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Dáil and Seanad Elections

Worksheet

Resources

General Election 2020 - A Statistical Profile   http://bit.ly/IrishGeneralElection2020

Seanad Election 2020 - A Statistical Profile   https://bit.ly/SeanadElection2020

The Seanad Éireann Electoral Process   https://bit.ly/SeanadElectoralProcess

General Election 2020

Refer to the General Election 2020 – A Statistical Profile infographic to answer the following questions.

1. Summarise the changes between the Dáil general election in 2016 and 2020 for any three of the groups mentioned in the infographic and the implications for each of those groups.
2. What do you notice about the total number of TDs who were elected in 2016 and 2020? Why do you think the numbers are different?
3. In the case of any one change you have mentioned in question 1, give one reason in your opinion why this change happened.
4. Briefly describe the trend you see in the number of female candidates from the 2011 Dáil general election up to the Dáil general election in 2020.
5. What are the major trends you see in the number of female TDs elected from the 2011 Dáil general election up to 2020?
6. Suggest one way that the number of female TDs could be increased.

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Seanad Election 2020

Refer to the Seanad Election 2020 – A Statistical Profile infographic to answer the following questions.

1. Summarise the changes between the Seanad elections in 2016 and 2020 for any three of the groups mentioned in the infographic and the implications for each of those groups.
2. In the case of any one change you have mentioned in question 1 give one reason, in your opinion, why this change happened.
3. Briefly describe the trend you see in the number of female candidates from the 2011 Seanad election up to 2020.
4. What are the major trends you see in the number of female Senators elected/nominated by their party or group?
5. Suggest one way that the number of female Senators could be increased.

The Seanad Éireann Electoral Process

Refer to the Seanad Éireann Electoral Process infographic to answer the following questions.

1. Based on the data in this infographic, how many people can vote to elect the six Senators from the university panels?
2. Who are the three groups that elect Senators from the five panels? How many are in each group?
3. Look at the way Senators are either elected or nominated. Briefly describe your thoughts on whether you would like to see this system reformed.
4. Looking at the way that membership of Seanad Éireann is divided. What changes, if any, would you make? Explain your answer.