

Self completion Questionnaire 2003

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To begin, we have some questions about education.

- 1 Please tick one box to show how much 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
<i>PRIORNUR</i> Disadvantaged children should be given priority when there is a shortage of nursery school places	<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>FUNDIMP</i> If schools were better funded, the educational standard of children would improve	<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>NURSCH3</i> All 3 year olds in Northern Ireland should automatically get a place at nursery school	<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>PROBRESP</i> Parents of children who cause problems at school should be held responsible for their children's behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

- 2 And, do 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>SEMARRLF</i> Sex education helps young people prepare for married 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
<i>SEDECSNS</i> Sex education helps young people make informed decisions about 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>SEFROM</i> Sex education encourages experimentation and promiscuity amongst young 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

- 3 Please tick one box to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.
(Please tick one box on each line)

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<i>TEENPRG1</i> Teenage girls who want to get on in life don't usually become teenage mothers	<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>TEENPRG2</i> Many teenage mothers simply have babies because they want someone to love	<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>TEENPRG3</i> One of the main causes of teenage pregnancy is the lack of morals among young 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
<i>TEENPRG4</i> People in Northern Ireland are far too tolerant of teenage pregnancies	<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>TEENPRG5</i> Teenage girls living in run down areas are more likely than others to become teenage mothers	<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>TEENPRG6</i> If a teenage couple aged 17 or older are in a stable relationship, there's nothing wrong with them having a child	<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>TEENPRG7</i> Teenage pregnancy isn't really that much of a problem 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>TEENPRG8</i> A teenager can be just as good a parent as someone who is older	<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>TEENPRG9</i> There would be fewer teenage pregnancies if sex education at school gave more advice about sex, relationships and contraception	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

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(Please tick one box on each line)

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<i>DISVICT</i> People with disabilities are the victims of unfortunate circumstances and should be cared for	<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>SOCDISAB</i> It is society that disables people by not doing enough to allow them to lead normal 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

- 5 *DISEMPD*
only As far as you know, is it against the law, or not, for an employer to refuse to take on a person because they have a disability?
(Please tick one box only)

Against the law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
Not against the law	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Depends	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

- 6 *DISGDSD*
As far as you know, is it against the law, or not, for someone providing goods and services to refuse to serve a person only because they have a disability?
(Please tick one box only)

Against the law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
Not against the law	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Depends	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

- 7 *DISSERVD*
Again, as far as you know, is it against the law, or not, for someone providing goods and services to provide a lower level of service to someone only because they have a disability?
(Please tick one box only)

Against the law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
Not against the law	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Depends	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

- 8 Please tick one box to show how much 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
PFLAG1 The police should <u>remove</u> all paramilitary flags that are being flown throughout 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
PFLAG2 In some areas the flying of paramilitary flags is an important expression of culture	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
PFLAG3 There should be special laws banning the flying of <u>all</u> paramilitary flags throughout 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
PFLAG4 In some neighbourhoods, the flying of paramilitary flags should be allowed	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
PFLAG5 Paramilitary flags should be allowed at certain times of year	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
PFLAG6 Laws to stop the flying of paramilitary flags would be unenforcable	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

- 9 Please tick one box to show how much 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
NIMORNAT In terms of culture and everyday life, Northern Ireland is a more nationalist place than it was ten years ago	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
NIMORUN In terms of culture and everyday life, Northern Ireland is a more unionist place than it was ten years ago	<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 Please tick one box to show how much 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
<i>WEALTH1</i> Ordinary working people get their fair share of the nation's wealth	<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>RICHLAW</i> There is one law for the rich and one for the poor	<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>TRADVALS</i> There is no need for strong trade unions to protect employee's working conditions and wages	<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>PRENTBST</i> Private enterprise is the best way to solve Northern Ireland's economic problems	<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>PUBOWNST</i> Major public services and industries ought to be in state ownership	<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>GOVJOB</i> It is the government's responsibility to provide a job for everyone who wants one	<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>INCDIFF</i> It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

- 11 Please tick one box to show how much 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
GOVNOSAY People like me have no say in what the government does	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
GOVCOMP Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me cannot really understand what is going on	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
PTYNTMT It doesn't really matter which party is in power, in the end things go on much the same	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
VOTEONLY Voting is the only way people like me can have any say about how the government runs things	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

- 12 *NIPRIOF1*
Looking at the list below, which **one** thing do you think should be Northern Ireland's highest priority, the most important thing it should do.
(Please tick one box only)

Northern Ireland should ...

Maintain order in the nation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1
Give people more say in government decisions	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Fight rising prices	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Protect freedom of speech	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

NIPRIOF2

- 13 And which one do you think should be Northern Ireland's **next highest priority**, the second most important thing it should do?
(Please tick one box only)

Northern Ireland should ...

Maintain order in the nation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Give people more say in government decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Fight rising prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Protect freedom of speech	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

NINUMREP

- 14 Northern Ireland has the following elected representatives: 3 MEPs, 18 MPs, 108 Assembly Members and 582 local councillors. Do we have...
(Please tick one box only)

...too many elected representatives,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Please go to the next question
too few elected representatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Please go to question 16
or, about the right number?	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Please go to question 16
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Please go to question 16

- 15 Which elected representatives should be reduced in number?
(Please tick one box on each line)

LESSMEPS	MEPs	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
LESSMPS	MPs	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
LESSMLAS	Assembly Members	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
LESSCOUN	Local councillors	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	2

REP2FORA

- 16 In the first term of the Assembly, more than half of our MLAs were also local councillors. Do you agree or disagree that our elected representatives should be able to sit in both forums?
(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
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

- 17 *LCOUNEFF*
Local councils in Northern Ireland have responsibility largely for leisure services, environmental health, refuse collection and disposal, and street cleaning. How effective or ineffective are councils in delivering these services?
(Please tick one box only)

	✓		
Very effective	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	
Quite effective	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
Neither effective nor ineffective	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
Ineffective	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	
Very ineffective	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	

- 18 *NUMCOUNS*
There are 26 councils in Northern Ireland. Given the services which they provide, do you think there are...
(Please tick one box only)

	✓		
...too many councils,	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	
about the right number,	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
or, too few?	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	

- 19 *KNOWCFOR*
The Civic Forum was established under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement as a consultative mechanism on social, economic and cultural issues. Are you aware of the work of the Civic Forum?

	✓		
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Please go to the next question
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Please go to question 21

- 20 *CFOREFF*
How effective or ineffective has the Civic Forum been as a consultative forum?
(Please tick one box only)

	✓		
Very effective	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	
Quite effective	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
Neither effective nor ineffective	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
Ineffective	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	
Very ineffective	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	

21 *SCRSEX*
And finally, can you record your gender?

Male	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	2

22 *SCRAGE*
And can you record your age last birthday?

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Age
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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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