

# 5 REASONS TO REMOVE THE BLASPHEMY LAW ON 26TH OCTOBER

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Vote Yes to 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.

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Vote Yes to allow Irish media outlets to deal objectively with religious issues, without having to self-censor themselves to avoid the possibility of a blasphemy case and a €25,000 fine.

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Vote Yes to support Christians, Ahmadi Muslims, atheists and other minorities who face persecution in Islamist States. These repressive States have cited the Irish law at the UN to justify theirs.

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Vote Yes to remind ourselves, and show the world, how much Ireland has changed since 1937. We are now a modern pluralist State that respects freedom of belief and speech.

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Vote Yes to agree with the many bodies that have called for removal of this law, including the 1991 Law Reform Commission, 1996 Constitution Review Group, 2008 All-Party Committee on the Constitution, 2013 Constitutional Convention, UN Human Rights Committee, and Council of Europe's Venice Commission.

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