

# **Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey 2008**

## **Self completion Questionnaire**

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PROTRCMX

1. Some people think that better relations between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland will only come about through more mixing of the two communities. Others think that better relations will only come about through more separation. Which comes closest to your views...

(Please tick one box only ✓)

Better relations will come about through more <u>mixing</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
Better relations will come about through more <u>separation</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

2. And are you in favour of more mixing or more separation in...

(Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	Much more mixing	Bit more mixing	Keep things as they are	Bit more separation	Much more separation	Can't choose
<i>MIXDPRIM</i> a. Primary schools	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MIXDGRAM</i> b. Secondary and grammar schools	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MIXDLIV</i> c. Where people live	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MIXDWORK</i> d. Where people work	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MIXDLEIS</i> e. People's leisure or sports activities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MIXDMARR</i> f. People's marriages	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

3. Thinking about flags being flown on lampposts in Northern Ireland, in your opinion, who usually puts up Union flags on lampposts?

(Please tick all that apply ✓)

<i>ULAMP1</i>	Town councils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
<i>ULAMP2</i>	Political parties	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
<i>ULAMP3</i>	Cultural groups	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
<i>ULAMP4</i>	Paramilitary groups	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
<i>ULAMP5</i>	Other community groups	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<i>ULAMP6</i>	Isolated individuals	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
	Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

4. In your opinion, who usually puts up Irish Tricolour flags on lampposts?

**(Please tick all that apply ✓)**

- |          |                        |                               |   |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| TRILAMP1 | Town councils          | ✓<br><input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| TRILAMP2 | Political parties      | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 2 |
| TRILAMP3 | Cultural groups        | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 3 |
| TRILAMP4 | Paramilitary groups    | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 4 |
| TRILAMP5 | Other community groups | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 5 |
| TRILAMP6 | Isolated individuals   | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 6 |
|          | Can't choose           | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 8 |

WHNUFLG2

5. And thinking about flags flown on lampposts on main streets in Northern Ireland, when do you think it is legitimate to display Union flags on main streets?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- |  |                               |   |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
| All year round                             | ✓<br><input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| Only for a few weeks around special events | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 2 |
| For the months around special events       | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 3 |
| Never                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 4 |
| It depends                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 5 |
| Can't choose                               | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 8 |

WHENTRI2

6. And thinking about flags flown on lampposts on main streets in Northern Ireland, when do you think it is legitimate to display Irish Tricolours on main streets?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- |  |                               |   |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
| All year round                             | ✓<br><input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| Only for a few weeks around special events | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 2 |
| For the months around special events       | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 3 |
| Never                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 4 |
| It depends                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 5 |
| Can't choose                               | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 8 |

SHOPUFLG

7. Would you be less willing to shop in neighbourhoods with displays of loyalist flags or murals, more willing or would it make no difference?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- |                          |                               |   |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Less willing             | ✓<br><input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| More willing             | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 2 |
| Would make no difference | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 3 |
| Can't choose             | <input type="checkbox"/>      | 8 |

SHOPTRI

8. Would you be less willing to shop in neighbourhoods with displays of republican flags or murals, more willing or would it make no difference?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Less willing	✓ <input type="checkbox"/>	1
More willing	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Would make no difference	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

Now some questions about 'migrant workers', that is people who come to Northern Ireland to work but not necessarily to stay permanently. For example someone from one of the Eastern European countries that have joined the EU.

MIGWNGH

9. Suppose a house in your immediate neighbourhood was sold or rented to migrant workers from Eastern Europe. How comfortable or uncomfortable would you feel with these new neighbours?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Very comfortable	✓ <input type="checkbox"/>	1	
A bit uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
Very uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
I am from Eastern Europe myself	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	If you are from Eastern Europe, please go to Q12
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	

MIGWDENT

10. And suppose you needed an emergency appointment at your dentist's surgery and the only dentist who could see you was a migrant worker from an Eastern European country. How comfortable or uncomfortable do you think you would be with this dentist?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Very comfortable	✓ <input type="checkbox"/>	1
A bit uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Very uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

MIGWNURS

11. And suppose you were a patient in hospital and the nurse in charge of looking after you was a migrant worker from an Eastern European country. How comfortable or uncomfortable do you think you would be with this nurse?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Very comfortable	✓ <input type="checkbox"/>	1
A bit uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Very uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

The next few questions are about people of a minority ethnic background, for example, Chinese or Asian, and who may have lived in Northern Ireland all their lives.

*CMEGNUR2*

12. Suppose you were a patient in hospital and the nurse in charge of looking after you was someone of a minority ethnic group. How comfortable or uncomfortable do you think you would be with this nurse?  
**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

Very comfortable	✓ <input type="checkbox"/>	1
A bit uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Very uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

13. How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements about minority ethnic communities in Northern Ireland?  
**(Please tick one box on each line ✓)**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>NIMEC1</i> People from minority ethnic communities are less respected in Northern Ireland than they once were	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>NIMEC2</i> I personally know quite a bit about the culture of some minority ethnic communities living in Northern Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>NIMEC3</i> The culture of Irish Travellers is more respected by people in Northern Ireland than it once was	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

14. Thinking of people from minority ethnic communities and the role that they play in public life, how much do you think that people from minority ethnic communities participate as...  
**(Please tick one box on each line ✓)**

	A lot	A little	Hardly at all	Can't choose
<i>MECGOV</i> School governors	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MECPOL</i> Politicians	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MECBUSNS</i> Prominent business people	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MECFAITH</i> Leaders within their churches or faith communities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>MECMEDIA</i> Commentators in the media on issues concerning minority ethnic communities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

15. And how much do you agree or disagree with this statement?  
 (Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<b>ORGMEC</b> Organisations and leaders in public life, such as politicians, community groups and churches, should encourage members of minority ethnic communities to participate in public life.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

16. **RUHAPPY**  
 If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Very happy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
Fairly happy	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Not very happy	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Not at all happy	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

17. **SEXBFMAR**  
 Do you think it is wrong or not wrong if a man and a woman have sexual relations before marriage?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Always wrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
Almost always wrong	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Wrong only sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Not wrong at all	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

18. **ADULTERY**  
 What about a married person having sexual relations with someone other than his or her husband or wife, is it?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Always wrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
Almost always wrong	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Wrong only sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Not wrong at all	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

SEXHOMO

19. And what about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex, is it?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

Always wrong	✓ <input type="checkbox"/> 1
Almost always wrong	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Wrong only sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Not wrong at all	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

20. Do you personally think it is wrong or not wrong for a woman to have an abortion...

(Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	Always wrong	Almost always wrong	Wrong only sometimes	Not wrong at all	Can't choose
<i>ABORWRGA</i>					
a. If there is a strong chance of a serious defect in the baby	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>ABORWRGB</i>					
b. If the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

SEXROLE2

21. Do you agree or disagree...  
*A husband's job is to earn money; a wife's job is to look after the home and family*

(Please tick one box only ✓)

Strongly agree	✓ <input type="checkbox"/> 1
Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

PEOPTRST

22. Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

People can almost always be trusted	✓ <input type="checkbox"/> 1
People can usually be trusted	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

23. How much confidence do you have in ....

*(Please tick one box on each line ✓)*

	Complete confidence	A great deal of confidence	Some confidence	Very little confidence	No confidence at all	Can't choose
<i>PARLCONF</i> a. Parliament at Westminster?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>BUSCONF</i> b. Business and industry?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>CHCHCONF</i> c. Churches and religious organisations?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>CORTCONF</i> d. Courts and the legal system?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>SCHLCONF</i> e. Schools and the educational system?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

24. *MOVELIFE*  
We are interested in the extent to which you have moved from one kind of place to another. Which do you think is most like your experience of life?

*(Please tick one box only ✓)*

I have lived in different countries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
I have lived in different places in the same country	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
I have lived in different neighbourhoods in the same place	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
I have always lived in the same neighbourhood	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

25. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?

*(Please tick one box on each line ✓)*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>RLGINFVT</i> a. Religious leaders should not try to influence how people vote in elections	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>RLGINFGV</i> b. Religious leaders should not try to influence government decisions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

26. Please consider the following statements and tell me whether you agree or disagree.  
 (Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>SCIEHARM</i> a. Overall, modern science does more harm than good	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>SCIETRST</i> b. We trust too much in science and not enough in religious faith	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>RELPROB1</i> c. Looking around the world, religions bring more conflict than peace	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>RELPROB2</i> d. People with very strong religious beliefs are often too intolerant of others	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

27. *CHCHPOWER*  
 Do you think that churches and religious organisations in this country have too much power or too little power?

(Please tick one box only ✓)

Far too much power	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
Too much power	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
About the right amount of power	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Too little power	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Far too little power	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

28. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?  
 (Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>RELRGHTS</i> a. All religious groups in Northern Ireland should have equal rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>RESPREL</i> b. We must respect all religions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

29. *DIFFMARR*  
 People have different religions and different religious views.  
 Would you accept a person from a different religion or with a very  
 different religious view from yours...

a. ...marrying a relative of yours?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

- |                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
|                       | ✓                          |
| Definitely accept     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 |
| Probably accept       | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Probably not accept   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| Definitely not accept | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Can't choose          | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 |

*DIFFCAND*  
 b. ...being a candidate of the political party you prefer?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

- |                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
|                       | ✓                          |
| Definitely accept     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 |
| Probably accept       | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Probably not accept   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| Definitely not accept | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Can't choose          | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 |

30. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider religious extremists, that is people who believe that their religion is the only true faith and all other religions should be considered as enemies. Do you think such people should be allowed to...

*REXTMEET*  
 a. ...hold public meetings to express their views?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

- |                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
|                | ✓                          |
| Definitely     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 |
| Probably       | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Probably not   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| Definitely not | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Can't choose   | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 |

*REXTPUB*  
 b. ...publish books expressing their views?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

- |                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
|                | ✓                          |
| Definitely     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 |
| Probably       | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| Probably not   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| Definitely not | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Can't choose   | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 |

31. *GODBELF1*  
Please tick one box below to show which statement comes closest to expressing what you believe about God.

*(Please tick one box only ✓)*

- I don't believe in God  1 ✓
- I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out  2
- I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind  3
- I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others  4
- While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God  5
- I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it  6

32. *GODBELF2*  
Which best describes your beliefs about God?

*(Please tick one box only ✓)*

- I don't believe in God now and I never have  1 ✓
- I don't believe in God now, but I used to  2
- I believe in God now, but I didn't used to  3
- I believe in God now and I always have  4
- Can't choose  8

33. Do you believe in...

*(Please tick one box on each line ✓)*

	Yes definitely	Yes probably	No Probably not	No Definitely not	Can't choose
<i>AFTRLIFE</i>					
a. Life after death?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>HEAVEN</i>					
b. Heaven?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>HELL</i>					
c. Hell?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>RELGMIRC</i>					
d. Religious miracles?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>REINCARN</i>					
e. Reincarnation – being born in this world again and again?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>NIRVANA</i>					
f. Nirvana?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>ANCESTOR</i>					
g. The supernatural powers of deceased ancestors?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

34. Do you agree or disagree with the following...  
 (Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>GODCONCN</i>						
a. There is a God who concerns himself with every human being personally	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>FATALIST</i>						
b. There is little that people can do to change the course of their lives	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>GODGMEAN</i>						
c. To me, life is meaningful only because God exists	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>LFNOPURP</i>						
d. In my opinion, life does not serve any purpose	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>SLFGMEAN</i>						
e. Life is only meaningful if you provide the meaning yourself	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>GODNOCH</i>						
f. I have my own way of connecting with God without churches or religious services	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

35. *MUMRELIG*  
 What was your mother's religion when you were a child?

(Please tick one box only ✓)

- Catholic  01
- Church of Ireland  02
- Methodist  03
- Presbyterian  04
- Free Presbyterian  05
- Evangelical Christian  06
- Other Protestant  07
- Other Christian  08
- Jewish  09
- Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox)  10
- Muslim  11
- Other religion  12
- No religion  13
- No mother/mother not present  14
- Don't know  98

*DADRELIG*

36. What was your father's religion when you were a child?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- |  |                          |    |
|--|--------------------------|----|
|  | ✓                        |    |
| Catholic                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 01 |
| Church of Ireland                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | 02 |
| Methodist                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | 03 |
| Presbyterian                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 04 |
| Free Presbyterian                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | 05 |
| Evangelical Christian                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | 06 |
| Other Protestant                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | 07 |
| Other Christian                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | 08 |
| Jewish                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 09 |
| Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 |
| Muslim                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 |
| Other religion                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 |
| No religion                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13 |
| No mother/mother not present                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 14 |
| Don't know                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 98 |

*FAMREL2*

37. What religion, if any, were you raised in?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- |  |                          |    |
|--|--------------------------|----|
|  | ✓                        |    |
| Catholic                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 01 |
| Church of Ireland                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | 02 |
| Methodist                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | 03 |
| Presbyterian                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 04 |
| Free Presbyterian                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | 05 |
| Evangelical Christian                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | 06 |
| Other Protestant                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | 07 |
| Other Christian                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | 08 |
| Jewish                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 09 |
| Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 |
| Muslim                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 |
| Other religion                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 |
| No religion                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13 |
| Don't know                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 98 |

If you are currently married or living as married, answer question 38; if you are not currently married or living as married, go to question 39.

*PRTNRRLG*

38. What is your husband's/wife's/partner's religion?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

- |  |                          |    |
|--|--------------------------|----|
|  | ✓                        |    |
| Catholic                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 01 |
| Church of Ireland                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | 02 |
| Methodist                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | 03 |
| Presbyterian                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 04 |
| Free Presbyterian                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | 05 |
| Evangelical Christian                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | 06 |
| Other Protestant                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | 07 |
| Other Christian                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | 08 |
| Jewish                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 09 |
| Orthodox (such as Greek or Russian Orthodox) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 |
| Muslim                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 |
| Other religion                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 |
| No religion                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13 |
| Don't know                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 98 |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> |    |

*MUMATTCH*

39. When you were a child, how often did your mother attend religious services?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

- |                              |                          |    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|----|
|                              | ✓                        |    |
| Never                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | 01 |
| Less than once a year        | <input type="checkbox"/> | 02 |
| About once or twice a year   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 03 |
| Several times a year         | <input type="checkbox"/> | 04 |
| About once a month           | <input type="checkbox"/> | 05 |
| 2-3 times a month            | <input type="checkbox"/> | 06 |
| Nearly every week            | <input type="checkbox"/> | 07 |
| Every week                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 08 |
| Several times a week         | <input type="checkbox"/> | 09 |
| No mother/mother not present | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 |
| Can't say/Can't remember     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 98 |

DADATTCH

40. When you were a child, how often did your father attend religious services?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	01
Less than once a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	02
About once or twice a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	03
Several times a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	04
About once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	05
2-3 times a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	06
Nearly every week	<input type="checkbox"/>	07
Every week	<input type="checkbox"/>	08
Several times a week	<input type="checkbox"/>	09
No father/father not present	<input type="checkbox"/>	10
Can't say/Can't remember	<input type="checkbox"/>	98

R11ATTCH

41. And what about when you were around 11 or 12, how often did you attend religious services then?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	01
Less than once a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	02
About once or twice a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	03
Several times a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	04
About once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	05
2-3 times a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	06
Nearly every week	<input type="checkbox"/>	07
Every week	<input type="checkbox"/>	08
Several times a week	<input type="checkbox"/>	09
Can't say/Can't remember	<input type="checkbox"/>	98

PRAYFREQ

42. About how often do you pray?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	01
Less than once a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	02
About once or twice a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	03
Several times a year	<input type="checkbox"/>	04
About once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	05
2-3 times a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	06
Nearly every week	<input type="checkbox"/>	07
Every week	<input type="checkbox"/>	08
Several times a week	<input type="checkbox"/>	09
Once a day	<input type="checkbox"/>	10
Several times a day	<input type="checkbox"/>	11

*CHRCHACT*

43. How often do you take part in the activities or organisations of a church or place of worship other than attending services?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- |                            |                                     |    |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----|
| Never                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 01 |
| Less than once a year      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 02 |
| About once or twice a year | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 03 |
| Several times a year       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 04 |
| About once a month         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 05 |
| 2-3 times a month          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 06 |
| Nearly every week          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 07 |
| Every week                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 08 |
| Several times a week       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 09 |

*HOMEREL*

44. For religious reasons do you have in your home a shrine, altar, or a religious object on display such as a crucifix?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- |     |                                     |    |
|-----|-------------------------------------|----|
| Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 01 |
| No  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 02 |

*HOLYVIST*

45. How often do you visit a holy place for religious reasons such as going to a church, temple or mosque? Please do not count attending regular services at your usual place of worship, if you have one.

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- |                            |                                     |    |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----|
| Never                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 01 |
| Less than once a year      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 02 |
| About once or twice a year | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 03 |
| Several times a year       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 04 |
| About once a month or more | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 05 |

*RELIGIUS*

46. Would you describe yourself as...

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- |                                     |                                     |    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----|
| Extremely religious                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 01 |
| Very religious                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 02 |
| Somewhat religious                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 03 |
| Neither religious nor non-religious | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 04 |
| Somewhat non-religious              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 05 |
| Very non-religious                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 06 |
| Extremely non-religious             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 07 |
| Can't choose                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 08 |

47. *RELSPIRT*  
What best describes you:

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- I follow a religion and consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural.  01
- I follow a religion, but don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural.  02
- I don't follow a religion, but consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural.  03
- I don't follow a religion and don't consider myself to be a spiritual person interested in the sacred or the supernatural.  04
- Can't choose  08

48. *RELTRUTH*  
Which of the following statements comes closest to your own views?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- There is very little truth in any religion  01
- There are basic truths in many religions  02
- There is truth only in one religion  03
- Can't choose  08

49. Do you agree or disagree that practising a religion helps people to...  
**(Please tick one box on each line ✓)**

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Can't choose</b>
<i>RELHELP1</i> a. find inner peace and happiness	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>RELHELP2</i> b. make friends	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>RELHELP3</i> c. gain comfort in times of trouble or sorrow	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>RELHELP4</i> d. meet the right kind of people	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

*MUMRELGS*

50. When you were a child, was your mother...  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

- Extremely religious  01
- Very religious  02
- Somewhat religious  03
- Neither religious nor non-religious  04
- Somewhat non-religious  05
- Very non-religious  06
- Extremely non-religious  07
- No mother/mother not present  08
- Can't choose  98

*DADRELGS*

51. When you were a child, was your father...  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

- Extremely religious  01
- Very religious  02
- Somewhat religious  03
- Neither religious nor non-religious  04
- Somewhat non-religious  05
- Very non-religious  06
- Extremely non-religious  07
- No father/father not present  08
- Can't choose  98

*PRTRELGS*

52. Is your spouse or partner (if you have one) ....  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

- Extremely religious  01
- Very religious  02
- Somewhat religious  03
- Neither religious nor non-religious  04
- Somewhat non-religious  05
- Very non-religious  06
- Extremely non-religious  07
- No spouse/partner  08
- Can't choose  98

53. *IMPRELU*  
How important was religion in your upbringing?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- Very important  1
- Somewhat important  2
- Not very important  3
- Not at all important  4
- Can't choose  8

54. *IMPRELCH*  
If you have children, how important is or was religion in their upbringing?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- Very important  1
- Somewhat important  2
- Not very important  3
- Not at all important  4
- No children  5
- Can't choose  8

55. *IMPRELDY*  
How important is religion in your daily life?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

- Very important  1
- Somewhat important  2
- Not very important  3
- Not at all important  4
- Can't choose  8

56. If you have religious beliefs, do you think that God is...

**(Please tick one box on each line ✓)**

	Yes definitely	Yes probably	No probably not	No definitely not	Don't believe in God	Can't choose
<i>GODDINV</i> a. directly involved in your affairs?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
<i>GODANGER</i> b. angered by human sin?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

SCHFAITH

57. Some schools are for children of a particular religion. What is your opinion about these schools?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

No religious group should have its own schools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Some religious groups but not others should have their own schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Any religious group should be able to have its own schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

BANBOOK2

58. Some books or films offend people who have strong religious beliefs. Should books and films that attack religions be banned by law or should they be allowed?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Should definitely be banned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Should probably be banned	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Should probably be allowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Should definitely be allowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

CLONEFRM

59. Scientists can now clone animals – in other words, make exact genetic copies of an animal. Do you approve or disapprove of cloning the best farm animals to improve breeding stock?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Strongly approve	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Approve	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Neither approve nor disapprove-	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Disapprove	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Strongly disapprove	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

EMBRES

60. Some people think that scientists should be allowed to use cells from human embryos for certain types of medical research. Others think this should never be allowed. What do you think?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Definitely should be allowed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Probably should be allowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Probably should <u>not</u> be allowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Definitely should <u>not</u> be allowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

*EMBHUMAN*

61. People have different views about the beginnings of human life. In your opinion, is an embryo a human being at the moment of conception?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Yes, definitely	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Yes, probably	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
No, probably not	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
No, definitely not	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
It depends	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

*EXIT1*

62. Suppose a person has a painful incurable disease. Do you think that doctors should be allowed by law to end the patient's life, if the patient requests it?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Definitely should be allowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Probably should be allowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Probably should <u>not</u> be allowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Definitely should <u>not</u> be allowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

*WOMENEQ*

63. Some people think that women are still not treated equally in our society, while others think that efforts to change the status of women have gone too far. What is your opinion?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

More should definitely be done to promote equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
More should probably be done to promote equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Changes have probably gone too far	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Changes have definitely gone too far	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

*CIVPART*

64. Some people live with partners of the same sex. Do you approve or disapprove of laws that treat these partnerships somewhat like marriage?  
 (Please tick one box only ✓)

Strongly approve	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Approve	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Neither approve nor disapprove	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Disapprove	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Strongly disapprove	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

SSEXADPT

65. Do you approve or disapprove of allowing same-sex couples to adopt children?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

Strongly approve	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Approve	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Neither approve nor disapprove	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Disapprove	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Strongly disapprove	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

WEARRSYM

66. Should people who work with the general public be allowed to dress in a way that shows their religious faith – for example, by wearing veils, turbans or crucifixes?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
It depends on the job	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
It depends on the symbol/religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

IMMTHRT

67. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Immigration is a threat to our national identity."  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

Strongly agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

MUSNIFIT

68. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Nearly all Muslims living in Northern Ireland really want to fit in."  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

Strongly agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Undecided	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

**LEFTRGHT**

69. In political matters, people talk of the 'left' and the 'right'. Using this scale where 1 equals 'left' and 10 equals 'right' how would you place your views on this scale, generally speaking?  
**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

Left										Right
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	98									
	<input type="checkbox"/>									

**NIPRIOF1**

70. There is a lot of talk these days about what the aims of this country should be for the next ten years. On the list below are some of the goals which different people would give top priority. Would you please say which one of these you, yourself, consider the most important?  
**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

	Maintaining order in the nation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Giving people more say in important government decisions		<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Fighting rising prices		<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Protecting freedom of speech		<input type="checkbox"/>	4

**NIPRIOF2**

71. And which would be the next most important?  
**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

	Maintaining order in the nation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Giving people more say in important government decisions		<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Fighting rising prices		<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Protecting freedom of speech		<input type="checkbox"/>	4

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you very much for taking part in this year's *Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey*. The answers that you gave will help us to build up a picture of what people in Northern Ireland think about a wide range of social issues. When the results are put together they will be used by other people in the universities and within government to help develop social policy in Northern Ireland. Without your help and the help of all the other people we interviewed this year we would not be able to provide this valuable insight into the opinions of the general public in Northern Ireland today.

Thank you again,

Yours faithfully

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