

# ***Northern Ireland Life & Times Survey 2005***

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- 1 Please tick one box to show how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements about marriage.

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

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
MARVIE11 It is alright for a couple to live together without intending to marry	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
MARVIE20 Even though it might not always work, marriage is still the best kind of relationship	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
MARVIE21 Many people who live together without getting married are just scared of commitment	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
MARVIE22 Too many people drift into marriage without really thinking about it	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
MARVIE23 Marriage gives people more financial security than just living together	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
MARVIEW6 People who want children ought to get married	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
MARVIE24 Gay or Lesbian couples should have the right to marry one another if they want to	<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 Do you personally know anyone who is gay or lesbian?

**(Please tick as many boxes as apply to you ✓)**

GLNOT No, I don't know anyone who is gay or lesbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
GLFAM Yes – a member of my family	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
GLFRIEND Yes – a friend I know fairly well	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
GLACQNT Yes – someone I do not know very well	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
GLWORK Yes – someone at my work	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
GLELSE Yes – someone else	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
GLDK Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

## CMEGTALK

- 3 Thinking about situations where you mix with people of a minority ethnic group, for example in shops or restaurants. Some people say that they never feel completely comfortable talking to people of a minority ethnic group, other people say that they always feel comfortable. Which comes closest to your views...

(Please tick one box only ✓)

I always feel comfortable talking to people of a minority ethnic group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
I sometimes feel uncomfortable talking to people of a minority ethnic group	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
I never feel comfortable talking to people of a minority ethnic group	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
I am from a minority ethnic group myself	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

## CMEGNH

- 4 And thinking of other kinds of situations where you might meet people from a minority ethnic group, suppose a house in your immediate neighbourhood was sold or rented to migrant workers or members of a minority ethnic group. How comfortable or uncomfortable would you feel with these new neighbours?

(Please tick one box only ✓)

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

## CMEGDENT

- 5 And suppose you needed an emergency appointment at your dentist's surgery and the only dentist who could see you was someone from a minority ethnic group. How comfortable or uncomfortable do you think you would be with this dentist?

(Please tick one box only ✓)

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

## JOKECOL

- 6 Some people make jokes about others because of their colour or ethnic origin. Did you ever do that when you were a child?

(Please tick one box only ✓)

Often	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Only once or twice	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

JOKEACOL

- 7 And have you ever done that as an adult?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

	✓	
Often	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Only once or twice	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

FNAMECOL

- 8 Have any of your friends called someone names to their face because of their colour or ethnic origin?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

	✓	
Often	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Only once or twice	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

UNAMECOL

- 9 And how about you? Have you ever called someone names to their face because of their colour or ethnic origin?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

	✓	
Often	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Only once or twice	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

- 10 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
NIMEC1 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
NIMEC2 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
NIMEC3 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

- 11 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
MECGOV School governors	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
MECPOL Politicians	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
MECBUS Prominent business people	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
MECFAITH Leaders within their churches or faith communities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
MECMEDIA 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

- 12 And how much do you agree or disagree with these two statements?  
(Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
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.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
PUBLICMEC Members of minority ethnic communities should be helped to participate in public life, even if it costs money to make this happen.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

- 13 WAYPLMEC  
Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

**The best way for members of minority ethnic communities to participate in public life is:**

Through existing institutions such as political parties, community groups and religious organisations	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Through their own organisations	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Through both existing institutions and their own organisations	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Members of minority ethnic communities should not be involved in public life	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

## ATTFORGN

- 14 Thinking about people from foreign countries which you might meet on holidays or even in Northern Ireland, which of these statements BEST describes your attitude towards people from foreign countries? (Please don't include England, Scotland, Wales or the Republic of Ireland as foreign countries when answering this question).  
(Please tick one box only ✓)

I find myself drawn to people from foreign countries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
I feel comfortable with people from foreign countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
I feel uncomfortable with people from foreign countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

- 15 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 employees' 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

16 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

17 *PROTRCMX*  
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

18 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> 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>MIXDSEC</i> 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> 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> 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> 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> 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

19 And finally, can you record your gender?

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

20 And can you record your age last birthday?

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