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This report covers all results for the complete poll-survey project – GUE/NGL LT NI Opinion Panel 'Tracker Poll' December 2017 Poll: Brexit, Hard/Soft Border, Brexit and the NI Border – Issues to consider?

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LUCIDTALK TRACKER POLLS - Introduction and Background

LucidTalk run scheduled regular 'Tracker' polls of their established Northern Ireland online Opinion Panel usually on a quarterly basis (every three months). The LucidTalk Opinion Panel (now 10,422 members) consists of Northern Ireland residents (age 18+) and is balanced by gender, age-group, area of residence, and community background, in order to be demographically representative of Northern Ireland. This is the base report from the EU Parliamentary Group - **GUE/NGL** (**EUROPEAN UNION LEFT/NORDIC GREEN LEFT)** sponsored poll-project (December 2017) – All data and results belong to the GUE/NGL.

For this 'Tracker' poll-project our 10,422 member NI Opinion Panel was targeted, and invited to participate, 3,286 responses were received, and after data auditing to ensure:

- (a) 'one person-one vote' responses, and
- (b) the collation of a robust, accurate, and balanced representative NI sample,
- 2,079 full responses were recorded and used for analysis in terms of the final results.

Methodology:

Polling was carried out by Belfast based polling and market research company LucidTalk. The project was carried out online for a period of 80 Hours from 1pm 1st December 2017 to 9pm 4th December 2017 (80 Hours). The project targeted the established Northern Ireland (NI) LucidTalk online Opinion Panel (10,422 members) which is balanced by gender, age-group, area of residence, and community background, in order to be demographically representative of Northern Ireland. 3,286 full responses were received, and a data auditing process was carried out to ensure all completed poll-surveys were genuine 'one-person, one-vote' responses, and also to collate a robust and accurate balanced NI representative sample. This resulted in 2,079 responses being considered in terms of the final results - the results presented in this report.

All data results have been weighted by gender and community background to reflect the demographic composition of Northern Ireland resulting in 2,079 responses being considered in terms of the final results. All data results produced are accurate to a margin of error of +/-3.0%, at 95% confidence.

All polls and surveys may be subject to sources of error, including but not limited to, sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

LucidTalk – Professional Credentials

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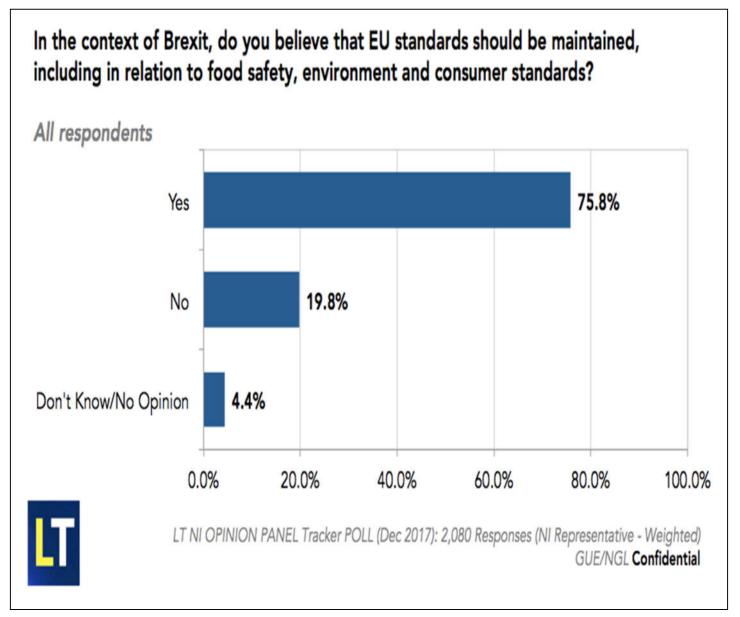
LT NI 'Tracker' Polls: GUE/NGL sponsored poll-project December 2017 – Topics include: NI and EU/Brexit issues

KEY POINTS AND HEADLINES

As this is a client sponsored project LT will only present here the main project results (in graphical form) including some key demographic analyses. No commentary will be provided.

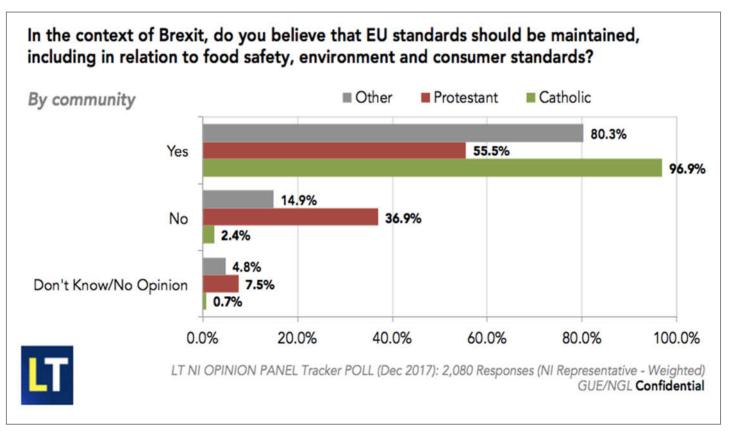
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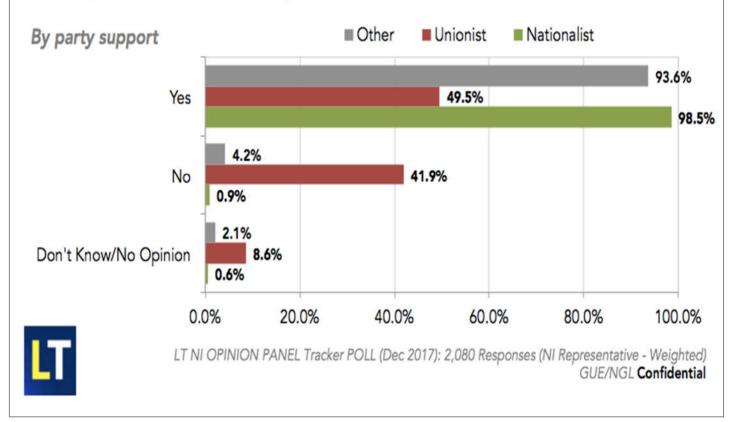
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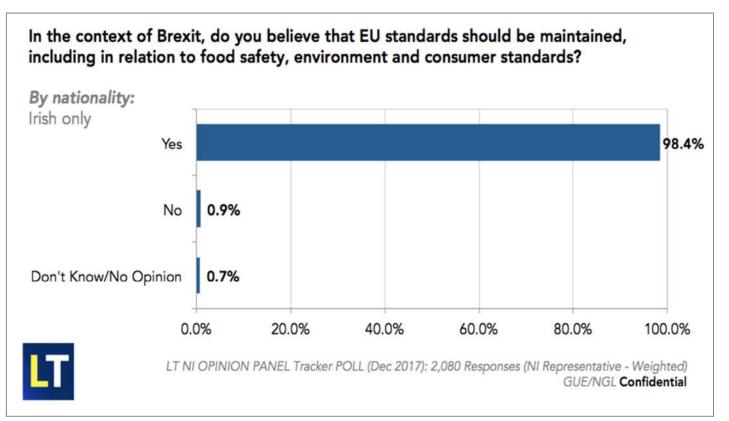


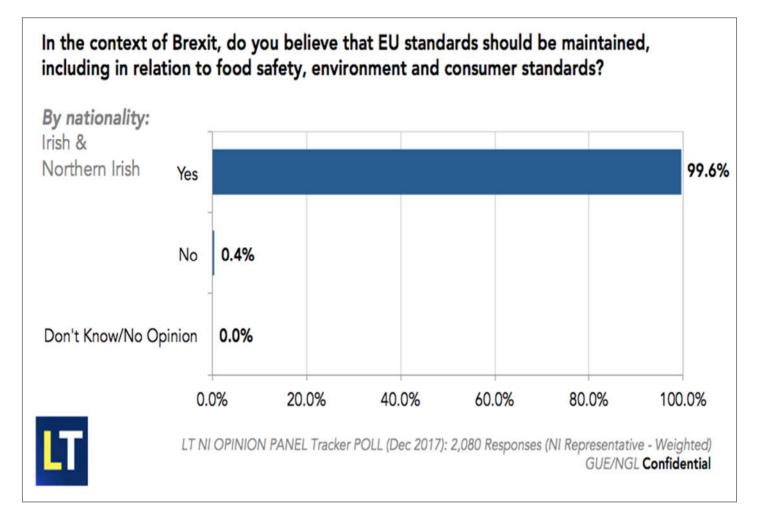






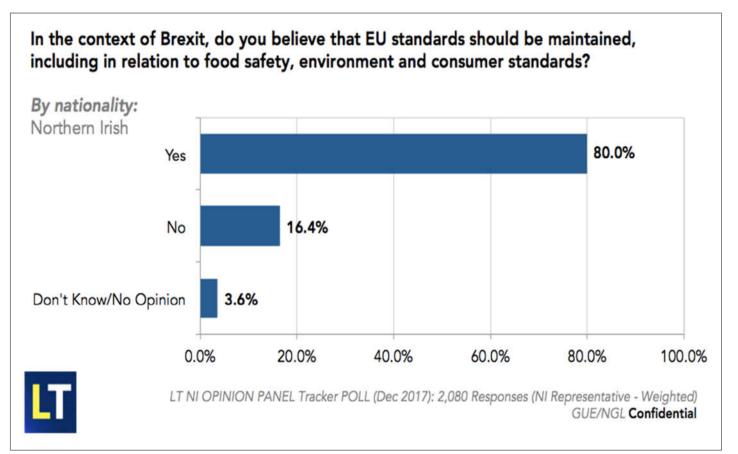


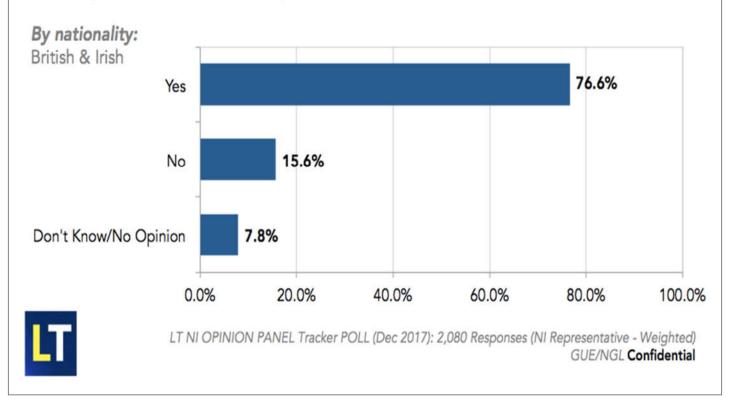






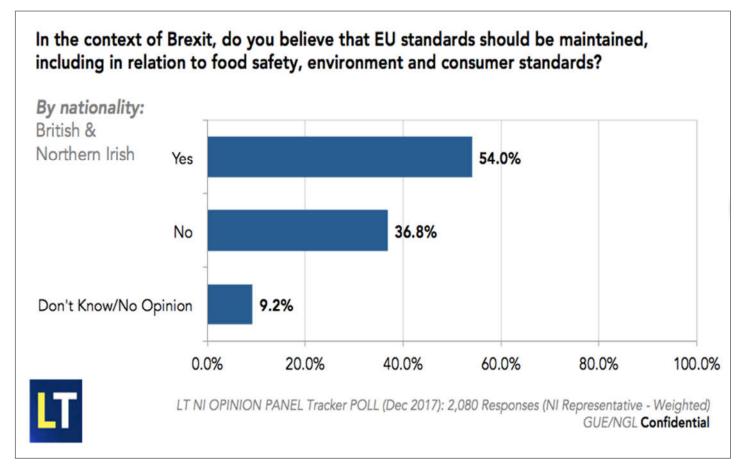


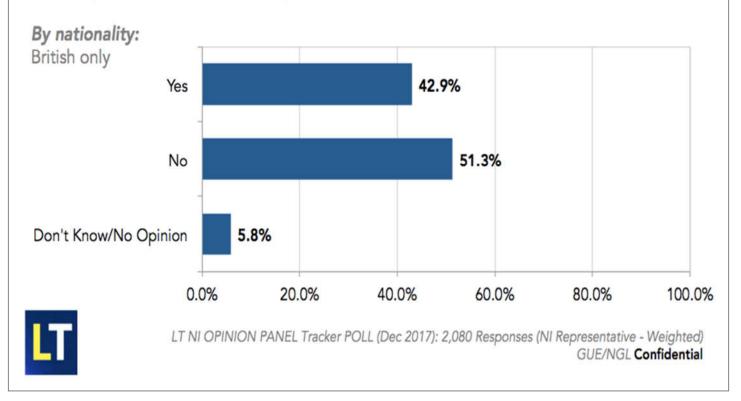






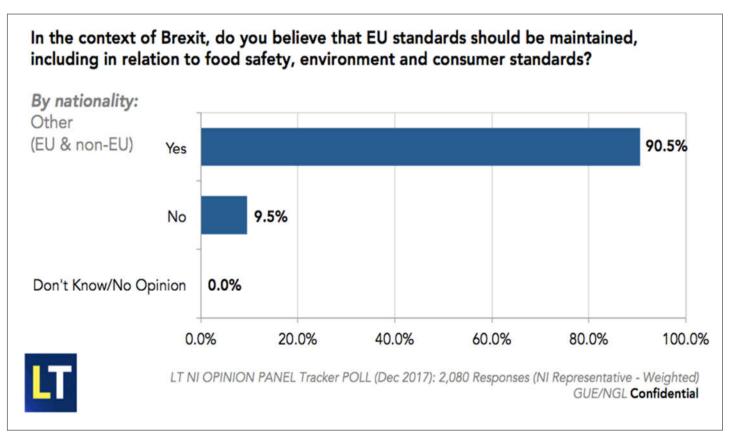


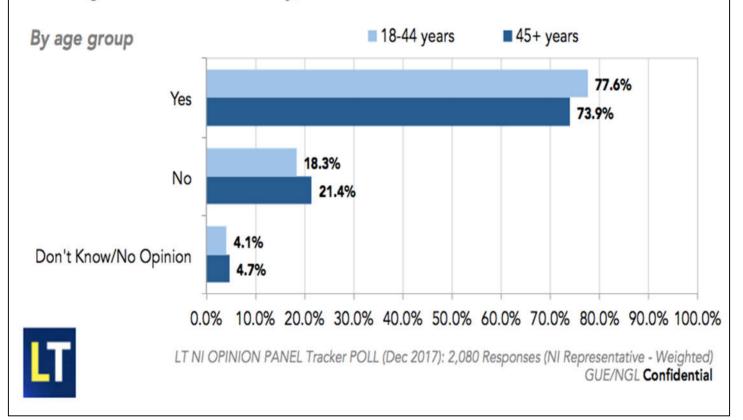






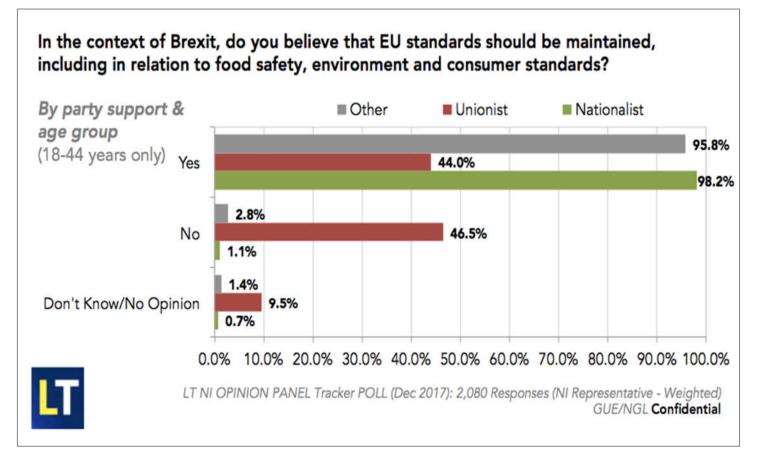


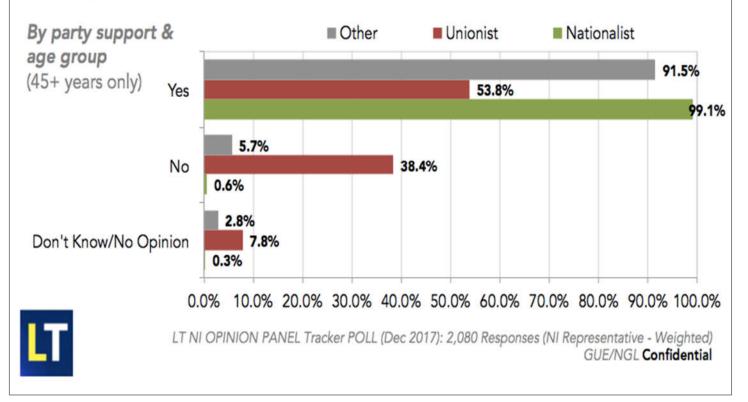










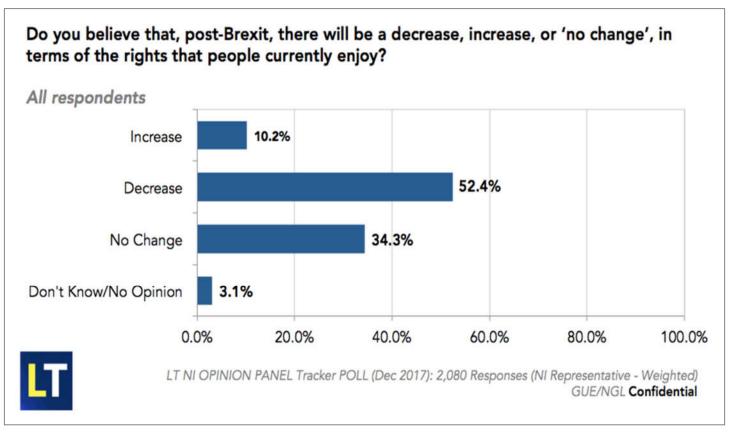




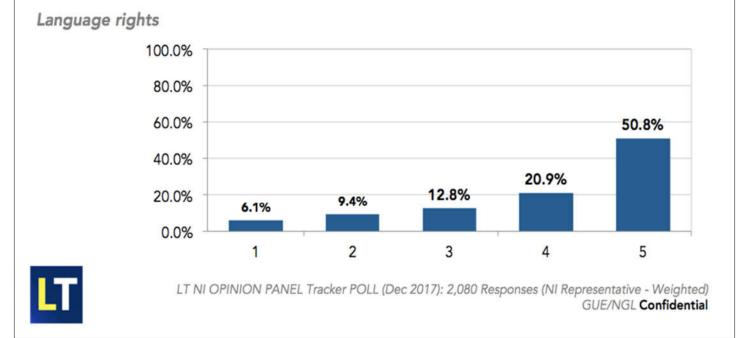


QUESTION TWO

NI Opinion Panel Tracker Poll (online) December 2017 -2,079 Responses (Weighted by Gender and Community - NI representative sample)



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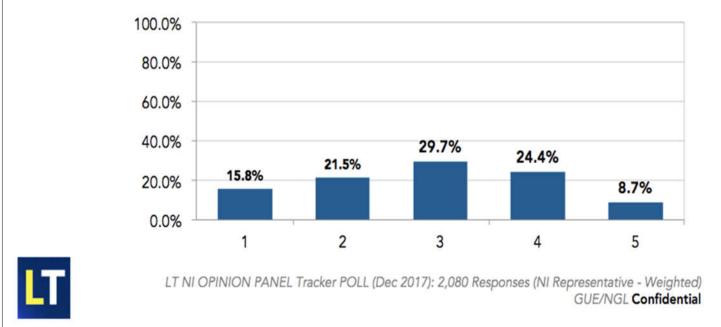






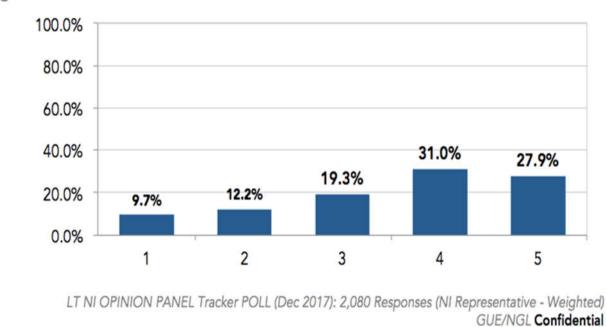
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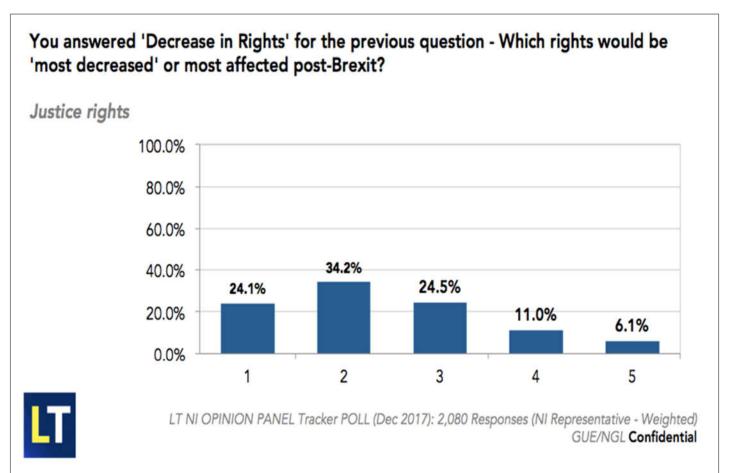
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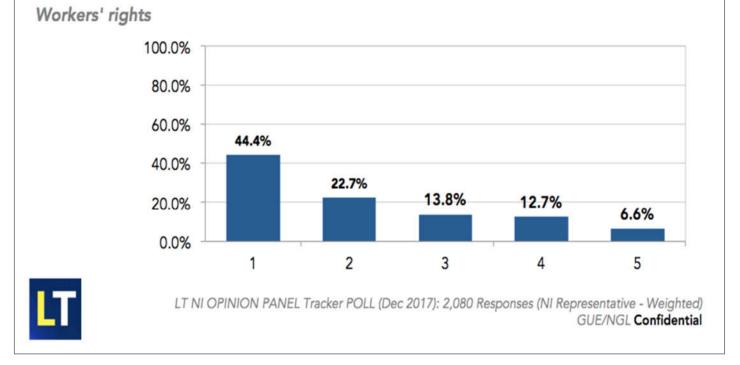






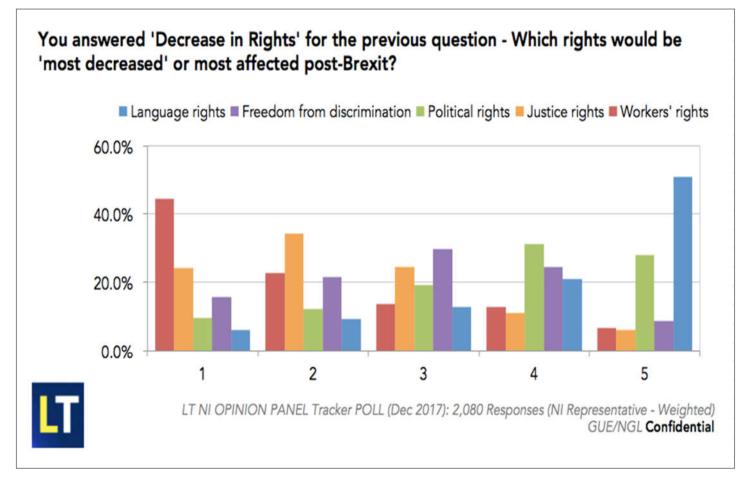


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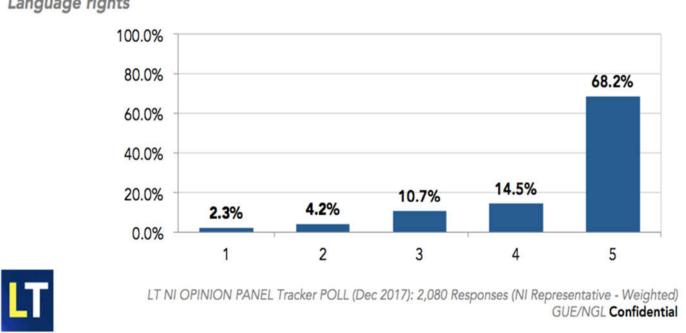








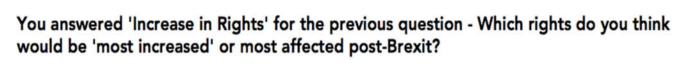
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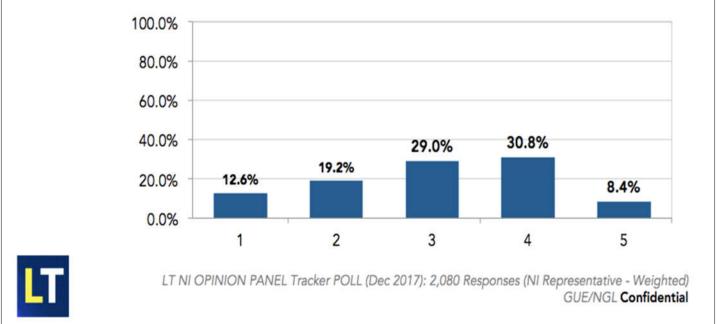
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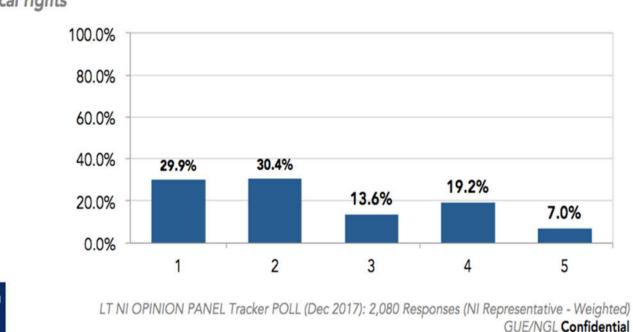




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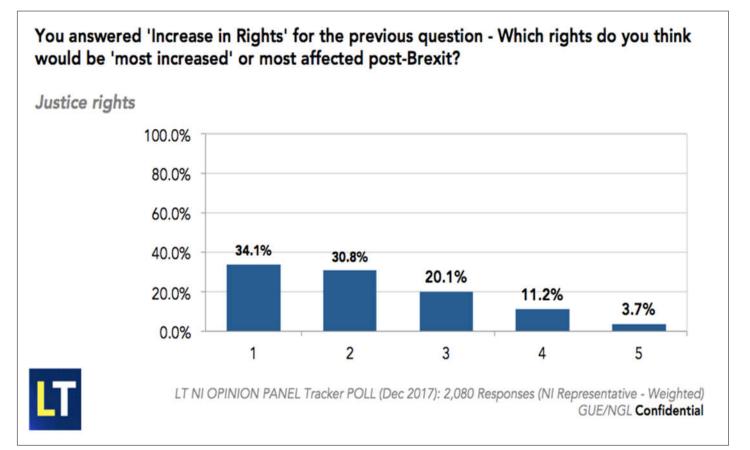
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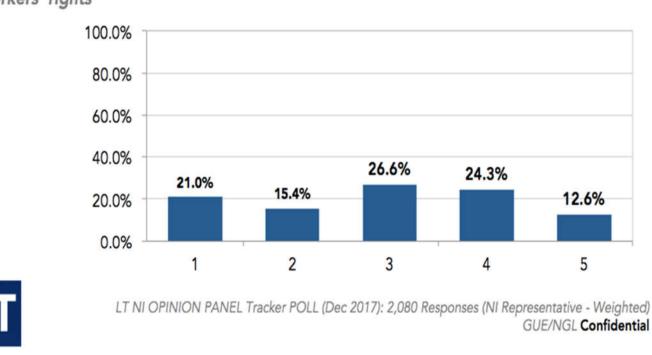
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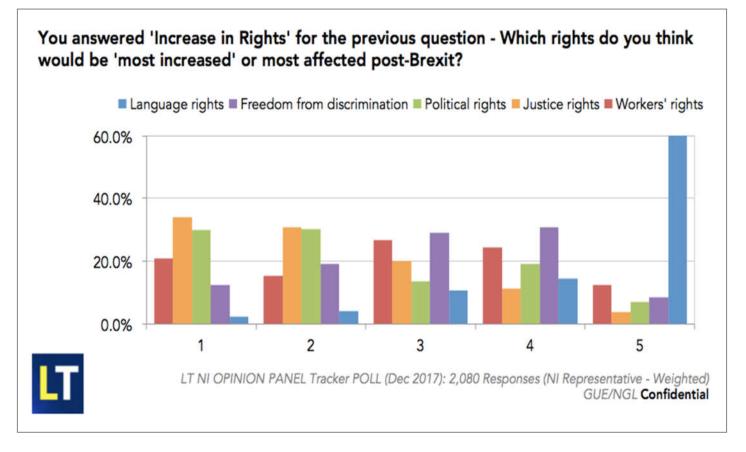
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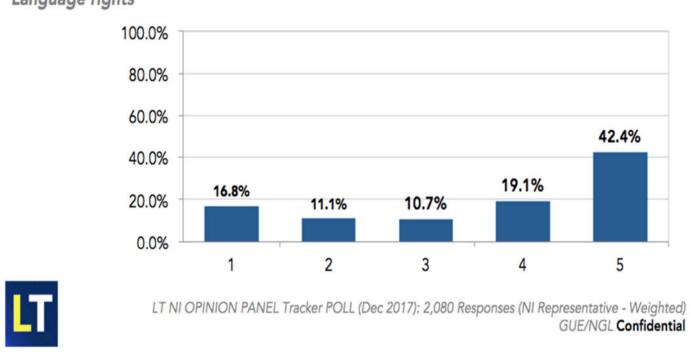
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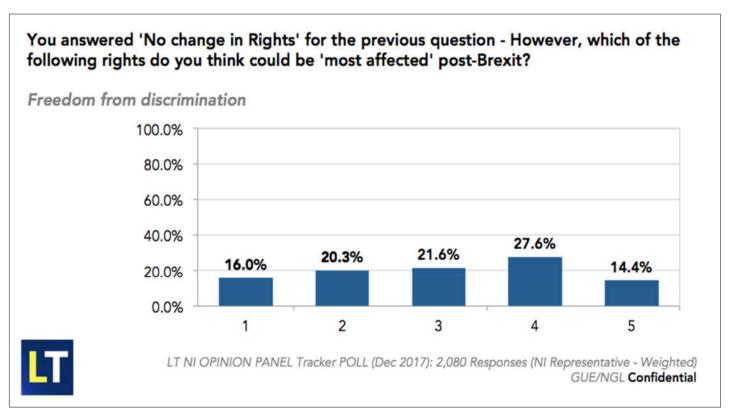
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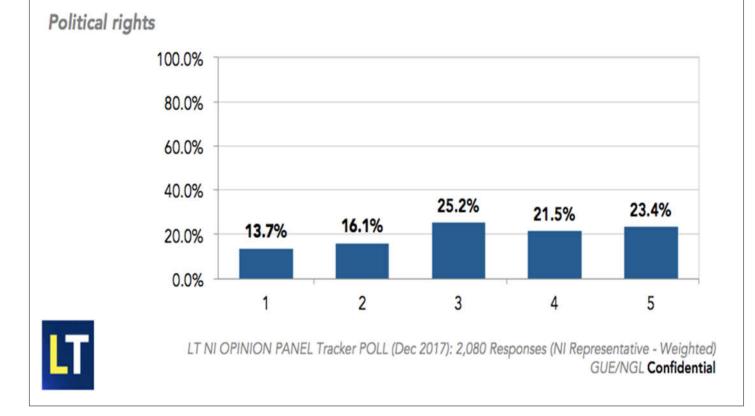
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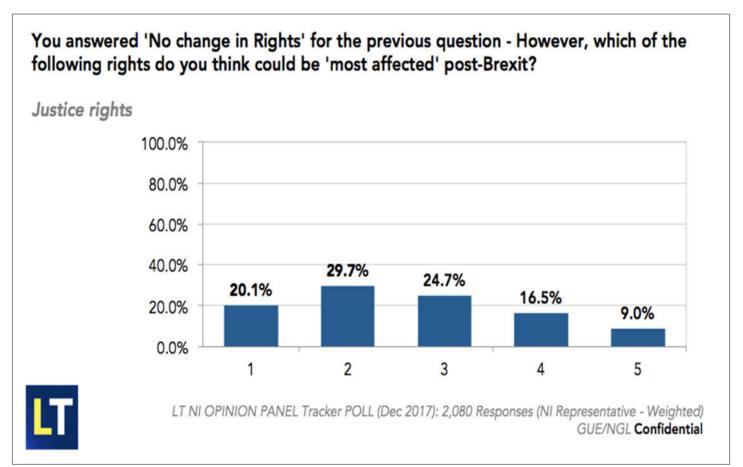


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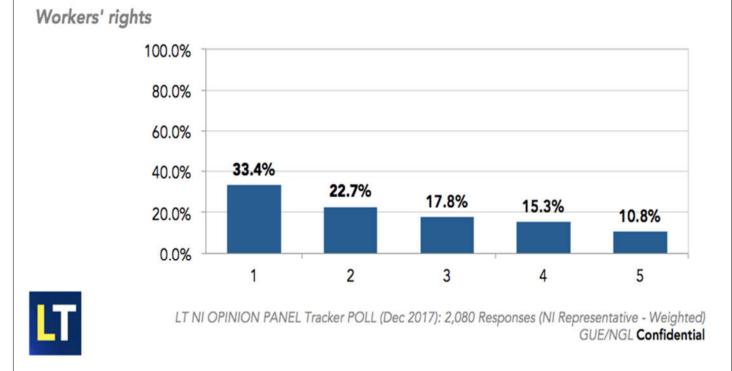






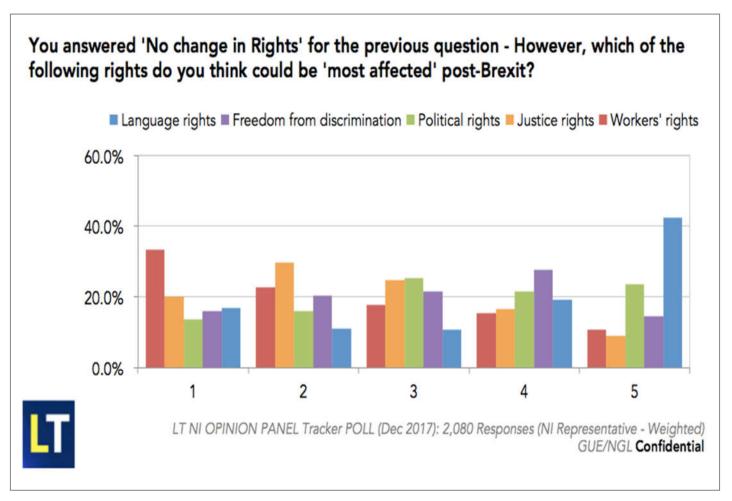


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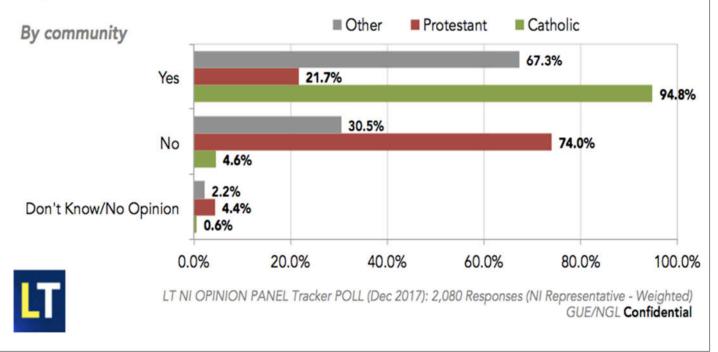


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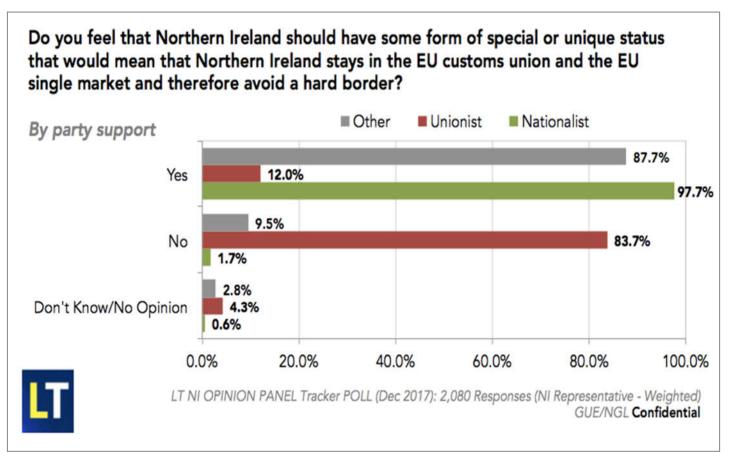
Do you feel that Northern Ireland should have some form of special or unique status that would mean that Northern Ireland stays in the EU customs union and the EU single market and therefore avoid a hard border? All respondents 57.8% Yes 39.6% No 2.5% Don't Know/No Opinion 20.0% 0.0% 40.0% 60.0% 80.0% 100.0% LT NI OPINION PANEL Tracker POLL (Dec 2017): 2,080 Responses (NI Representative - Weighted) **GUE/NGL** Confidential

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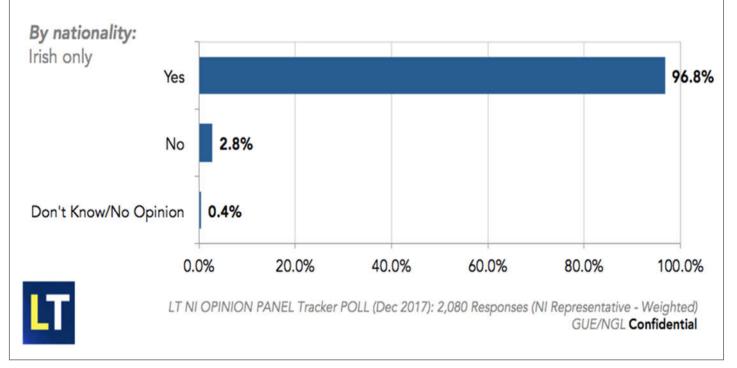






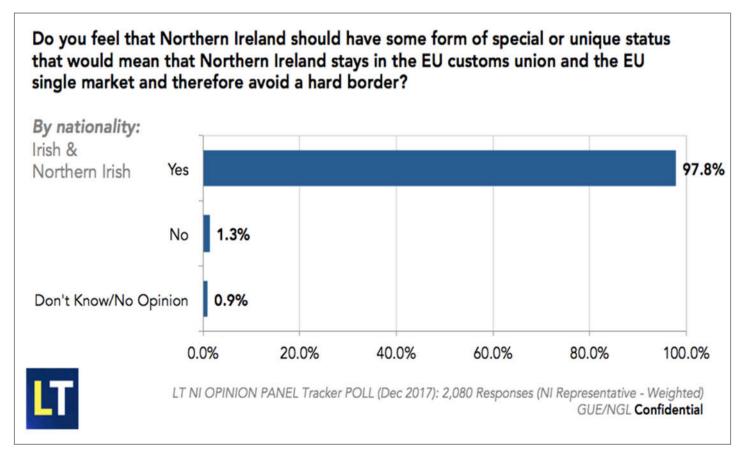


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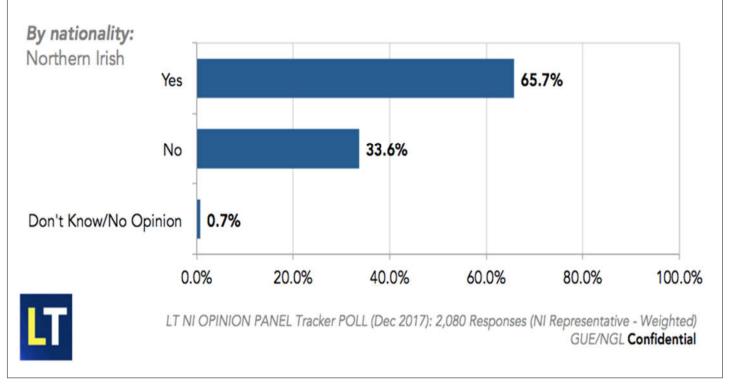






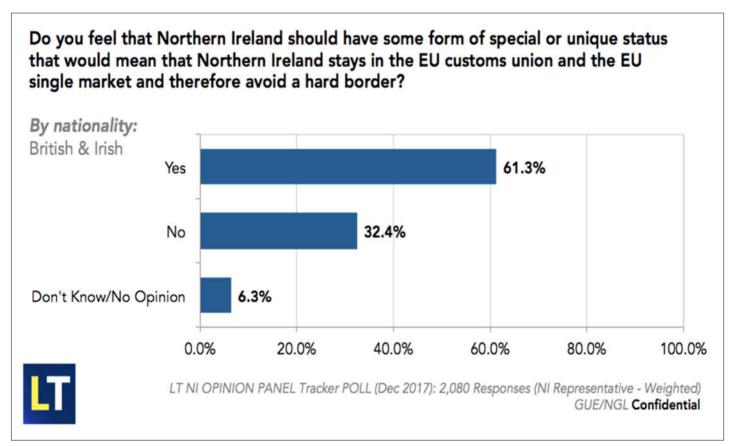


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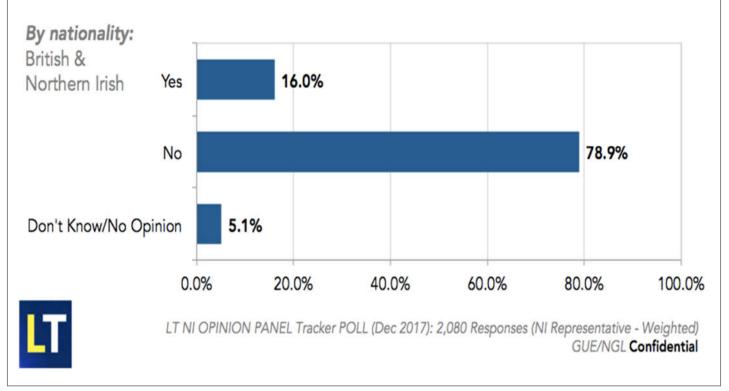






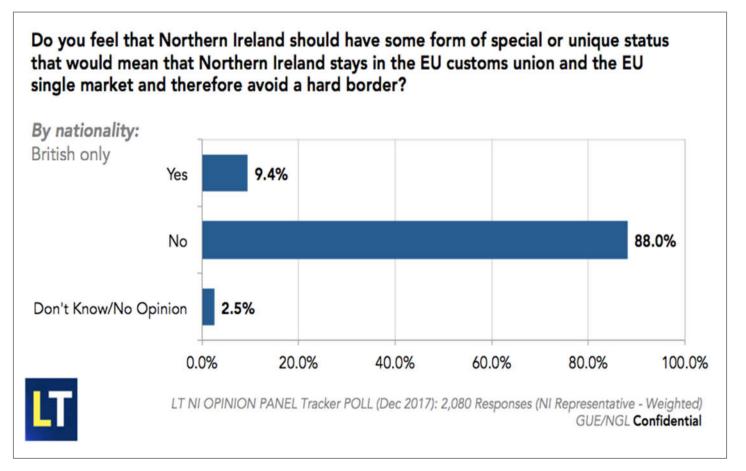


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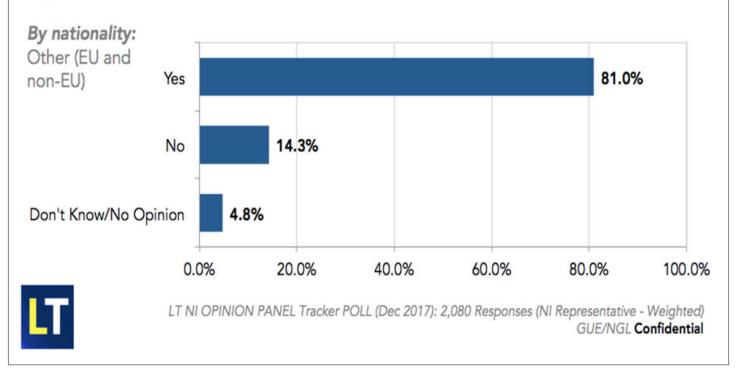






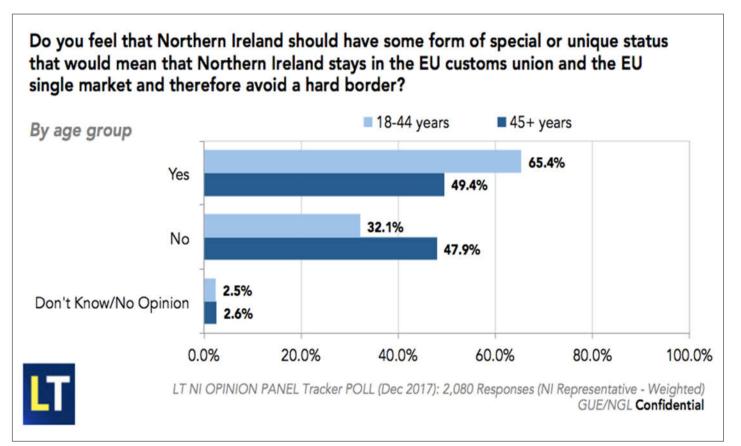


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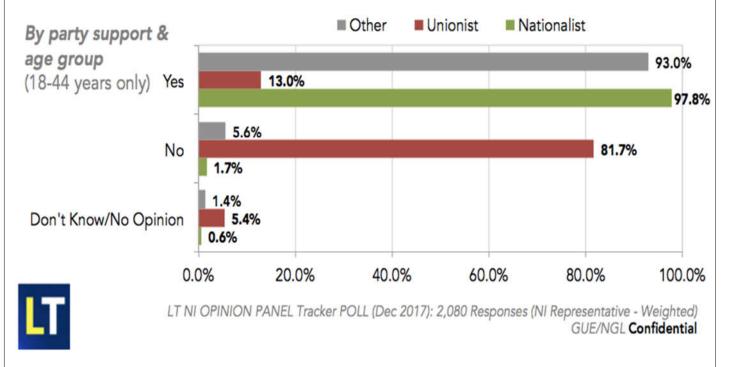






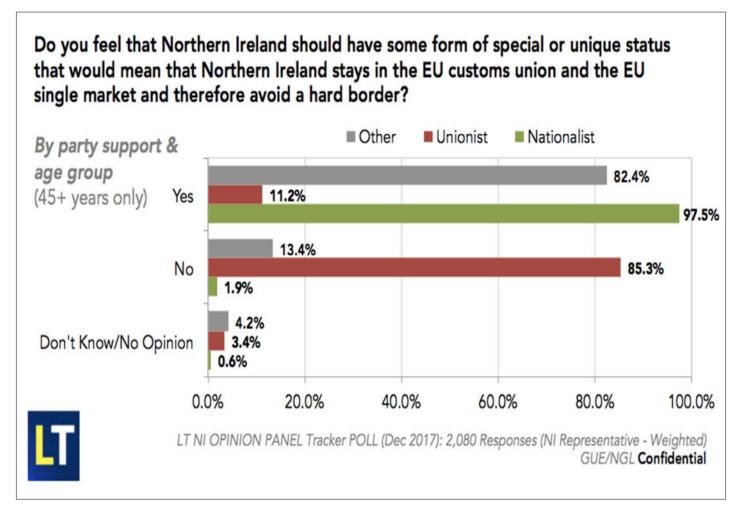


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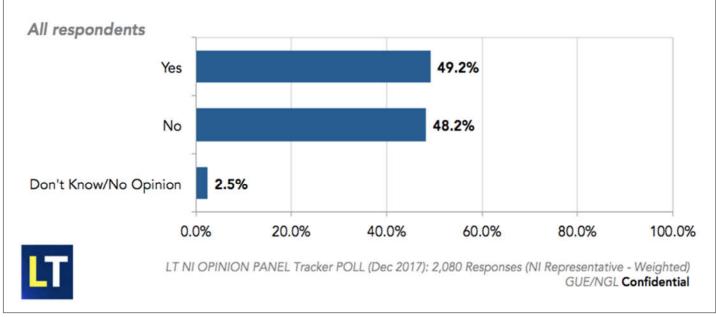




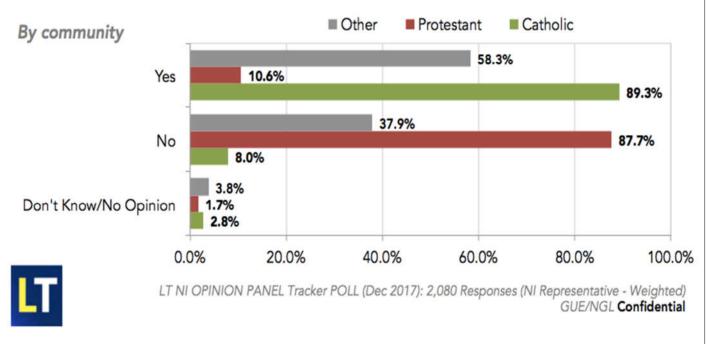
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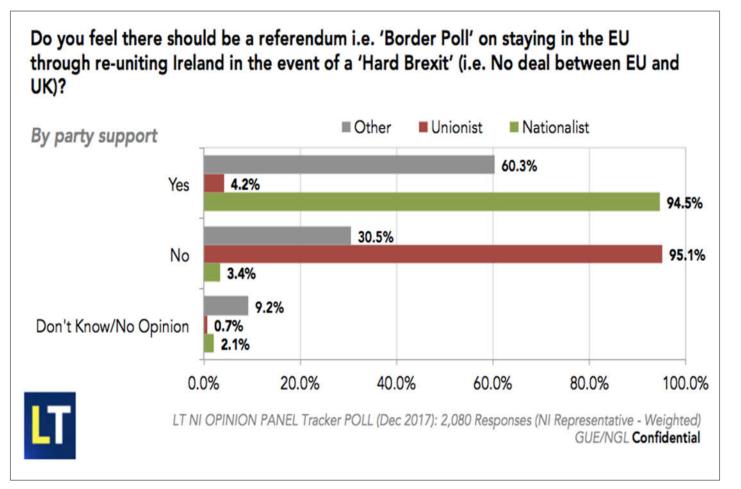


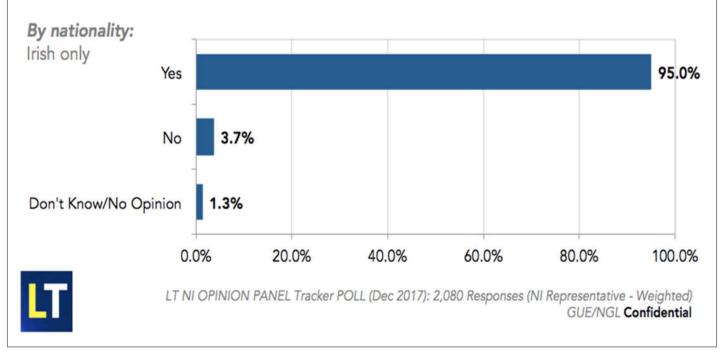
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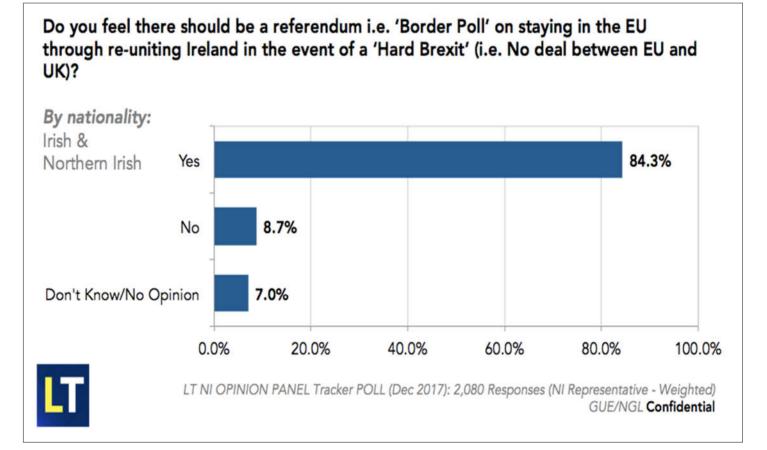


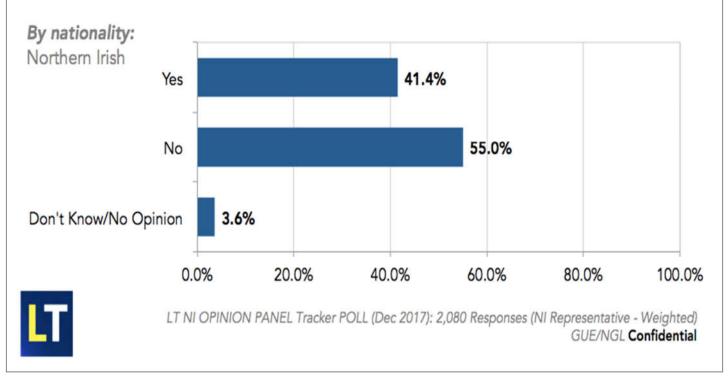






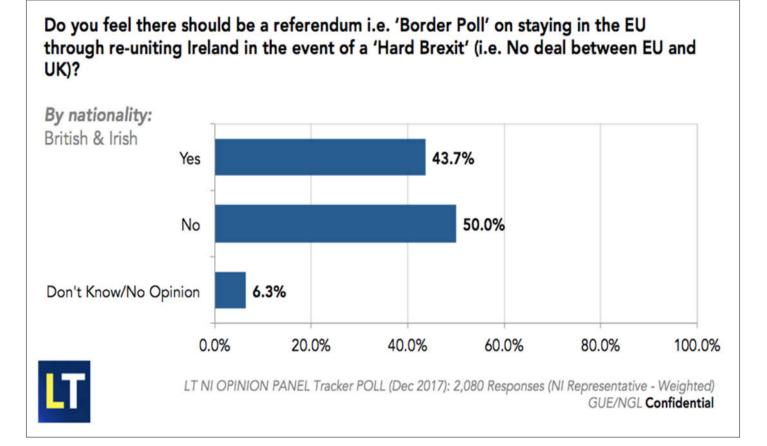


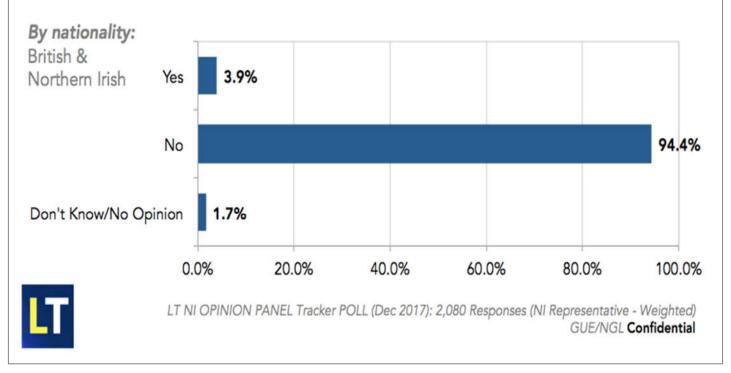






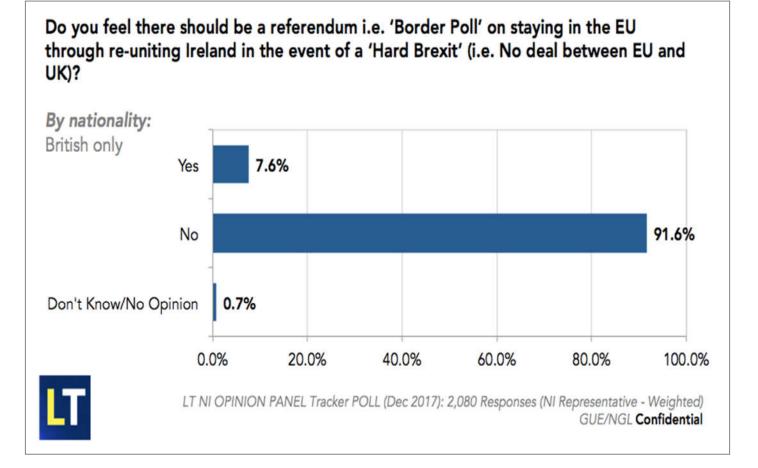


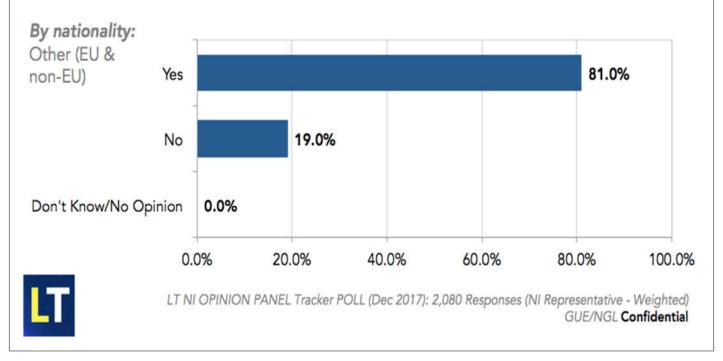






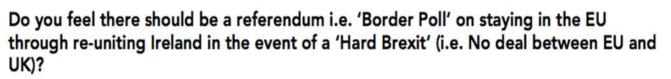


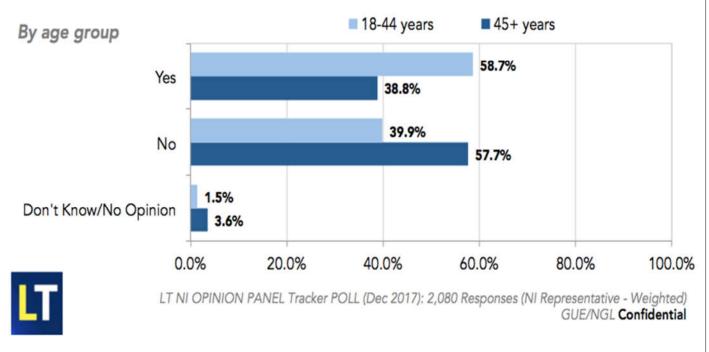


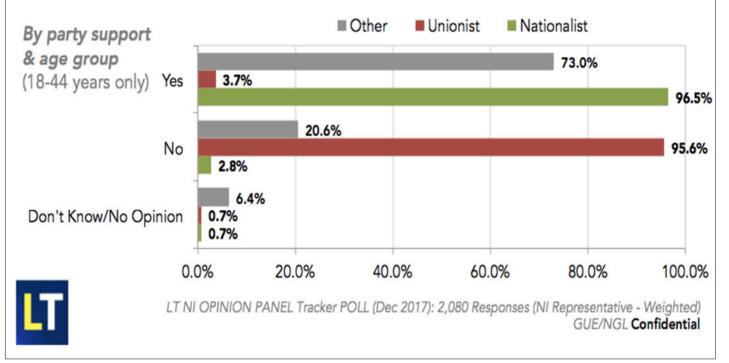






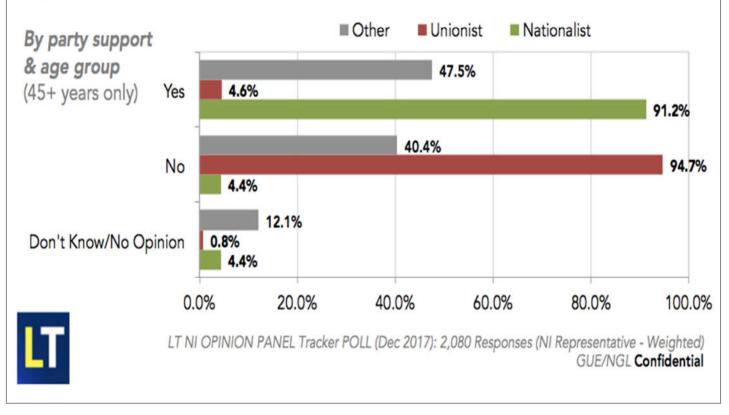














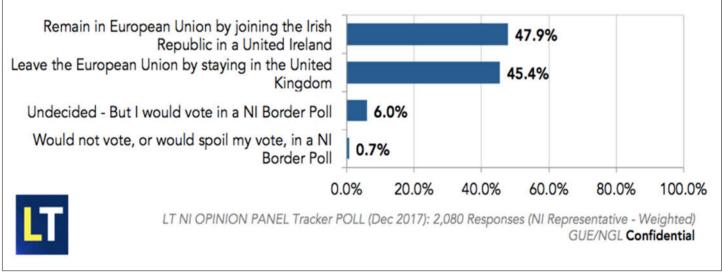


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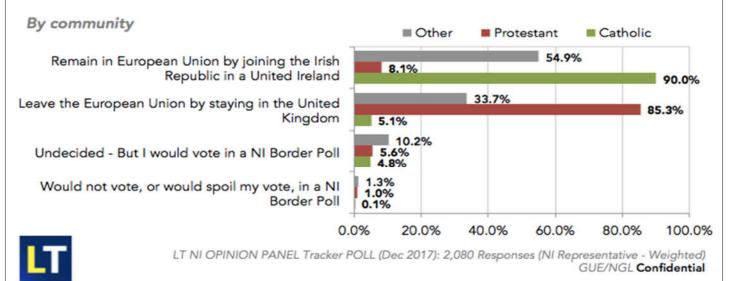
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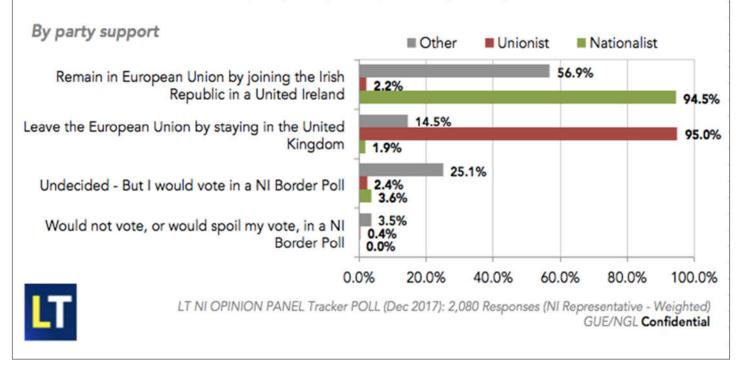
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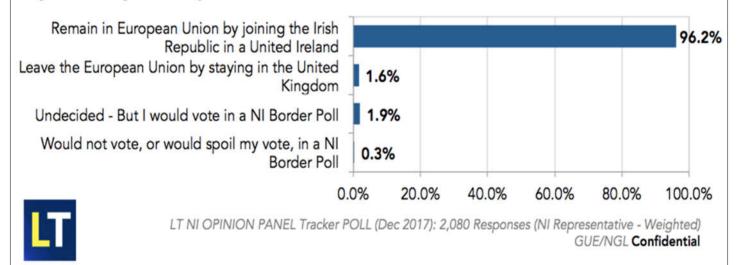






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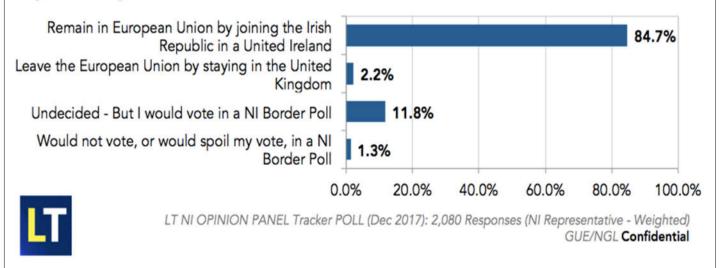
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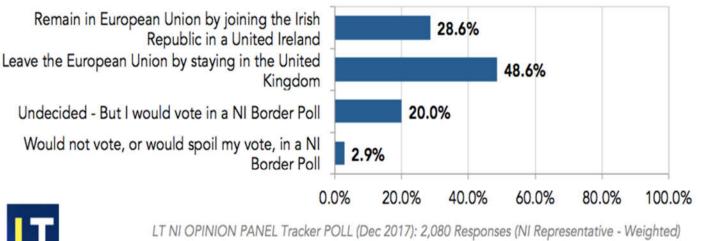


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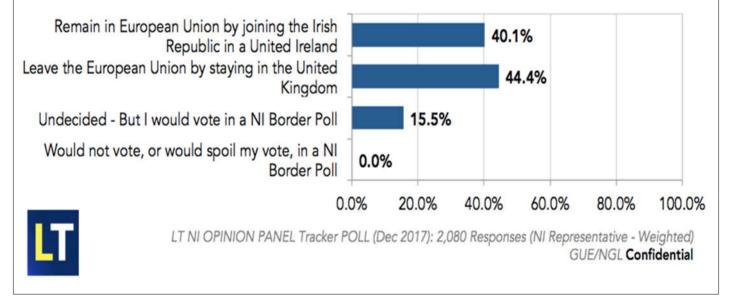






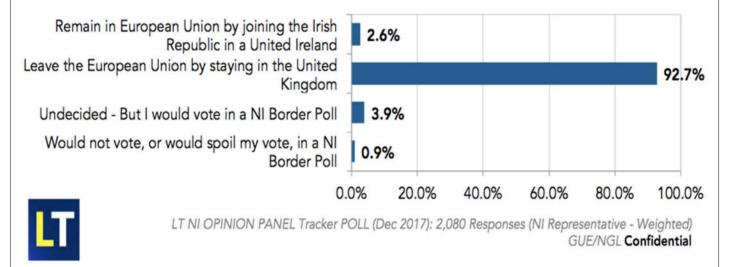


By nationality: British & Irish



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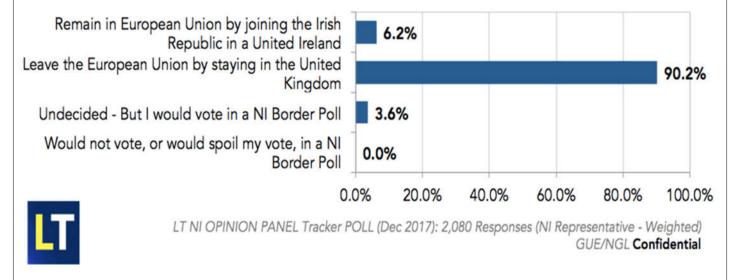
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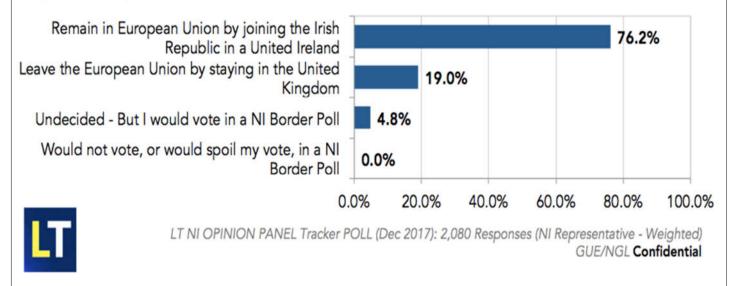


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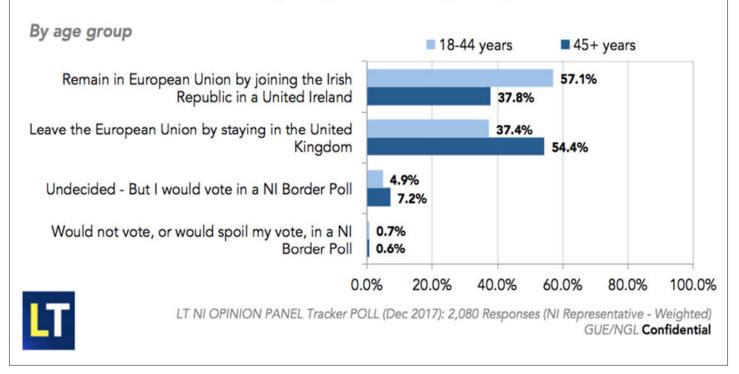
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By nationality: Other (EU & non-EU)

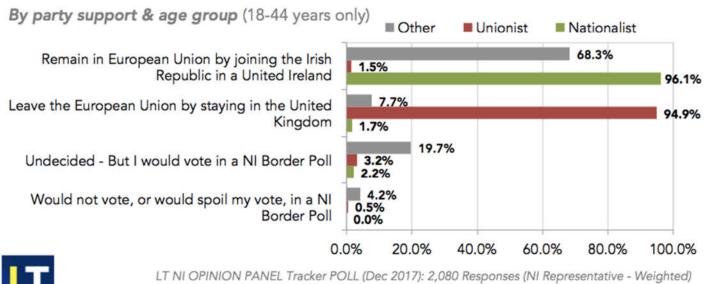








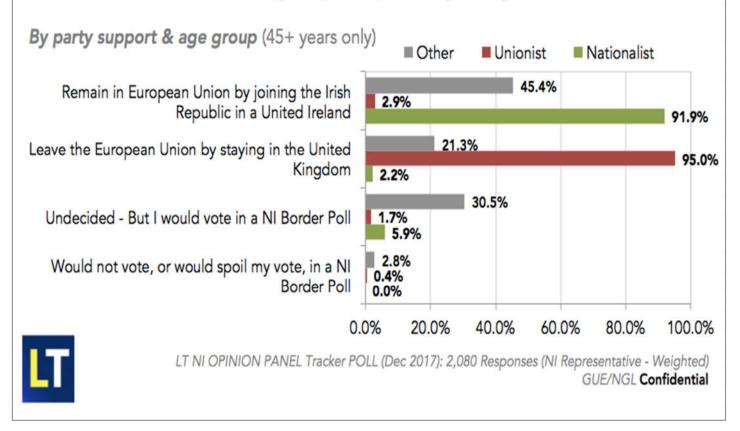
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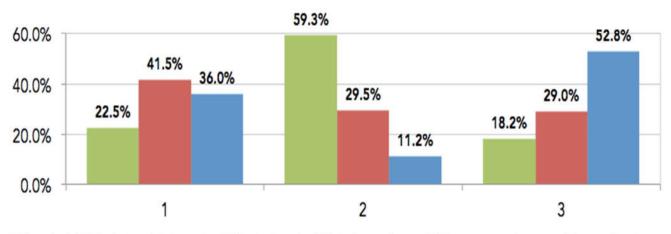




QUESTION 6

NI Opinion Panel Tracker Poll (online) December 2017 -2,079 Responses (Weighted by Gender and Community - NI representative sample)

In the context of Northern Ireland, and regarding the current Brexit negotiations, which of the following is your preferable outcome? Please rank the following 3 options from 1 =Your most preferable outcome, to 3 =Your least preferable



- The whole UK including NI leaves the EU including the EU single market and EU customs union possibly resulting in a 'Hard Border' on the island of Ireland.
- The UK apart from NI (i.e. Great Britain only) leaves the EU including the EU single market and EU customs union but NI stays in the EU single market and EU customs union probably resulting in the current NI border remaining as it currently is.
- The whole UK including NI leaves the EU but stays in the EU single market and EU customs union.



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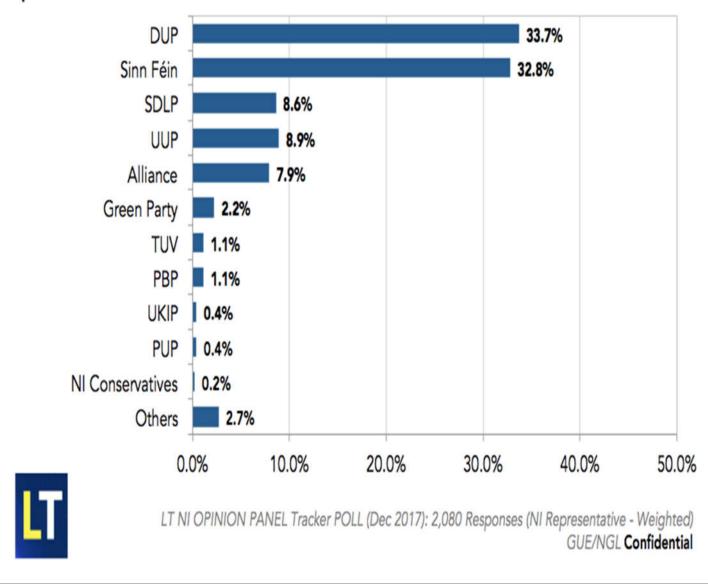




QUESTION SEVEN

NI Opinion Panel Tracker Poll (online) December 2017 -2,079 Responses (Weighted by Gender and Community - NI representative sample)

If there was a NI Assembly Election tomorrow which party would you vote for as first preference?

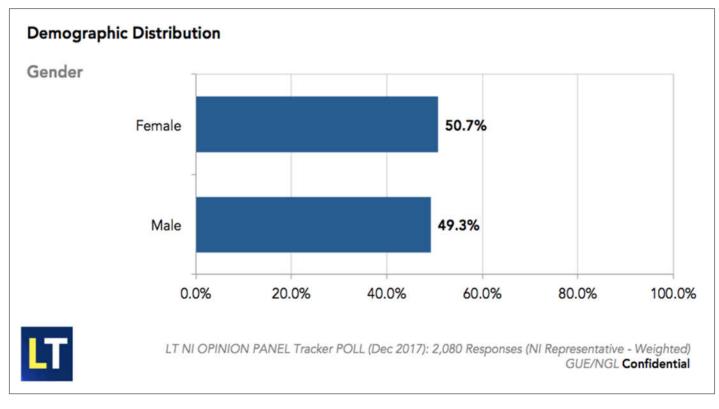


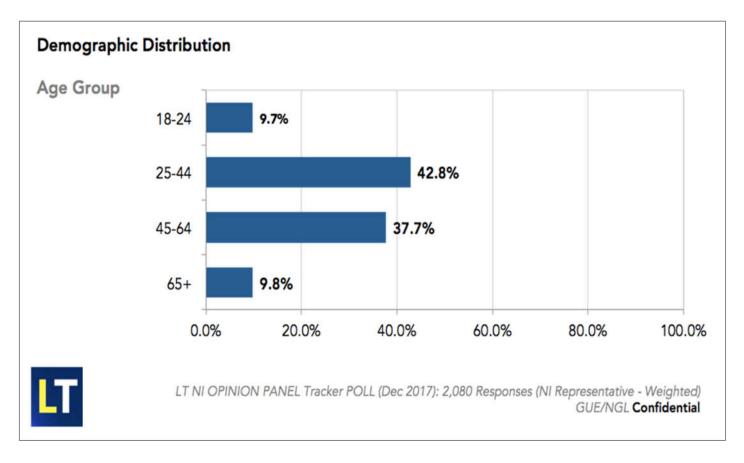




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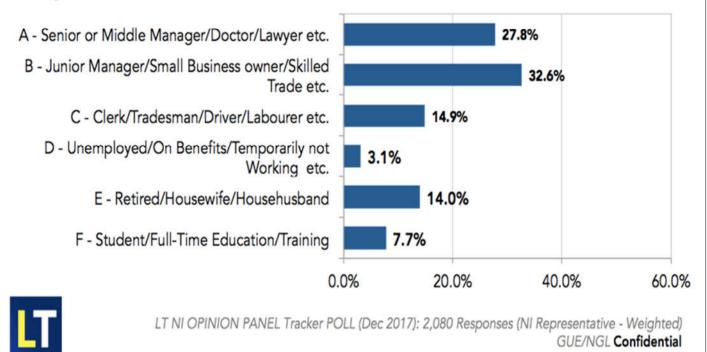


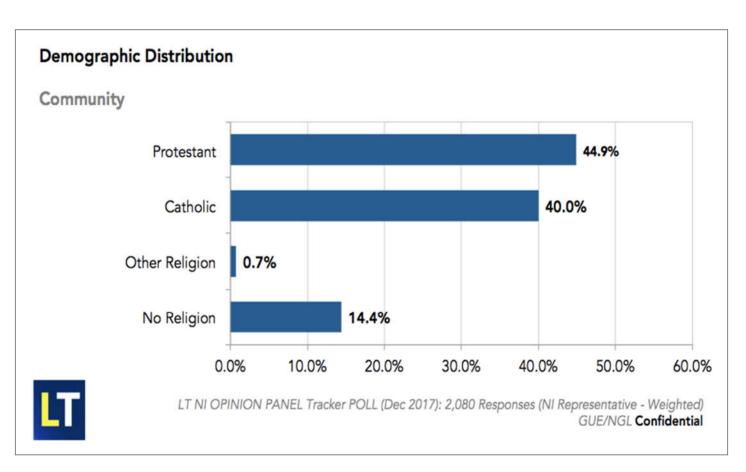




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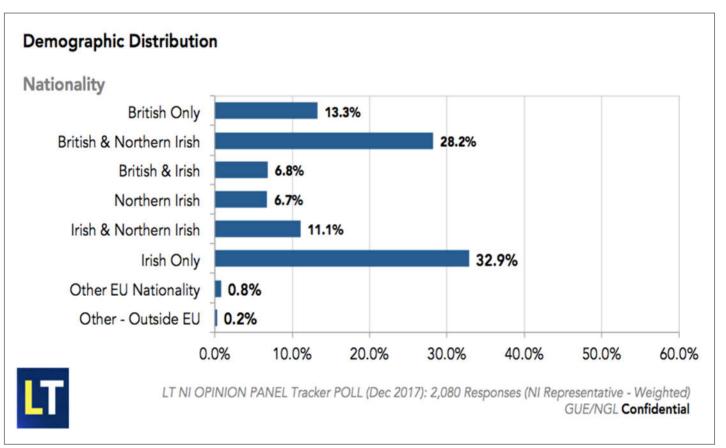
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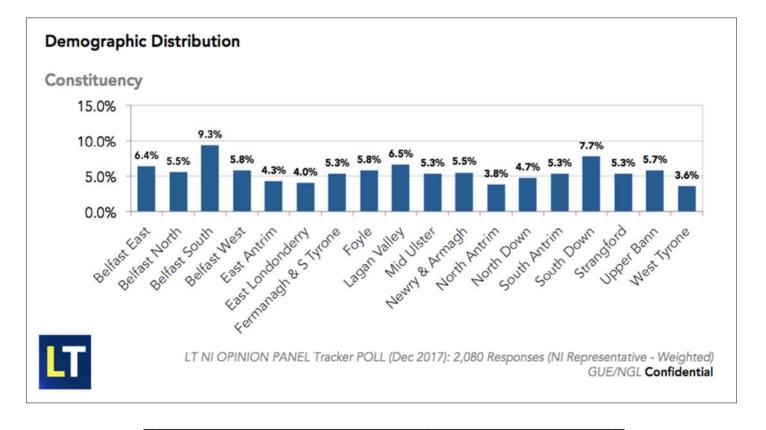












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