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# Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey 2010

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

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

(Please tick all that apply ✓)

TRILAMP1	Town councils	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
TRILAMP2	Political parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
TRILAMP3	Cultural groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
TRILAMP4	Paramilitary groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
TRILAMP5	Other community groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
TRILAMP6	Isolated individuals	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
TLAMPDK	Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	1

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	<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	<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	<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

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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

9. 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

10. 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

11. And how much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

**ORGMEC**

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

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

The next few questions are about the Northern Ireland Assembly and the way it is run.

12 After an Assembly election, our government is made up of ministers from all the different political parties. No single party 'wins' the election although the party which wins the most seats does get the most ministers.

People have different opinions about how well government in Northern Ireland works when there are ministers from all the different political parties forming the government. Here are some of the things that have been said, how much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

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

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<b>NIARUN1</b> You can't get anything done because you have to get agreement across all the different parties and that just doesn't happen.	1	2	3	4	5	8
<b>NIARUN2</b> It's a fairer system because everyone gets a voice in government and power is shared out.	1	2	3	4	5	8
<b>NIARUN3</b> In Northern Ireland you don't have a party or parties in 'opposition' and so you don't get proper debates and hear criticisms of government decisions.	1	2	3	4	5	8
<b>NIARUN4</b> It's a better system to have politicians from all the parties in government because then neither the unionists nor the nationalists can dominate government.	1	2	3	4	5	8
<b>NIARUN5</b> It would be better if the party that won the most seats went into government with just one other party and that party had to be one from the other community.	1	2	3	4	5	8

13. When Assembly members in Northern Ireland are elected they have to declare whether they are a 'unionist', a 'nationalist', or 'other'. People have different views about whether this is a good idea. Here are some things that have been said, how much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

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

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<b>MLADECL1</b> Because MLAs have to declare whether they are unionist or nationalist it just keeps us stuck in the old sectarian camps.	1	2	3	4	5	8
<b>MLADECL2</b> This is a good system because you can see quickly which side people are on.	1	2	3	4	5	8
<b>MLADECL3</b> This is a good system because you can then see if big decisions are getting cross-community support.	1	2	3	4	5	8

14. Which of the things on this list do you think is the most important thing for the government in Northern Ireland to be getting on with at the moment? And what do you think is the second most important thing?

**(Please tick one box in each column ✓)**

	<b>NIGOVDO1</b> Most important thing	<b>NIGOVDO2</b> Second most important thing
Strengthening the union with Great Britain	1	1
Working for a united Ireland	2	2
Improving cross-community relations in Northern Ireland	3	3
Sorting out the 11+ deadlock	4	4
Making our society 'greener'	5	5
Tackling poverty	6	6
Tackling the level of unemployment	7	7
Something else	8	8
Can't choose	9	9

15. And how much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

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

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<b>CORNER</b> It is the job of our politicians to fight the corner for the community that they come from.	1	2	3	4	5	8
<b>COMPREC</b> Our politicians should be working with others in different communities so that there is compromise and reconciliation.	1	2	3	4	5	8
<b>DIVNATUN</b> The most important thing to bear in mind throughout all the issues facing Northern Ireland is the divide between nationalists and unionists.	1	2	3	4	5	8
<b>DIVRCHPR</b> The most important thing to bear in mind throughout all the issues facing Northern Ireland is the divide between the rich and the poor.	1	2	3	4	5	8

**RUHAPPY**

16. 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 ✓)**

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- Very happy ☐ 1
- Fairly happy ☐ 2
- Not very happy ☐ 3
- Not at all happy ☐ 4
- Can't choose ☐ 8

**HEALTHYR**

17. Please think back over the last 12 months about how your health has been. Compared to people of your own age, would you say that your health has on the whole been ...

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

... excellent,	1
Good,	2
Fair,	3
poor,	4
or very poor	5
(Can't choose)	8