

# The Price of Housing



## Part I

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# The Road to Taoiseach

## Chapter 1

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*What is the single biggest factor that drives house prices in Ireland?*



*The single biggest factor that drives house prices in Ireland is immigration*

The reason is very simple. House prices rise when demand exceeds supply. Currently demand far exceeds supply. Which means that house prices are driven upwards.

The question then is:

*Why does demand exceed supply?*

It is because the population of Ireland has risen in the Republic from about 3 and a half million when I was growing up to about 4 and a half million now.

*Demand exceeds supply because the population of Ireland has risen by **one million** in recent years*



*From having only three and a half million in the Republic some years ago to having an extra million – that is a lot*

Where did this extra million come from? It is not from the natural population growth of Irish people. The vast majority of this extra million has come from wave upon wave of hundreds of thousands of immigrants to our shores.

These people need houses to live in and so when they arrive they are in *direct competition* with Irish people for houses.

With hundreds of thousands of immigrants flooding into our country, demand now far exceeds supply

Which is what drives up the price of housing.



*Irish people now need to pay more money for housing to pay for the increase in demand from immigration*

If one understands this one understands the fundamental reason of what is driving house prices in Ireland.

*One **cannot** tackle the housing crisis without tackling what is **causing** house prices to be driven upwards*

Which is immigration.





*When I become Taoiseach I will be tackling the problem of the housing crisis*

Which means I will be tackling immigration.

*Please understand, it is **not possible** to resolve the housing crisis problem without resolving the problem of immigration*

When I become Taoiseach I will be setting up a group, headed by me, who will be tasked with addressing the housing crisis. This group will have representatives from those government bodies that deal with immigration.

I will also be setting up another group, headed by me, to look at the immigration problem.

These two groups will be working very closely together.



*Of course it is very important to have different cultures*

If done right, it enriches. I lived in Paris for 6 years. Before my teens I spent 9 months in Africa and 7 months in Malta. While in my teens I worked a summer in America, spent a few months in Australia and worked in Copenhagen for 4 months. By my early twenties I had visited over 30 countries and spent over three years abroad.

Then I moved to France at the age of 24, working as a Telecoms Engineer. I was based in Paris but travelling on average 8 to 10 times per year with work for each of those 6 years, mostly to Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. After that I went backpacking for about 9 months, mostly in Asia, with time spent backpacking through Australia, New Zealand and South America. Up to my early 30s I was always travelling, though I don't get out much these days.

And I did get to spend a few months in Nepal with a month hiking in the Himalayas, which I really enjoyed.



*Those experiences were hugely enriching for me*

I was raised travelling because of my father's work in the airport. I spent a number of summers in Africa. Two other summers spent in Malta. This was how I was raised and so for me this was normal.

Summers in Africa were quite typical. That was my childhood.

*Dr Evil Group Therapy*





## *I have spent many years in the study of Eastern Mysticism*

I trained in Thailand in Qigong (Chi Kung) and Chi Nei Tsang (a form of Thai medicine), and I studied Thai Massage in Chiang Mai, north Thailand for another couple of weeks.

I spent two weeks in a Buddhist retreat centre in Nepal and another month in meditation retreat on Koh Chang island, off Thailand. And another couple of weeks studying Qigong and Pakua in the south of France.

I spent a couple of years studying Tui Na Chinese Medicine and I did spend a couple of years studying Aikido and Tai Chi. Plus a little Silat (Indonesian martial art).

### *Nico Aikido opening scene*

But by far and away the bulk of my work in Eastern Mysticism has been my own work, for I have been developing my own systems for years.

I have spent thousands of hours in meditation with my own form of meditation that combines stillness of mind with the duality of the Tao. This form of meditation, which I have developed over many years, is what enabled me to achieve the Tao.



*By 2003 I had already developed my own forms of  
Qigong and Chinese Medicine*

I developed them from first principles, for my Extra-Sensory Perception and understanding of chi allowed me to do things that would have been considered outside the realm of what was considered possible within the framework of Traditional Chinese Medicine or Qigong. I have been developing these systems ever since.

As I have also been developing my own healing systems based on chakras. These derive from Indian medicine but the system I use has been my own now since 2003.

Similarly my understanding of the *Way of the Warrior* may have initially drawn from Bushido and Chinese Martial Arts, but the philosophy and understanding of the *Way of the Warrior* that I follow has been my own for a number of years now.

Just as I have taken the Taoist understandings from China but developed them to my own understanding of the Tao.



*I may have developed my own systems, but I have spent much of my life in the study of the East*

I spent three summers in Zambia and a summer in Nigeria, plus some other travel in Africa. And, although I do struggle with languages now since my injuries, in addition to French I have spent years studying German, Japanese, Italian and Spanish, as well as Irish.

My retention in these languages is extremely poor now. I can barely speak French and even in spoken English I can really struggle at times. My injuries did severely affect my linguistic abilities for I did take a severe head injury in 2013. It is healing slowly, but I do struggle with languages and some mathematics since the injuries, although in all other areas I am razor sharp.

That said I do have a passionate interest in languages and in cultures. Even if I struggle now with languages.

So please understand, I have enormous respect for other cultures.



*But it is about balance*

A certain amount of immigration is healthy. And no country exists in isolation.

But to add to three and a half million Irish almost a million immigrants is devastating to a country. No culture can survive that. As a people we are being wiped out culturally. More people speak Polish now in Ireland than Irish. Irish speakers are becoming more and more a minority people in our own country.

The situation is completely out of balance and this country is being devastated as a result. It is blindness to not recognise this.



*When I am elected Taoiseach I will be looking to address the immigration problem and I will also be looking to foster international trade and relations with other nations, while working with non-nationals in Ireland*

I would do both. *Duality of Principle*. Both principles are important. Cultural integrity and openness to other cultures.

But *in balance*. And right now the situation is completely out of balance. No country can sustain that imbalance without being devastated culturally.

When I am elected Taoiseach I will be setting up groups to address the interests of the different non-Irish cultures here.

We need to find a better balance. It is a tough problem, but we'll talk it out.



*Generally I do find I am pretty good at problem solving*

If we get a group of us sitting around with blackboard and chalk, who knows – maybe we'll come up with something.

I am the world's foremost economist and the founder of modern economics. The economics of Golden Age. The economics of Golden Age are very different to what passes for economics currently. I'll be introducing principles of economics in Golden Age as the documents progress. But I'll mention it here because it does tie in to housing.



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