

Vote YES on 26 October

Repeal the Irish Blasphemy Law

The Irish Constitution, written in 1937, makes **blasphemy** an offence **punishable by law**. There will be a **referendum** on 26 October (along with the Presidential election) in which we can **vote to repeal** this anachronistic offence.

We support the right to freedom of **religion or belief**, the right to freedom of **speech**, and the separation of **church and State**. The Irish blasphemy law infringes all of these principles. It has **no place** in a modern democratic **republic**.

The Irish blasphemy law is **harmful**. In Ireland, it has caused media outlets to **self-censor** themselves. Globally, it has emboldened States with more **authoritarian** blasphemy laws, who have cited the Irish law at the UN to support theirs.

We agree with the many bodies that have called for repeal of the Irish blasphemy law, from the 1995 **Constitution Review Group** and the 2008 **All-Party Committee** on the Constitution, to the **United Nations** Human Rights Committee and the **Council of Europe's** Venice Commission.

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