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, [Young and old, city and country: Ireland unites to end abortion ban](#) [1], Observer, 2018, pp. 1-3

Analyses the referendum and the 66.4 per cent vote to repeal the amendment to the Irish Constitution forbidding abortion.

See also:

Emma Graham Harrison "'The future is safe" - a long fight pays off', *Guardian Weekly*, 10/06/18, p. 4-5, which looks back at 35 years of courageous campaigning, and Karl McDonald, 'Irish battle goes global: Abortion campaigners from around the world are intervening in referendum', *the i*, 19 May 2018, p.35.

, [Timeline: the history of abortion in Ireland](#) [2], the journal.ie, 2018

Traces the most important steps that in the last 40 years have shaped the public debates and attitudes towards abortion, until the 25th May 2018 referendum that legalised it in Ireland.

See also <http://time.com/5286910/ireland-abortion-laws-history/> [3]

, [Abortion in Ireland and Northern Ireland](#) [4], Amnesty International, 2019

This link includes some of the campaigns and articles on abortion advocacy by Amnesty International. The most interesting articles have been selected to give a sense of how the campaigns developed since 2017. But users should keep accessing it to look for further material Amnesty International will upload in the future.

See a poll conducted by Amnesty International on whether Northern Ireland should change its abortion law published on 30 November 2018

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/northern-ireland-abortion-law-poll> [5].

See also <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/abortion-poll-research-majority-people-northern-ireland-want-decriminalise> [6] for a poll conducted in May 2017 on the same issue.

See the open letter to Prime minister Theresa May to change 'cruel' Northern Ireland abortion law published on 21 November 2018

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/press-releases/kate-beckinsale-claire-foy-jodie-whittaker-and-olivia-colman-call-theresa-may-change> [7]

Link to pro-abortion campaigns led by Amnesty International, including links to the 2019 campaign #NowForNI, a campaign organised on the occasion of the celebration of the first anniversary of the repeal of the Eight Amendment in Ireland which led to the legalisation of abortion in the Irish Republic.

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/safe-abortions-northern-ireland> [8]

See the petition for obtaining the legalisation of abortion in Ireland published on 16 February 2017.

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/ireland-abortion-laws-repeal-eighth-amendment> [9]

, [Ireland: one year since vote to end abortion ban](#) [10], amnesty International, 2019

Amnesty International pays tribute to the Irish campaigners that led to the revolutionary referendum that repealed the Eight Amendment (25-26 May 2018), thus legalising abortion. It also highlights the human rights violation that



women in Northern Ireland faced because of the harsh and restrictive anti-abortion law then applicable.

, [The referendum that changed Ireland](#) [11], Foreign Policy, 2019

To celebrate the first anniversary from the repeal of the Eight Amendment of the Irish Constitution that prevented women accessing abortion even in cases of rape and incest, Ailbhe Smyth, the co-director of the 'Together for Yes' campaign in Ireland, is interviewed on *First Person* and describes what it was like for women in Ireland to live under the ban, and how the predominantly Catholic country managed to overturn it. She also talks about the laws passed in 2019 in Alabama and other parts of the United States that ban most abortions.

See also <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/5050/world-reaction-ireland-historic-vote-abortion-rights/> [12]

, [The Big Story: Global Climate Protests](#) [13], Guardian Weekly, 2019, pp. 10-14

Covers the demonstrations by school children and students in an estimated 185 countries with a photo of a protest in Nairobi, Kenya, and an overview of the protests in their environmental and political context. Coverage also includes brief statements from young activists in Australia, Thailand, India, Afghanistan, South Africa, Ireland and the US; the speech by Greta Thunberg to the UN Climate Action summit in New York; and 10 charts explaining the climate crisis.

See also: Milman, Oliver, 'Crowds Welcome Thunberg to New York after Atlantic Crossing', *The Guardian*, 29 Aug. 2019, p.3.

Reports on Thunberg's arrival in New York where she was to address the UN Climate Action summit on reaching zero carbon emissions.

, [When we are together, we are strongest](#) [14], Abortion Rights Campaign (ARC), 2019

This blog post received criticisms for the failure to include the voices of migrants, people of colour, trans and non-binary people in the Irish referendum campaign. The original blog post is preserved for transparency and accountability. It includes, however, a more recent response acknowledging the criticisms that have been made against it. It is a good source of information for activists on how to establish a more inclusive type of communication on issues related to abortion rights.

Bloomer, Fiona ; Pierson, Claire ; Estrada, Sylvia, [Reimagining Global Abortion Politics: A Social Justice Perspective](#) [15], Bristol and Chicago, Policy Press, 2020, pp. 176

This book uses case studies from a range of countries to provide a transnational and interdisciplinary analysis of trends in abortion politics, and considers how religion, nationalism, and culture impact on abortion law and access. It also explores the impact of international human rights norms and the role of activists on law reform and access to abortion. Finally the authors examine the future of abortion politics through the more holistic lens of 'reproductive justice'. The countries included are: Argentina, Egypt, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, Uruguay and the US.

Bowman, Andy, [Shell to Sea](#) [16], Red Pepper, no. Dec/Jan, 2009, pp. 40-41

Discusses community campaign in County Mayo on west coast of Ireland against a planned gas pipeline and refinery. The campaign involved fasting, blockades and civil disobedience by five men who defied compulsory purchase orders and went to jail. (See also Rossport 5 and Siggins below)

Browne, Kath ; Calkin, Sydney, [After Repeal. Rethinking Abortion Politics](#) [17], London, Zed, 2019, pp. 311

The 2018 referendum to overturn Ireland's abortion ban had worldwide significance. The campaign to repeal the



Eight Amendment succeeded against a background of religious and patriarchal dogmatism, representing a major transformation of Irish society itself. This work explores both the campaign and the implications of the referendum result for politics, identity and culture in the Republic of Ireland. It explores activism, artwork, social movements, law, media, democratic institutions, and reproductive technologies in the country and beyond.

de'Londras, Fiona, [Repealing the 8th: Reforming Irish abortion law](#) [18], ed. [De Zordo, Silvia](#) [19], [Mishtal, Joanna](#) [20], [Anton, Lorena](#) [21], Bristol, Policy Press, 2018, pp. 152

This book was compiled before the 2018 constitutional referendum that liberalised abortion in the Republic of Ireland. It offers practical proposals for policymakers and advocates, including model legislation, making it an important campaigning tool for feminists in other countries.

de Freytas-Tamura, Kimiko ; Cowell, Alan, [After Ireland abortion vote, Northern Irish ask 'Why not us?'](#) [22], The New York Times, 2018

Elucidates the differences between the conditions that led Ireland to a pro-abortion vote in May 2018 and the obstacles that Northern Ireland still then faced.

See also <https://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2018/06/05/616915043/ireland-voted-to-allow-abortion-but-its-still-strictly-banned-in-northern-ireland> [23]

Field, Luke, [The abortion referendum of 2018 and a timeline of abortion politics in Ireland to date](#) [24], ed. [Browne, Kath](#) [25], [Calkin, Sydney](#) [26], Irish Political Studies, Vol. 33, no. 4, 2018, pp. 608-628

Ireland voted in 2018 to remove its constitutional ban on abortion in almost all circumstances. This overturned a previous vote by referendum to institute such a ban in 1983. The 2018 vote demonstrated how far Irish society has moved in a socially liberal direction. The 2018 referendum is also of interest to scholars of deliberative processes, given the key role played by Ireland's Citizens' Assembly in fostering the debate and shaping both the referendum question and the draft legislation that was to follow. This report provides the historical context of this referendum and discusses the deliberative processes and the dynamics of the referendum campaign itself.

Fletcher, Ruth, [#RepealedThe8th: Translating Travesty, Global Conversation, and the Irish Abortion Referendum](#) [27], Feminist Legal Studies, Vol. 26, 2018, pp. 233-259

The author argues that feminism has been closely linked to reproductive rights, and Irish feminism contributed a significant 'legal win' with the landslide vote for lifting abortion restrictions in the 2018 referendum. This win is especially significant when right wing populist pressure is restricting women's reproductive rights in many countries. The movement #RepealedThe8th shows how legal tools like the vote can express care for reproductive lives. This paper 'reflects on the #Repeal movement as a process of feminist socio-legal translation in order to show how legal change comes about through the motivation of collective joy, the mourning of damaged and lost lives, the sharing of legal knowledge, and the claiming of the rest of reproductive life.'

Gallagher, Tom ; O'Connell, James, [Contemporary Irish Studies](#) [28], Manchester, Manchester University Press, 1983, pp. 144

Hilary, John, [The Poverty of Capitalism: Economic Meltdown and the Struggle for What Comes Next](#) [29], London, Pluto Press, 2013, pp. 240

Analysis by War on Want director of how neoliberal elite is using the 2008 crisis to entrench its own power and impose neoliberal policies on Greece, Spain, Portugal and Ireland. The book ends with a sketch of the growing worldwide struggle against neoliberalism and suggesting how alternatives might be strengthened.



Kedzior, Sya Buryn ; Leonard, Liam, [Occupy the Earth: Global Environmental Movements \[30\]](#), ed. [Kalland, Arne \[31\]](#), [Persoon, Gerard \[32\]](#), Bingley, Emerald Publishing Group, 2014, pp. 275

Covers range of environmental campaigns in different parts of the world, including Ireland, France, Israel, Japan, India and Indonesia.

Kennedy, Sinéad, [Ireland's fight for choice \[33\]](#), Jacobin, 2018

Narrates the history of Ireland's constitutional ban on abortion and was published a few weeks before the referendum that legalized abortion in May 2018.

See also <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-05-27/abortion-referendum:-ireland-votes-to-liberalise-laws/9803848> [34]

Loughlin, Elaine ; O'Cionnaith, Fiachra, [How they did it: behind the scenes of how the Eight was repealed \[35\]](#), Irish Examiner, 2018

A comprehensive overview of how the campaign for 'Yes' – which led to the repeal of the Eight Amendment of the Irish Constitution and legalisation of abortion in May 2018 - was organised in Ireland.

See also <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/27/world/europe/savita-halappanavar-ireland-abortion.html> [36]; <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/may/26/ireland-has-changed-utterly-the-cruel-eighth-amendment-is-history> [37]; <https://www.ft.com/content/b60d313e-f826-11e8-af46-2022a0b02a6c> [38] and <https://mobilisationlab.org/stories/how-powerful-conversations-yes-ireland/> [39]

Michie, Lydia ; Balaam, Madeline ; McCarthy, John ; Osadchiy, Timur ; Morrissey, Kellie, [From Her Story, to Our Story: Digital Storytelling as Public Engagement around Abortion Rights Advocacy in Ireland \[40\]](#), CHI '18: Proceedings of the 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, no. Paper no 357, 2018, pp. 1-16

The divisive nature of abortion within the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland meant that access to safe, legal abortion has been severely restricted. This paper focuses on how achieving legal reform requires changing public opinion, and contributes to a growing body of Health Care Informed (HCI) research that takes an activist approach to designing digital story-telling. The authors report findings from four design workshops with 31 pro-choice stakeholders across Ireland in which they used a digital storytelling platform – HerStoryTold - to promote critical conversations around sensitive abortion narratives. The findings show how digital storytelling can help reject false narratives and raise awareness of the realities of abortion laws. The authors also suggest the workshops provide design directions to curate narratives that 'provoke empathy, foster a plurality of voices, and ultimately expand the engaged community.'

Mulally, Una, [Repeal the 8th \[41\]](#), London, Unbound, 2018, pp. 224

A collection of stories, essays, poems and photographs recalling the movement that advocated reproductive rights in Ireland up to the May 2018 referendum.

O'Brien, Conor Cruise, [States of Ireland \[42\]](#), [1972], Republished, London, Faber & Faber, 2015

Mixture of history, personal memoir and analysis by this Irish academic, writer and statesman. In chapter 8, 'Civil Rights: the Crossroads' (pp. 147-77) he argues that the campaign of civil disobedience begun by the civil rights movement in 1968 was bound in the context of Northern Ireland's deeply divided society to increase sectarianism and lead to violence. Defends Partition on the grounds that the alternative would have been a much bloodier civil war than the one that occurred in the South in 1922-23. Cites a loyalty survey conducted by Richard Rose in 1968 to dismiss as unrealistic the proposition that the Catholic and Protestant working class might unite in a struggle against a common class enemy and create a workers' republic in a united Ireland.



O'Leary, Naomi, ['Foreigners groups invade Ireland's online abortion debate'](#) [43], ed. [Mulally, Una](#) [44], Politico, 2018

Reports on the ban that Facebook and Google put on foreign ads from activists in the US, UK and other countries' and from vloggers, which were directed at influencing an-anti abortion result in the 2018 Irish referendum.

See also <https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/the-poisonous-online-campaign-to-defeat-the-abortion-referendum-1.3486236> [45] and <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/overseas-influence-in-abortion-referendum-will-be-hard-to-stop-1.3406610> [46]

Rose, Richard, ['Governing Without Consensus, An Irish Perspective'](#) [47], London, Faber & Faber and Beacon Press, 1971, pp. 567

Standard and frequently cited work by an American political scientist based in Britain. Charts the origins and development of the divided community in Northern Ireland since the foundation of the state, and considers the problems of governance it gives rise to. Includes a discussion of the civil rights movement. Sees no immediately practicable solution to the problem and draws a comparison with the race problems in the United States. The analysis is supported by data from an extensive social survey of public opinion and informal discussions with people active in Northern Ireland politics.

Rosspport 5, ['Rosspport 5 – Our Story'](#) [48], Introduction by Mark Garavan, Small World Media, 2007, pp. 208

Accounts by five farmers (and wives) jailed for resisting Shell high-pressure gas pipeline in County Mayo, Ireland. This campaign against Shell's gas refinery gained national and transnational attention and support, and involved reciprocal solidarity actions with the Ogoni people.

Sambaraju, Rahul ; Sammon, Myles ; Harnett, Frank ; Douglas, Emma, ['Her choice of course': Negotiating legitimacy of 'choice' in abortion rights deliberations during the 'Repeal the Eighth' movement in Ireland'](#) [49], *Journal of Health Psychology*, Vol. 23, no. 2, 2017, pp. 263-276

The authors provide a 'discursive psychological examination' of how 'choice' was interpreted in online debates during the movement for abortion rights. The interpretation of 'choice' was linked to alternative views of women, either as independent agents or as child-bearing mothers, which affected the legitimacy of women's rights to 'choice'.

Siggins, Lorna, ['Once Upon a Time in the West: The Corrib Gas Controversy'](#) [50], Dublin, Transworld, 2010, pp. 448

Account by *Irish Times* reporter of the 'Shell to Sea' struggle and civil disobedience by locals in Rosspport County Mayo against gas pipeline, but with emphasis on planning process and legal issues.

Stettner, Shannon ; Acherman, Katrina ; Burnett, Kristin ; Hay, Travis, ['Transcending Borders. Abortion in the Past and Present'](#) [51], Cham, Switzerland, Palgrave Macmillan, 2017, pp. 360

This volume investigates different abortion and reproductive practices across time, space, geography, national boundaries, and cultures. The authors specialise in the reproductive politics of Australia, Bolivia, Cameroon, France, 'German East Africa,' Ireland, Japan, Sweden, South Africa, the United States and Zanzibar, and cover the pre-modern era and the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, as well as the present day. Contributors draw on different theoretical frameworks, including 'intersectionality' and 'reproductive justice' to explore the very varied conditions in which women have been forced to make these life-altering decisions.



Stevenson, Robin, [My Body. My Choice. The Fight For Abortion Rights](#) [52], ed. [Sethna, Christabelle](#) [53], [Davis, Gayle](#) [54], Victoria, Canada, OrCA book Publishing, 2019, pp. 176

The book notes the long history of pro-choice activism, and explores new limits on abortion in the United States under the Trump/Pence Administration, as well as the global impact of US policy. The author then charts the pro-choice movements led by women in Canada, Ireland, and Poland; the interconnection between diversity and abortion; and the fight against abortion stigma. It also includes testimonies of women who have had abortions.

Yoon, Kate, [Towards an Equitable and Effective Climate Deal: An Interview with Mary Robinson](#) [55], *Harvard International Review*, Vol. 36, no. 3, 2015, pp. 35-37

In this interview Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and UN Special Envoy on Climate Change, talks about the Mary Robinson Foundation-Climate Justice. She discusses how climate change disproportionately affects women, especially through undermining food security, and notes that many women are farmers in developing countries.

See also: Editorial spotlight: Climate action with women, *UN Women*, 13 September 2019.

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2019/9/spotlight-climate-action-with-women> [56]

Link to women-led initiatives in Bolivia, the Caribbean and Cambodia to tackle climate change.

See also: Empowering women on the frontlines of climate change, *UN Environment Programme*, 8 March 2019.

<https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/empowering-women-frontlines-climate-change> [57]

Brief introduction to “Promoting Gender-Responsive Approaches to Natural Resource Management for Peace”, a Sudanese project implemented by UN Environment, UN Women and the United Nations Development Programme.

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