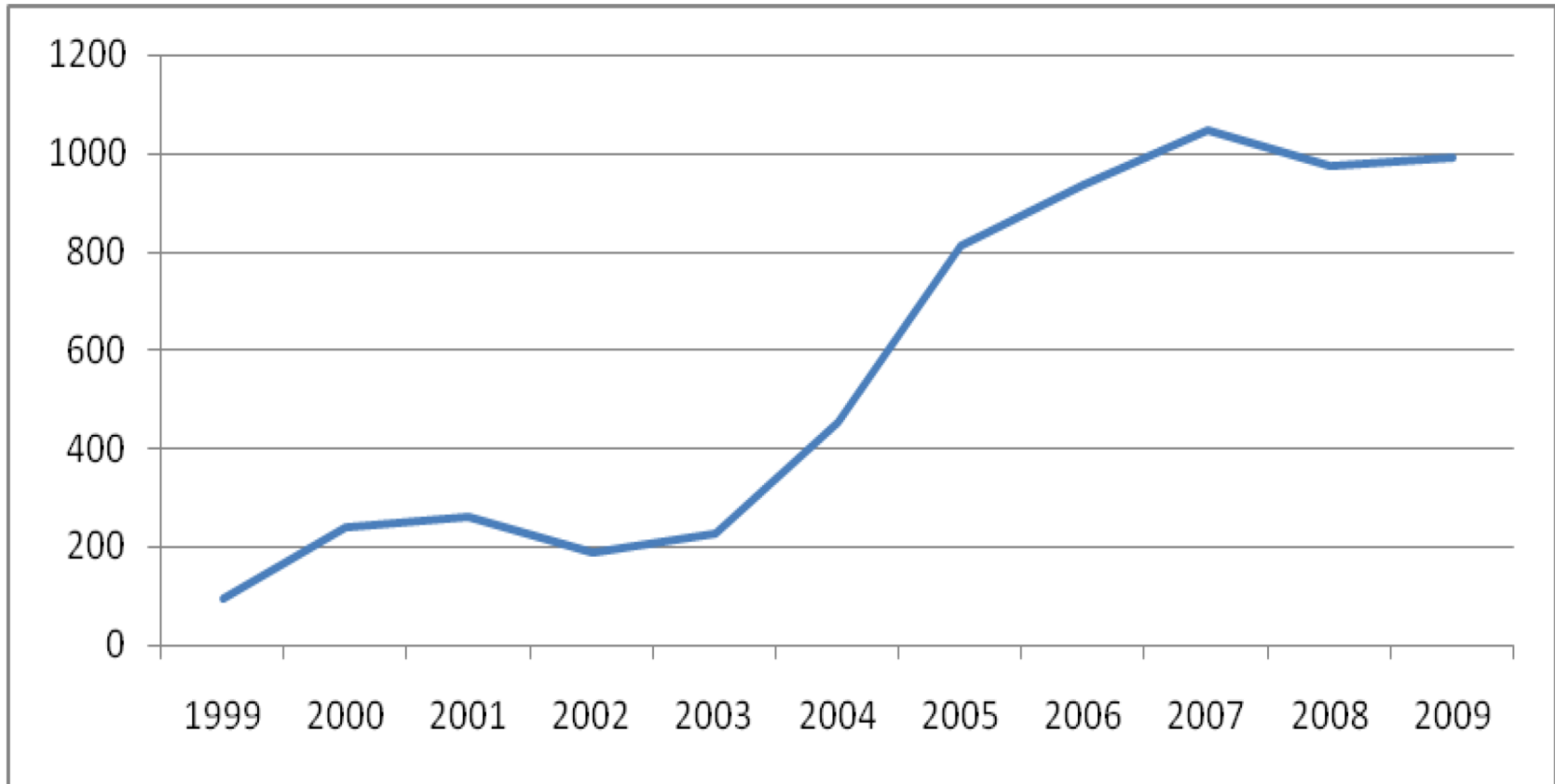


Prejudice and Tolerance in Northern Ireland

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Racist incidents recorded by the police 1999-2009



Measuring Prejudice

- Perceptions of prejudice in general – views on other people's prejudice
- Perceptions or understanding of own prejudice

General Perspectives

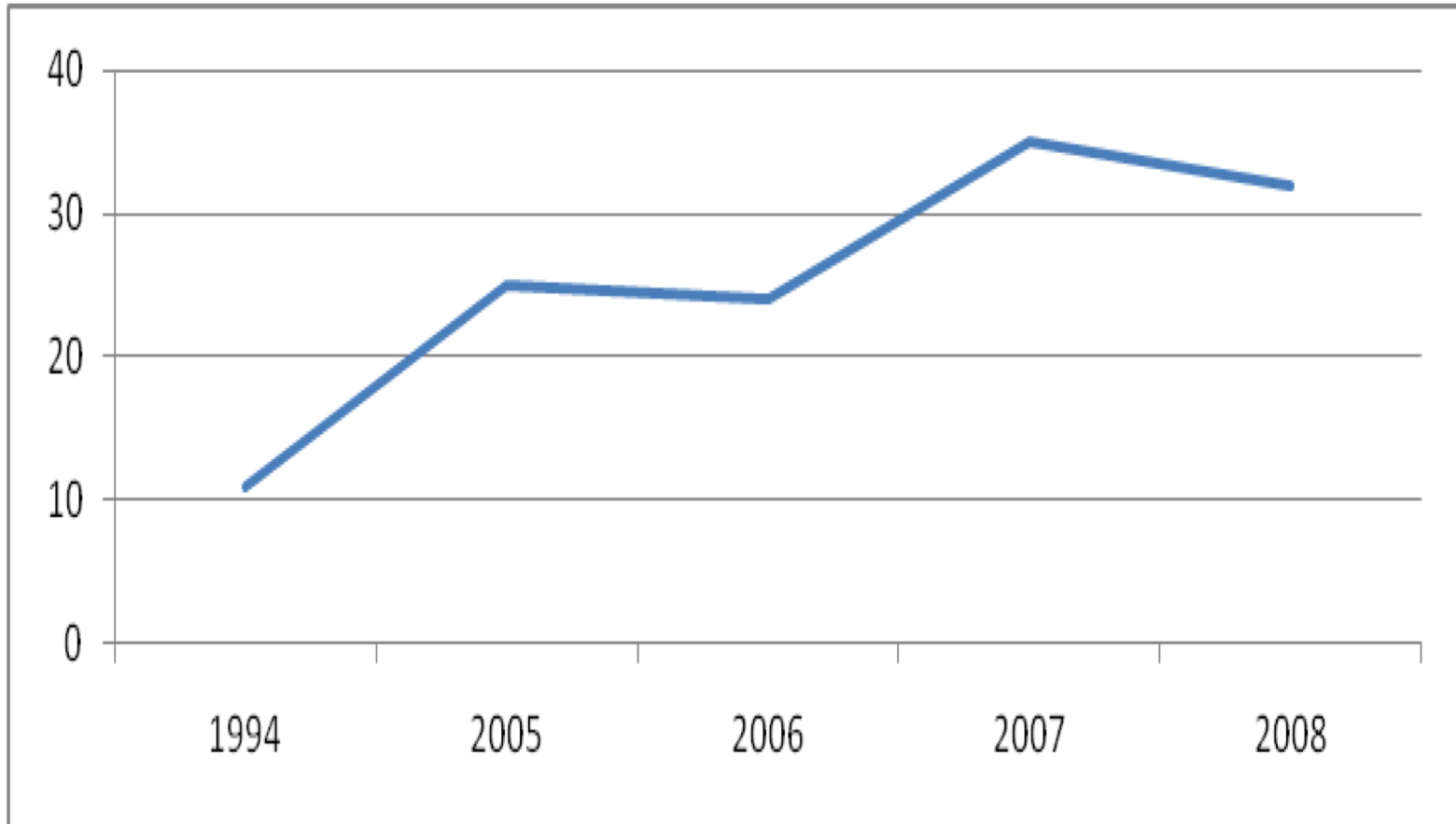
- 44% of people think there is 'a lot' of prejudice towards BME communities
- 49% think there is 'a little prejudice'
- 7% think hardly any

- 44% 'agree' or 'strongly agree' that BME communities less respected than they were
- 18% 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree'

Which minority ethnic community do you think there is most prejudice against?

	%			
	2005	2006	2007	2008
Black	8	8	10	10
Chinese	22	6	8	3
South Asian	12	12	10	8
Filipino	2	2	1	1
Irish Traveller	16	14	14	19
East European	15	11	13	7
Polish		27	32	30
Portuguese	8	6	4	3
Romanian				5

Percentage of respondents describing themselves as 'very' or 'a little' prejudiced against people of minority ethnic communities



Behaviour and Prejudice

- 84% who admit being prejudiced avoid displaying prejudice
- 15% say behaviour consistent with feelings
- 17% of men cf 12% of women
- 25% of 45-54 y.o. cf 10% of 35-44 y.o.
- 18% of Protestants cf 11% of Catholics

Integrating?

- 26% agree with the statement: 'In relation to colour and ethnicity I prefer to stick to people of my own kind'
- 44% disagree
- Males – 29% Females - 24%
- Catholics - 21% Protestants – 34%

% who would accept the following groups as colleagues, near residents, friends or in-laws

	Colleague	Near Resident	Friend	In-law
Chinese /Asian	90	89	80	76
East European	86	81	76	73
Muslim	71	68	62	51
Irish Traveller	69	41	47	47

% who would accept the following groups as colleagues, near residents, friends or in-laws by community background

	Colleague		Resident		Friend		In-Law	
	C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P
Chinese /Asian	94	86	94	84	85	74	82	68
East European	92	81	88	74	83	69	81	65
Muslim	78	64	77	60	74	51	60	41
Irish Traveller	77	62	50	33	54	39	52	40

Do you have work colleagues, neighbours or friends from the following minority ethnic community backgrounds?

	%		
	Work Colleagues	Neighbours	Friends
Black	15	3	12
Chinese	17	4	12
South Asian	16	5	9
Filipino	11	2	6
Irish Traveller	4	1	2
East European	14	3	6
Polish	38	9	17
Portuguese	9	1	5
Romanian	8	1	3
Other	3	3	4

Differing Patterns

- Protestants slightly more likely to have work colleagues from minority ethnic backgrounds
- Catholics slightly more likely to have neighbours from minority ethnic backgrounds
- Protestants slightly more likely to have friends from minority ethnic backgrounds

How often do you come into contact with people from minority ethnic backgrounds?

	%
Daily	29
About once or twice a week	26
About once or twice a month	13
Very rarely	21
Not at all	11
Don't know	0

Cultural Knowledge

- I personally know quite a bit about culture of some BME communities
- 4% Strongly agree & 21% agree
- 7% strongly disagree & 30% disagree

- Less knowledge by age
- No Religion (32%) more than Catholics (27%) more than Protestants (22%)

Conclusion

- Nearly 1 in 3 people admit racial prejudice.
- 1 in 6 prejudiced people do not disguise it.
- Protestants and men more likely to admit to prejudice than Catholics and women.
- People happier with relationships at a distance.
- Limited knowledge of other cultures.