

## When Is The Suffering Enough

Since Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Greens Took Power...

- Between the period 2014 – 2024, wages rose by only 27%, compared to house prices that surged by 75%
- The number of homeless families has increased by 300% percent since July 2014
- Ireland has the lowest government investment in housing of all EU countries
- Vulture funds have bought over 80 percent of the housing stock in some new developments.



- While our electric bills have sky rocketed Data Centers use nearly 25% of Irelands entire electricity supply
- Each Data Center can use nearly 400,000 gallons of water a day; that is the same amount of water used by 150,000 houses; more than Cork City

These political parasites have destroyed peoples lives while lining their own pockets. The Government parties should be held to account on election day; and only you can do that by knowing who you are voting for !!!

The Government Parties have consistently brought down the standard of living for Working Class families. A compliant mainstream media may laud the "record" amounts allocated by each budget while unsurprisingly failing to mention that the state is near rock bottom of the table when compared to developed Western European nations investing in public services. The ordinary people suffer when the government invest only 7% of **our tax** funded GDP in our health service well below the EU average of 11%. For comparison, Germany and France spend 13% and



12% percent of their GDP respectively on their healthcare system. The real spend, when inflation is taken into account, is actually lower again.

Over the last five years they have created a housing crisis, health crisis in hospitals, cost of living crisis, energy crisis that costs thousands of Euro annually to the average family. Then they have the arrogance to ask for your vote because they gave pensioners €12 and a patronising one off Christmas bonus to families that are suffering daily because of the government policies. Don't let them fool you, don't let them buy you. Kick them out.

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### They Want More Than Your Vote

The established Political Parties standing in this General Election seek to borrow your vote for the next 5 years in order to rule by their own design and for their own benefit. Before you cast your ballot, know exactly what the Government have taken from you and your community over the last 5 years before they again offer you more empty promises in exchange for your vote.

### Ireland's Crisis Hits Your Pocket Everyday

- 68% of 18-34 year olds live at home
- 77% of people struggling with bills/food/heating
- Cost of living increased by 18% under this government. In return pensioners got €12 pension; an increase of only 4.5%
- 699,000 people on hospital waiting lists at the end of April 2024
- 55% increase in waiting lists since this government took power 5 years ago
- Record 14,760 in emergency accommodation, including 4,561 children
- Rents have increased 27%
- House prices have soared by 24%,
- 70% increase in child homelessness
- The 4th highest rate of homeless in the entire of Europe

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## Is there Any Change...

Saoradh as a Revolutionary Republican Socialist party cautions against casting votes for so called opposition parties such as Sinn Fein and Labour. The voice for the Irish people is not safe in the hands of opportunist parties that care more to join the government parties and the financial benefits; rather than maintain an independent principled voice for the marginalised. As a Revolutionary Republican Socialist Party; Saoradh does not feel that Leinster House can deliver the change that is needed to create an Ireland that serves the interests of the people. Fake opposition has massed on the sidelines to wave through government policy time and time again. Leaving communities with a lack of independent voices that stand for the betterment of their community; voices that won't be intimidated, bullied or drowned out by the whiff of power. We must refuse to settle for ineffective governments and stale opposition flipping between two sides of the same coin playing a rigged game of optic politics while peoples lives deteriorate by the day.



### Fine Gael

€20 billion on housing over the next five years, in both 2022 and 2023 social and affordable housing projects, amounted to only €1.15 billion



### Fianna Fáil

Only 34% of intensive Home Care Packages for pensioners received their allocation. Most of which was only 7 hours A WEEK



### Sinn Féin

Supported government on issues surrounding Free Speech, removal of fuel allowance in Stormont & failure to promote opposition unity voting pact



### Green Party

While cycle lane development around Dublin has caused havoc for the local community; Ireland is bottom of the EU for 'Affordable and clean energy'



### Labour—Social Democrats

A wolf in sheep's clothing with a history of using working class votes to bring in water charges, bin charges, pension levy and destroying public amenities



## Fianna Fáil and Sinn Féin: Much The Same

The Budget for 2025 was recently announced; it was a chance to identify and properly fund the chronic issues in health, housing, public services and infrastructure. This budget was said by the media to be the greasiest one in years, a "give-away" budget à la Bertie Ahern that applied a band-aid over a flood of problems while solving nothing. Why? Because they are cynical, short-term thinking careerist politicians who have used our money in a transparent attempt to bribe the Irish voting public in the imminent election. A windfall €13 billion in tax, that this government fought tooth and nail to hand back to Apple, was hailed as "transformational" by Finance Minister Jack Chambers. The result was €12 increase in Social Welfare and the €15 increase in the Pension for example may sound like generous increases but leaves core Welfare rates inadequate to deal with the cost of living that has decimated rates in real terms over the past 2-3 years.

An absolutely shameful statistic is that 1 in 5 children in Ireland are living in poverty while money continues to be wasted at an industrial level on million-euro bike sheds, security huts. The failure to link child benefit to income spoke volumes of the government's supposed dedication to make this a budget that targeted child poverty. According to the Revenue Commissioners there were approximately 19,763 individuals earning over €275,000 in 2022. Each individual would have a right to claim Child Benefit, where applicable of course, regardless of their income. When a person earning €275,000 can claim the same rate of child benefit as a person on €27,500 you know social equity, and indeed the system, is broken.

In health, housing, and the cost of living, Ireland lags behind other developed western European nations. Moreover, the remaining sovereignty is being constantly eroded by a power-hungry European Union willingly facilitated by a subservient, spineless regime. In truth, the Ireland of today is a broken state run by and for the benefit of a very small cadre of wealthy developers and an entitled political class. It is as far away from the vision of Ireland of Pearse and Connolly as it were under direct British rule over 100 years ago. Generations of voters have been duped by the elaborate stage play of swapping right-wing party A (Fianna Fáil) with right-wing party B (Fine Gael.) Never forget that Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil are right wing parties - they follow right wing laissez-faire policies with a sprinkling of reformist social programmes aimed at keeping the working class from rising up.

Now Sinn Féin are on the scene and their directionless principle-free realpolitik had, for a time, seemed to seduce the electorate away from the gruesome twosome. But with mixture of media attacks, insipid TDs and councillors and a fatally flawed strategy have combined to effectively rule them out as a viable alternative for government. Sinn Féin has abandoned any shred of their principles as they tirelessly tried to convince FF and FG that they were a suitable candidate for a coalition partner; leaving them void of being an effective opposition to government policies. Leaving them in a strategy of cosying up to the government rather than being critical of the government.

The less said about Labour, their lesser offshoot, the Social Democrats, and the awful pretend left Green Party the better; save for the fact that they all have or are willing to be deceived into government by the whiff of government jobs. With the state of the main parties in the country, is it any wonder that the apathy at the last European and local elections saw the lowest turnout in the country's history?

Shock the system, shock the mainstream, shock the political class by refusing to participate in their stage show. Take the time to consider the candidate that will send the message that we will not continue to put up with their substandard performance, their greed and their betrayal.

If you are thinking about voting in this general election, ask yourself the following:

- How many times have you voted, and your candidate has done the exact opposite of what they promised?
- How many times have you voted and felt cheated and betrayed?
- How many times have you voted and felt like it made absolutely no difference at all?

The reason is simple: the system is rigged against you. The players may change but the game stays the same.

**Revolution is the only solution.**

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