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BAN ON OPINION POLLS

Sir, – A. Leavy (July 20th) supports the position that there is a valid case for a total ban on opinion polls. This statement is made on the basis that “opinion polls are powerful tools in the formation and manipulation of public opinion”. So too are newspapers, books, radio broadcasts, TV programmes etc. I seem to remember a chap in another country who tried to stifle such “opinion formers”, when he came to power in 1933.

Adolf Hitler or something –
Yours, etc.,
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- 1p **30** ■ How does Cormac F. Gaynor appear to look upon a “ban on opinion polls”?
- A** As a threat to the freedom of speech.
 - B** As justified from a historical point of view.
 - C** As right, considering the negative influence polls can have.