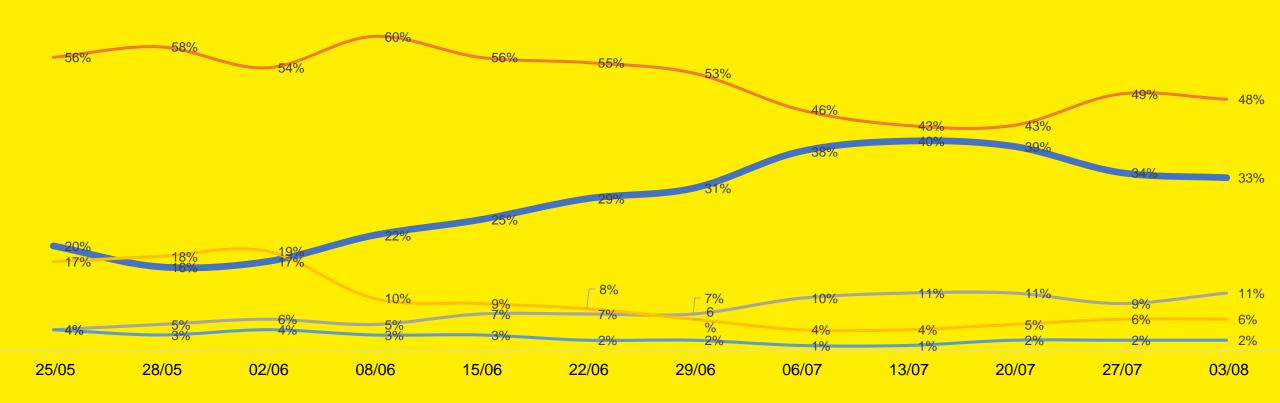
—Too Extreme —Appropriate

-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

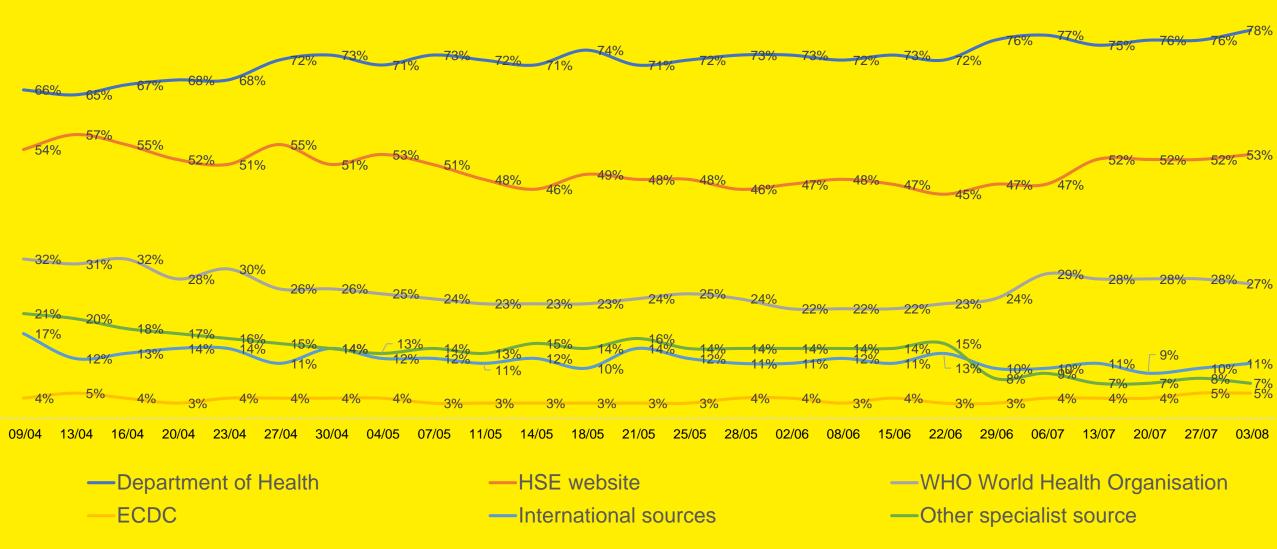


Information & Communications

Covid-19 Information Sources

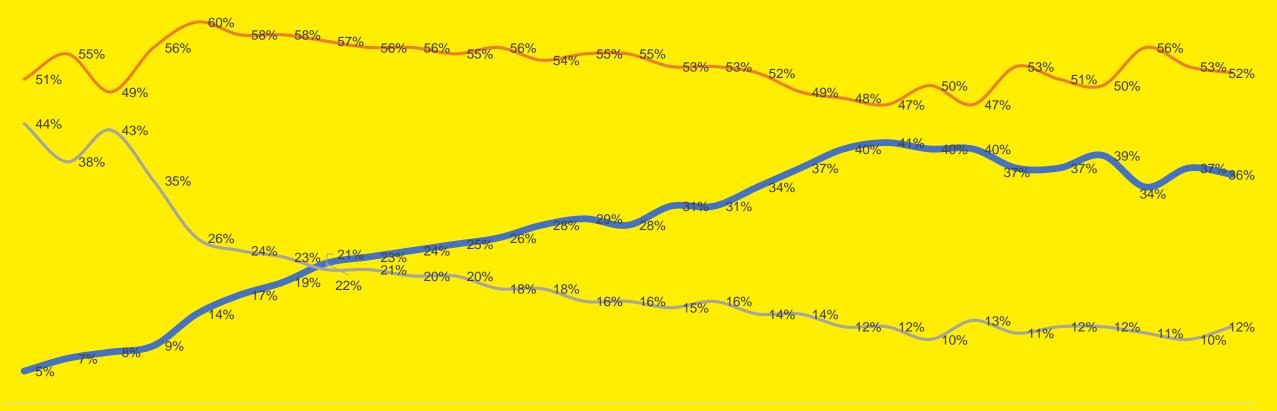


Where are you currently getting trusted information on Covid-19 from?



Media Consumption

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



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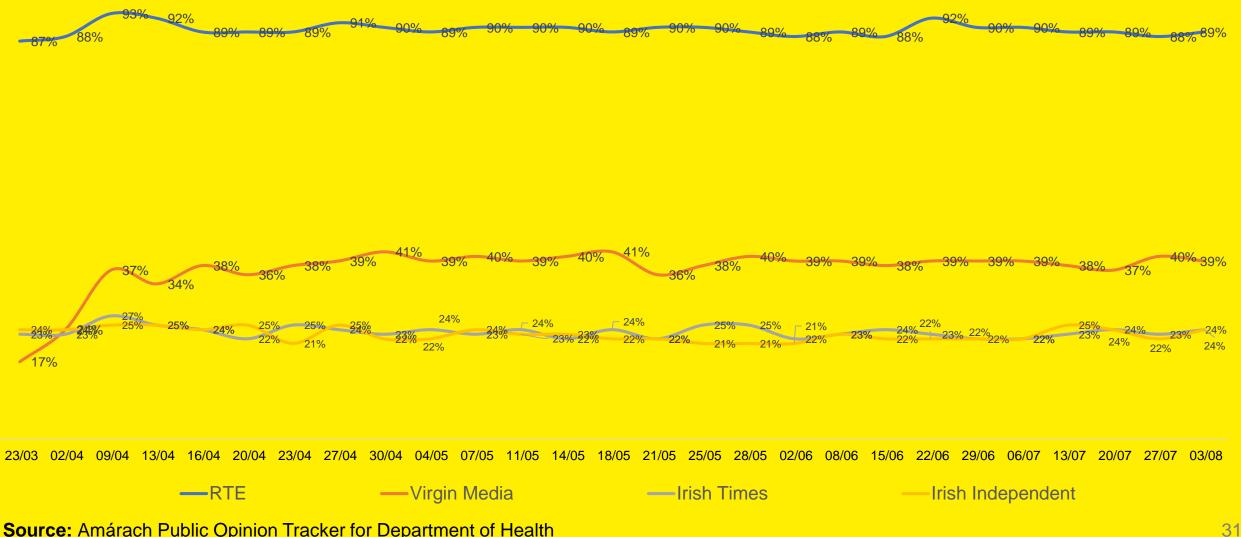
-Less than once a day -1-3 times a day -4 or more times a day



News Sources – I



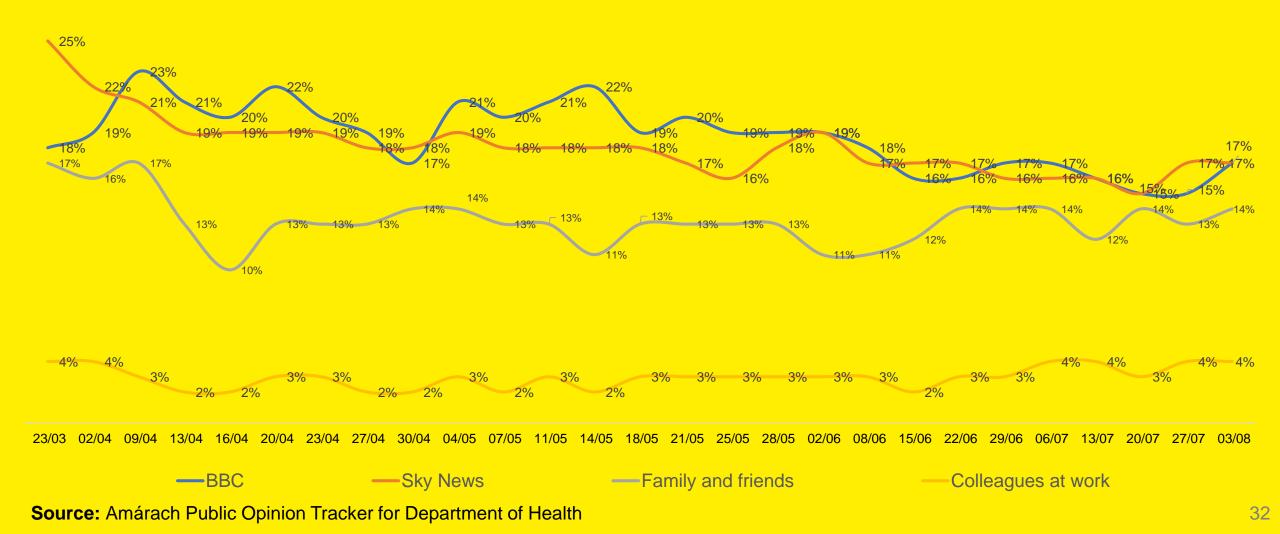
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News Sources – II



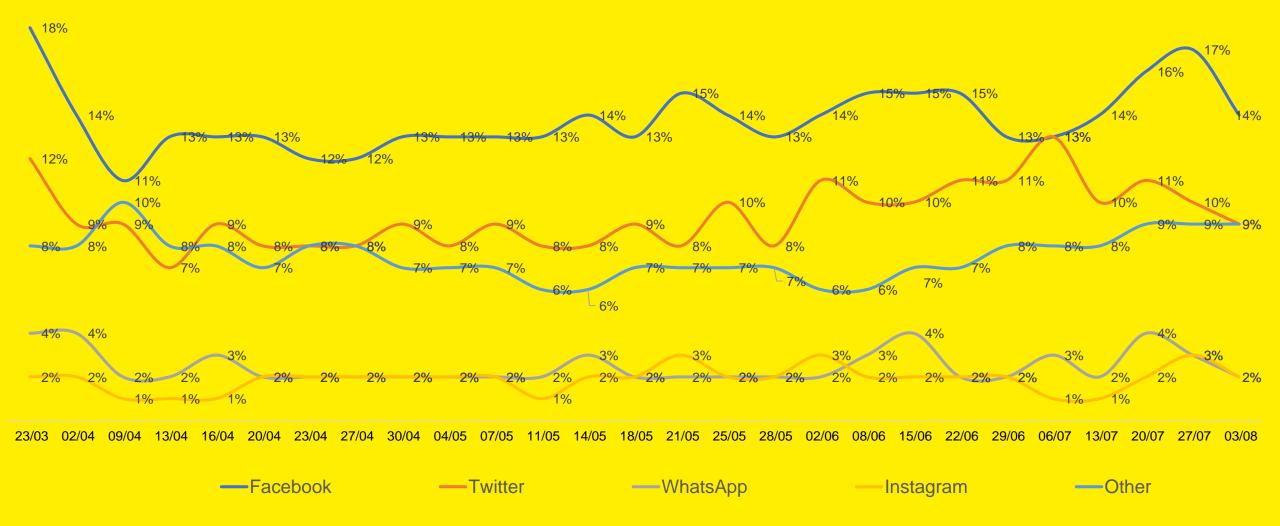
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News Sources – III



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