

Claims Conference

Holocaust Survey Research Key
Findings Among Irish Adults

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Background and Methodology

Global Strategy Group and the Claims Conference continue to collaborate on the Global Holocaust Knowledge Index to shape the conversation around Holocaust education.

The importance of the Index is ever-increasing as antisemitism, hate crimes against Jews, and Holocaust denial and distortion are all intensifying globally.

The 2023 Index focused on the U.S. and Europe exclusively, and the 2025 Index even further globalizes our insights by incorporating perceptions from Ireland.

Who We Reached

Global Strategy Group conducted an online survey between **October 15 – November 6, 2025** among **1,000 adults in Ireland**.



The margin of error at the 95% confidence level is **+/- 3.1%**. The margin of error on sub-samples is greater.



Key Insights: Ireland

- **Basic Holocaust knowledge is lacking in Ireland.** 1 in 5 Irish adults believe 2 million or fewer Jews were killed in the Holocaust, and nearly 1 in 4 cannot name a single concentration camp.
- **An alarming number of Irish adults believe in claims of Holocaust denial or distortion.** 1 in 6 believe the number of Jews killed in the Holocaust has been greatly exaggerated, while nearly 1 in 10 believe the Holocaust outright never happened.
- **Support for Holocaust education is unmistakably strong in Ireland.** Overwhelming majorities of adults of all ages believe it's important to teach about the Holocaust, both in general and in schools specifically.

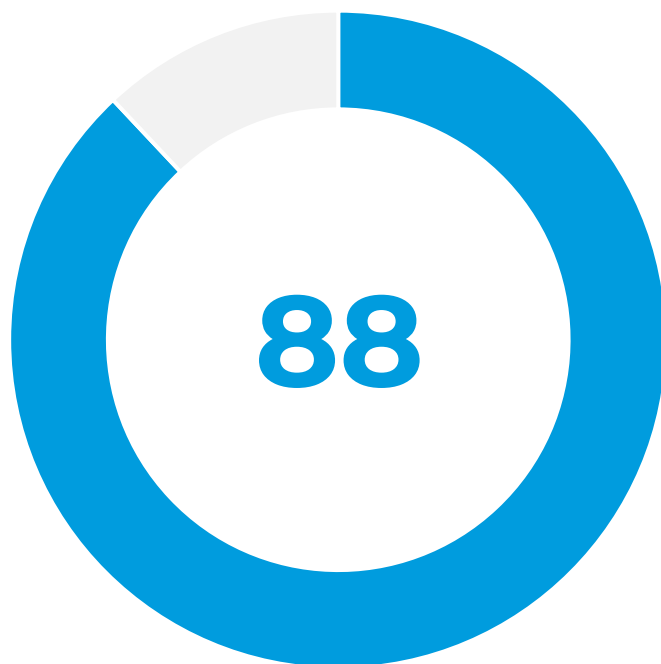
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Holocaust Knowledge

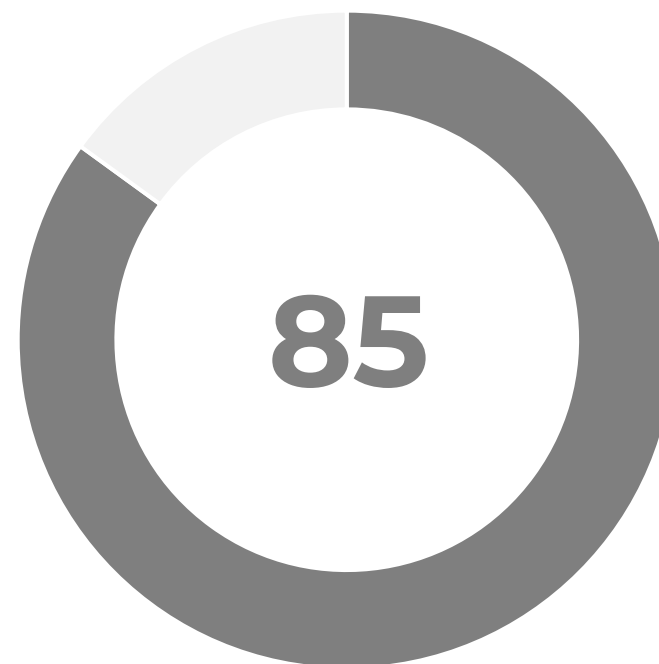
Nearly 9 in 10 Irish adults have heard of the Holocaust

Have you ever seen or heard the word Holocaust before? [Showing % **Yes**]

Ireland Total Adults



Ireland 18-29 Adults

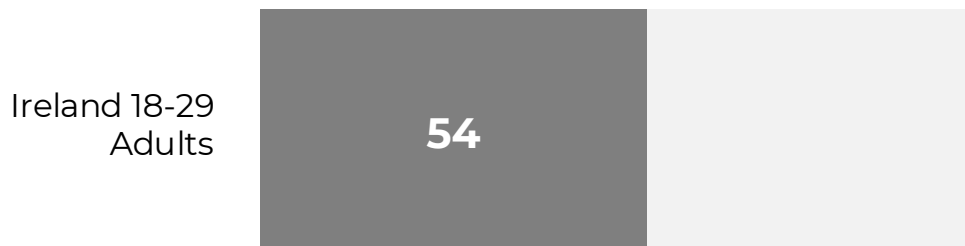
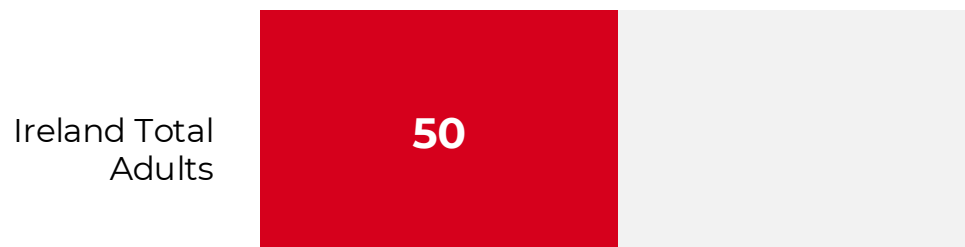


1 in 5 Irish adults incorrectly believe that 2 million or fewer Jews were killed during the Holocaust

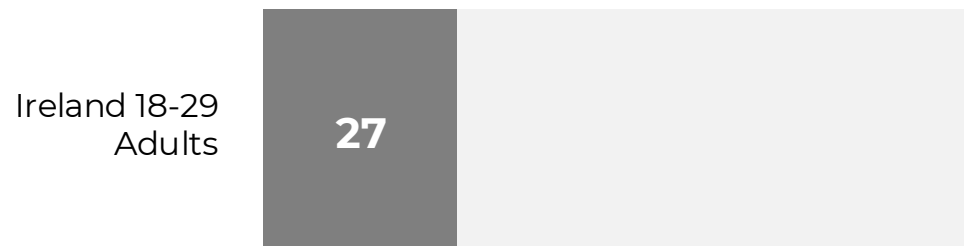
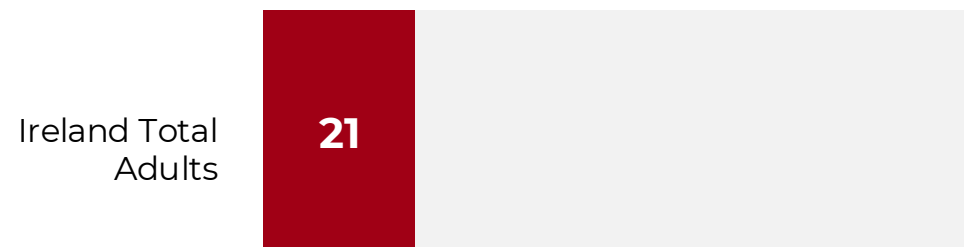
PROMPT: The term “Holocaust” [“Shoah”] refers to the systematic persecution and murder of Jewish people by the German Nazi regime and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. You will now see some questions about the Holocaust [Shoah].

Approximately how many Jews were killed during the Holocaust?

% Do not know 6 million Jews were killed during the Holocaust

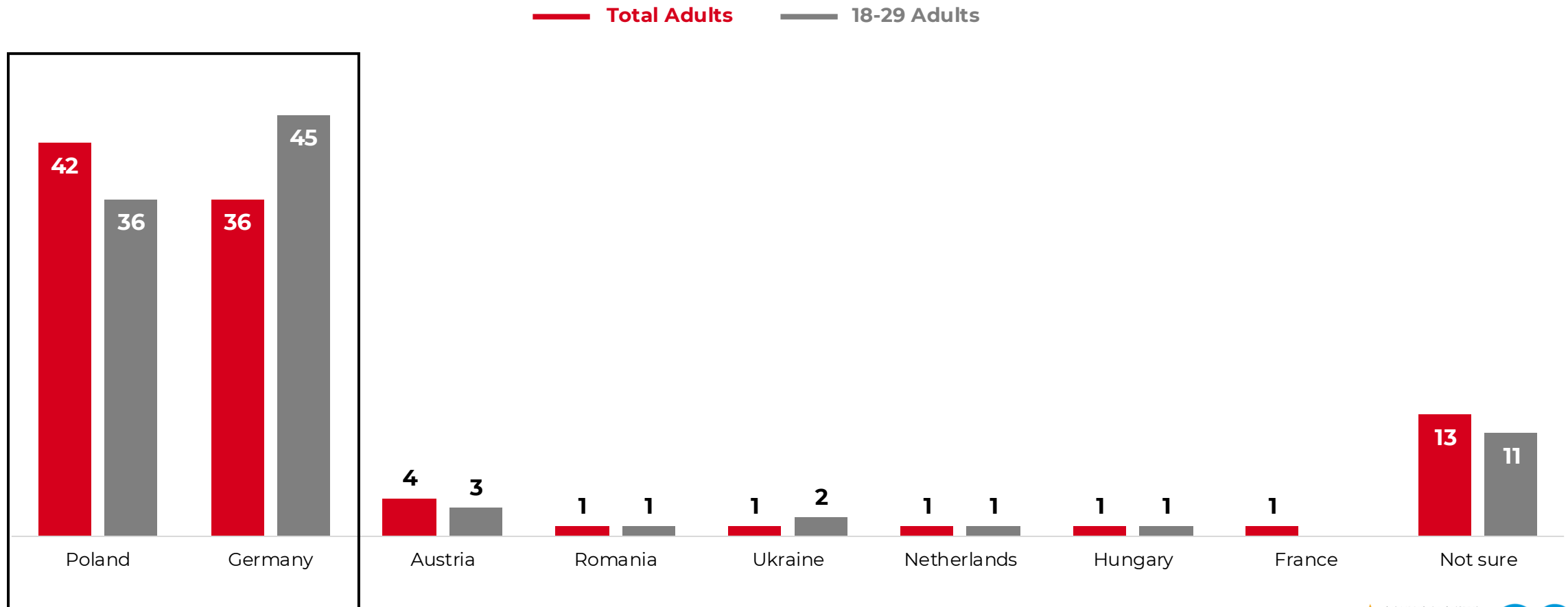


% Believe 2 million or fewer Jews were killed during the Holocaust



A plurality of Irish adults overall know that the largest number of Jews murdered by the Nazis came from Poland, though those under 30 are less knowledgeable

The largest number of Jewish people murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators came from:



While a majority of Irish adults know of Auschwitz, familiarity with other camps is low and 1 in 4 young adults cannot name a single camp or ghetto

Please name all of the concentration camps, killing centers (death camps), killing sites, transit camps or ghettos you have heard of.

Camp/Ghetto	Ireland Total Adults	Ireland 18-29 Adults
Auschwitz-Birkenau	60	60
Bergen-Belsen	10	5
Dachau	10	7
Treblinka	5	2
Sobibór	3	1
Buchenwald	3	2
Warsaw Ghetto	2	1
Theresienstadt	1	1
Chełmno	1	1
Majdanek	1	1
Sachsenhausen	1	1
Belzec	1	-
Don't know	22	26

Irish adults believe Hitler and high-ranking Nazis committed most of the crimes against Jews

Thinking about the ordinary European and North African populations where the Holocaust took place, which of the following statements are correct?

Statement	Ireland Total Adults	Ireland 18-29 Adults
Hitler and high-ranking Nazi officials committed most of the crimes against Jews during the Holocaust [Shoah]	60	55
A significant portion of ordinary people across Europe and North Africa helped the Nazis and their collaborators carry out the Holocaust [Shoah], directly and indirectly	26	23
Most ordinary people in Europe and North Africa were not aware of the persecution of Jews during the Holocaust [Shoah]	24	24
Most ordinary people in Europe and North Africans tried to help or rescue Jews	20	13
Not sure	14	23

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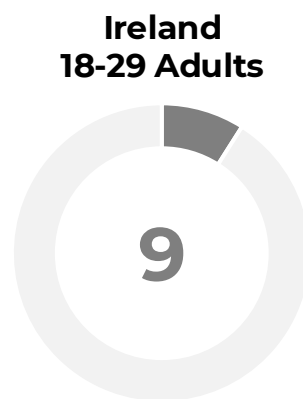
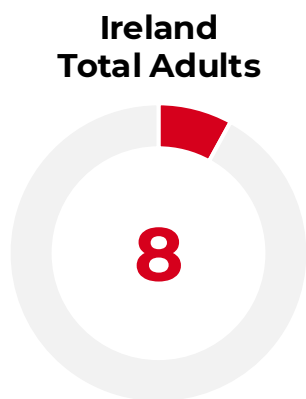
Holocaust Denial and Distortion

1 in 5 Irish adults don't believe the number of Jews killed during the Holocaust has been accurately described

You will now see a few statements that some people have made about the Holocaust [Shoah], which included the persecution and murder of approximately 6 million Jews between 1933 and 1945. For each, please indicate if you agree or disagree:

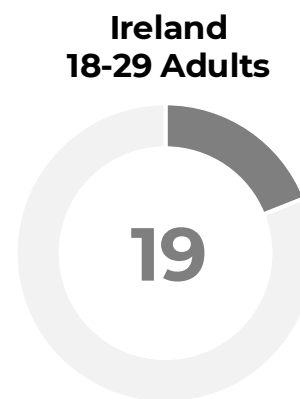
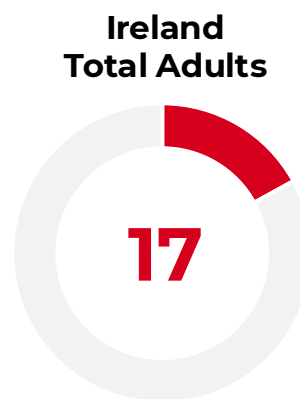
% who **AGREE**:

The Holocaust [Shoah] is a myth and did not happen.



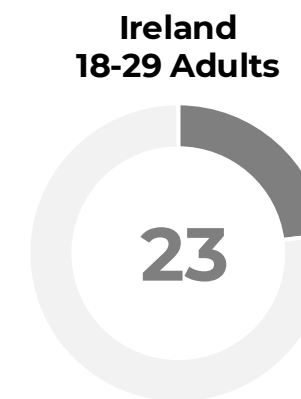
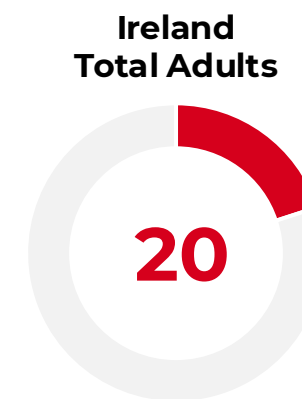
% who **AGREE**:

The Holocaust [Shoah] happened, but the number of Jews who were killed during the Holocaust [Shoah] has been greatly exaggerated.



% who **DISAGREE**:

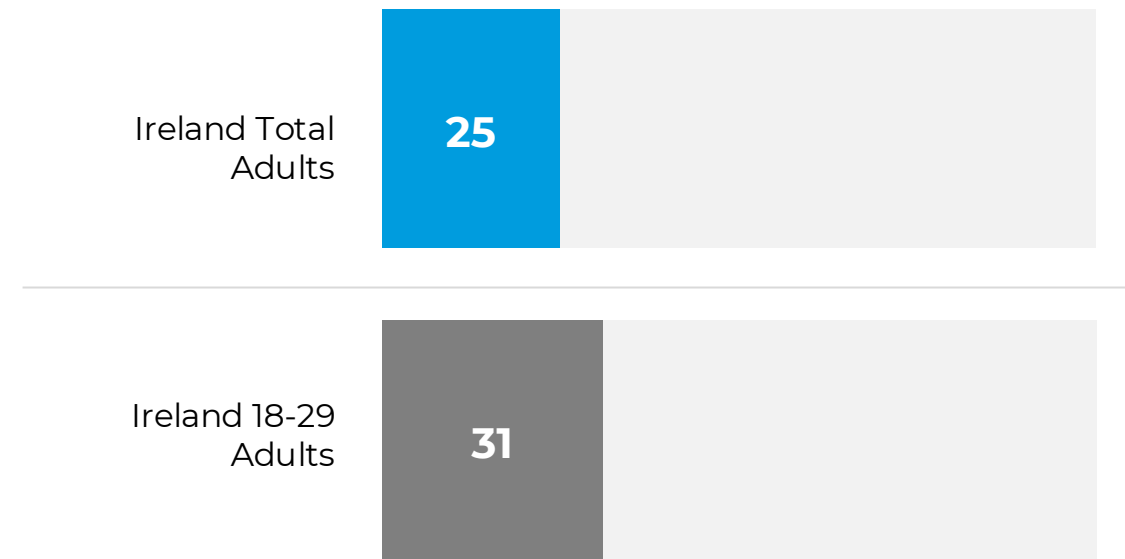
The Holocaust [Shoah] happened, and the number of Jews who were killed during the Holocaust [Shoah] has been accurately and fairly described.



Many Irish adults report that Holocaust denial or distortion are common in Ireland – 1 in 4 for distortion, and 1 in 5 for denial

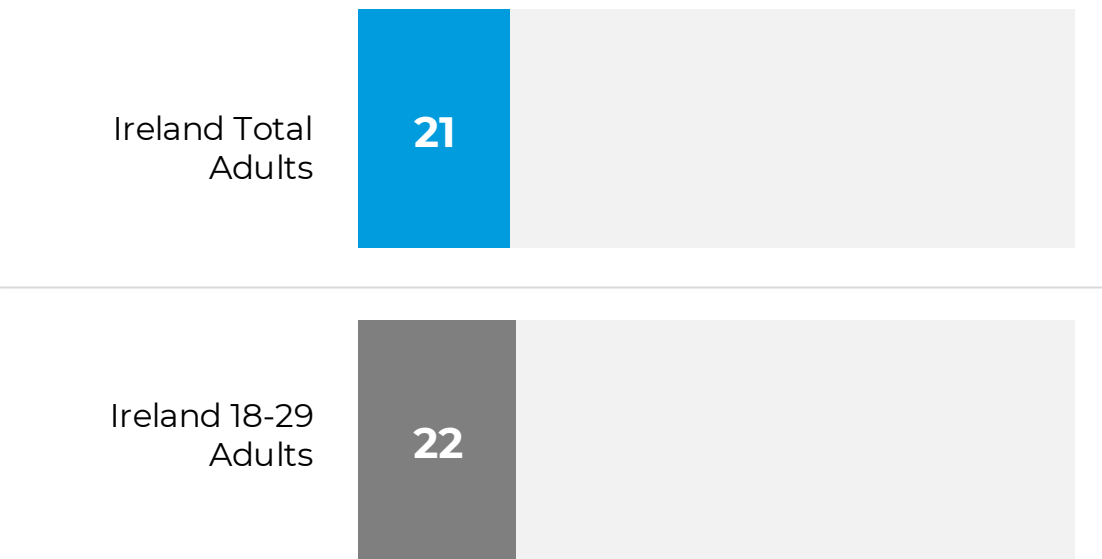
PROMPT: Holocaust distortion refers to intentional efforts to excuse or minimize the impact of the Holocaust or its principal elements, including collaborators and allies of Nazi Germany, the gross minimization of the number of the victims of the Holocaust in contradiction to reliable sources, attempts to blame the Jews for causing their own genocide, statements that cast the Holocaust as a positive historical event, or attempts to blur the responsibility for the establishment of concentration camps and killing centers (death camps), devised and operated by Nazi Germany by putting blame on other nations or ethnic groups.

In your opinion, how common is Holocaust distortion in **Ireland** today?



PROMPT: Holocaust denial denies the historical reality and the extent of the extermination of the Jews by the German Nazis and their accomplices during World War II, known as the Holocaust. Holocaust denial refers specifically to any attempt to claim that the Holocaust did not take place. Holocaust denial may include publicly denying or calling into doubt the use of principal mechanisms of destruction (such as gas chambers, mass shooting, starvation, and torture) or the intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people.

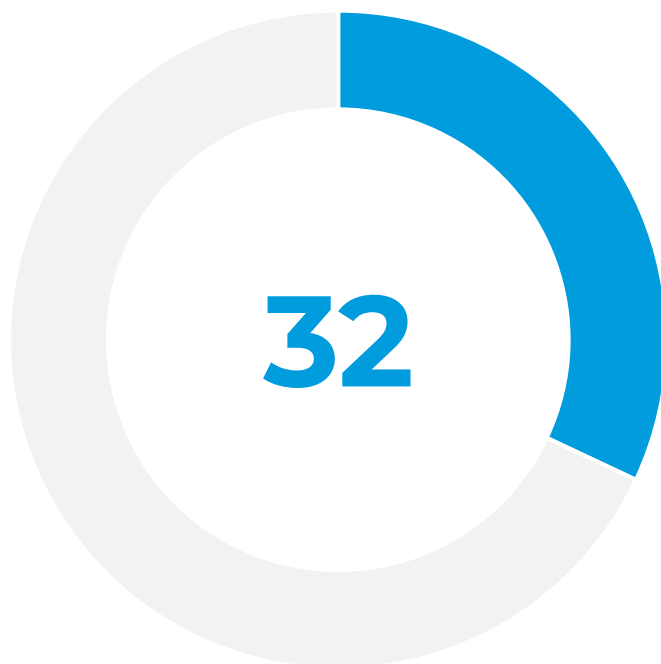
In your opinion, how common is Holocaust denial in **Ireland** today?



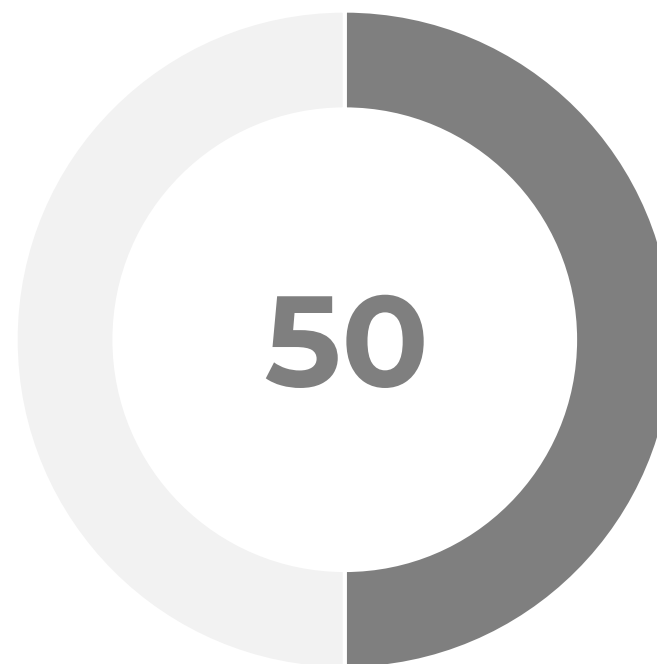
Compared to Irish adults broadly, younger adults are significantly likelier to encounter Holocaust denial or distortion online

Have you encountered Holocaust denial or distortion while on social media? [Showing % **Yes**]

Ireland Total Adults



Ireland 18-29 Adults



Irish adults see Holocaust denial or distortion the most on Facebook, while younger adults see it the most on TikTok

[IF SEEN HOLOCAUST DENIAL OR DISTORTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA] You indicated that you have encountered Holocaust denial or distortion previously while on social media. On which social media platforms do you recall seeing Holocaust denial or distortion?

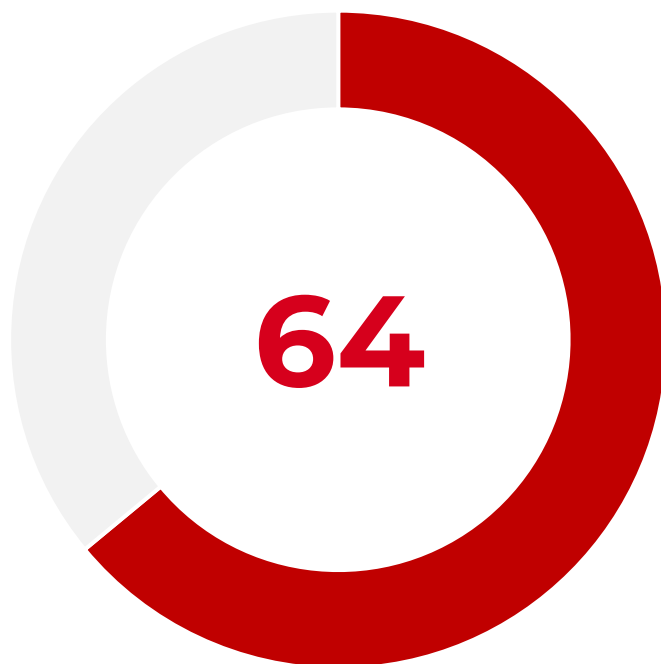
Social Media Platform	Ireland Total Adults	Ireland 18-29 Adults
Facebook	41	14
X (Twitter)	38	38
TikTok	37	44
YouTube	32	19
Instagram	24	30
WhatsApp	11	9
Telegram	7	4
Discord	7	11
Reddit	6	9
LinkedIn	6	1
Snapchat	5	9
Messenger (Facebook)	4	3
YikYak	3	-
Threads	3	1
Signal	2	2
Pinterest	1	2
Mastodon	1	2
Other	-	-
None of the above	1	-

2 in 3 Irish adults believe something like the Holocaust could happen again today

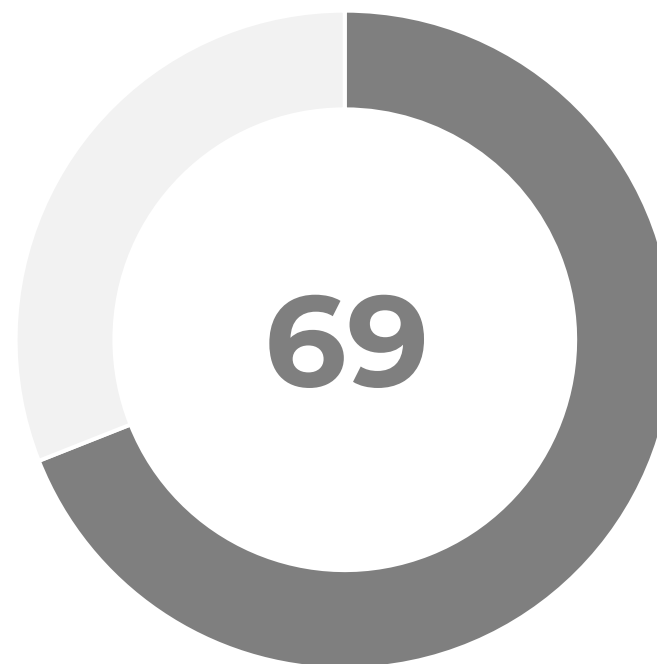
% who AGREE:

Something like the Holocaust (another mass genocide against the Jewish people) could happen again today.

Ireland Total Adults



Ireland 18-29 Adults



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Holocaust Education

Vast majorities of Irish adults believe in the importance of continuing to teach about the Holocaust, including in schools

PROMPT: You will now see a few statements about Holocaust [Shoah] education. For each, please indicate if you agree or disagree.

% who AGREE:

It is important to continue teaching people about the Holocaust, in part, so it doesn't happen again.

The Holocaust should be taught in schools.

Ireland Total
Adults

92

Ireland 18-29
Adults

91

Ireland Total
Adults

88

Ireland 18-29
Adults

88

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