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POLITICS

Q1. How much interest do you generally have in what is going on in politics?

A great deal	1
Quite a lot	2
Some	3
Not very much	4
None at all	5
(Don't Know)	8

CHNPEACE

Q2. Do you think that the chances of peace in Northern Ireland are better now than they were five years ago, worse or about the same?

Better	1
Worse	2
About the same	3
(Don't know)	8

Q3. Thinking about the search for peace in Northern Ireland, how helpful do you think the following have been over the last year or so?

SHOWCARD 1

	Very helpful	Quite helpful	Neither helpful nor unhelpful	Quite unhelpful	Very unhelpful	(DK)
<i>IRGOV</i> a. The Irish government	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>BRGOV</i> b. The British government	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>USGOV</i> c. The American government	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PARAGRP</i> d. Some paramilitary groups	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PUBOPIN</i> e. Public opinion in general	1	2	3	4	5	8

PEACEPPL

Q4. Do you think there are any particular people that stand out as being helpful in the search for peace over the last year or so?

Yes	1	Ask Q5
No	2	Go to Q6
(Don't know)	8	

GADAMS JALDERD DERVINE JHUME RMCCART GARYMCL MMCWILL SMALLON IPAISLEY
DTRIMBLE TBLAIR MMOWLAM JMAJOR AREYNLDS JBRUTON BAHERN BCLINTON GMITCHEL

Q5. Who do you think stands out as being helpful?

PROBE: Anyone else?

Local figures			British government			Others		
Gerry Adams	1	2	Tony Blair	1	1	Albert Reynolds	1	2
John Alderdice	1	2	Mo Mowlam	1	2	John Bruton	1	2
David Ervine	1	2	John Major	1	2	Bertie Ahern	1	2
John Hume	1	2				Bill Clinton	1	2
Robert McCartney	1	2				Senator George Mitchell	1	2
Gary McMichael	1	2						
Monica McWilliams	1	2						
Seamus Mallon	1	2				Other (WRITE IN)	1	2
Ian Paisley	1	2						
David Trimble	1	2						

REL GALWY

Q6. Do you think that religion will always make a difference to the way people feel about each other in Northern Ireland?

Yes	1
No	2
Other (Write in)	3
(Don't know)	8

O BOSS RLG

Q7. Do you think most people in Northern Ireland would mind or not mind if a suitably qualified person of a different religion were appointed as their boss?

IF WOULD MIND: A lot or a little?

Would mind a lot	1
Would mind a little	2
Would not mind	3
(Don't know)	8

O MARR RLG

Q8. And do you think most people in Northern Ireland would mind or not mind if one of their close relatives were to marry someone of a different religion?

IF WOULD MIND: A lot or a little?

Would mind a lot	1
Would mind a little	2
Would not mind	3
(Don't know)	8

OWNMXSCH

Q9. And if you ever had children and were deciding where to send your children to school, would you prefer a school with children of only your own religion, or a mixed-religion school?

Own religion only	1
Mixed-religion school	2
(Don't know)	8

NINATID

Q10. Which of these best describes the way you think of yourself? **SHOW CARD 2**

British	1
Irish	2
Ulster	3
Northern Irish	4
Other (specify)	5
(Don't know)	8

Q11. Now some questions about men and women and family life.
Please tell me from this card, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? **SHOW CARD 3**

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	(DK)
a.	<i>BOTHEARN</i> Both the man and woman should contribute to the household income	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	<i>SEXROLE</i> A man's job is to earn money; a woman's job is to look after the home and family	1	2	3	4	5	8
c.	<i>TRADROLE</i> It is not good if the man stays at home and cares for the children and the woman goes out to work	1	2	3	4	5	8
d.	<i>FAMLIFE</i> Family life often suffers because men concentrate too much on their work	1	2	3	4	5	8

PREPCHLD

Q12. Which of these would you say is more important in preparing children for life ...

to be obedient	1
or, to think for themselves?	2
(Don't know)	8

Q13. Here is a quick quiz. For each thing I say, tell me if it is true or false. If you don't know say so and we will skip to the next.

		True	False	(DK)
a.	<i>SCIQUIZ1</i> The centre of the earth is very hot	1	2	5
b.	<i>SCIQUIZ2</i> Lasers work by focusing sound waves	1	2	5
c.	<i>SCIQUIZ3</i> It is the father's gene which decides whether the baby is a boy or a girl	1	2	5
d.	<i>SCIQUIZ4</i> Antibiotics kill viruses as well as bacteria	1	2	5

SCIQUIZ5

Q14. Does the ... **READ OUT** ...

Earth go around the sun,	1
or does the sun go around the earth?	2
(Don't know)	3

EVOLVE

Q15. Here is a statement about which people disagree. **Human beings as we know them today developed from earlier species of animals** - would you say this was... **READ OUT** ...

Definitely true	1
Probably true	2
Probably untrue	3
Definitely untrue	4
(Don't know)	8

SCIQUIZ7

Q16. When scientists use the term DNA, do you think it is to do with the study of ... **READ OUT**...

stars,	1
rocks,	2
living things,	3
or, computers?	4
(Don't know)	8

RENTBUY

Q17. Suppose a young couple, both with steady jobs, are deciding whether they should buy or rent their next home. What do you think they should do? Please choose your answer from this card.
SHOW CARD 4

Buy a home as soon as possible	1
Wait a bit, then try to buy a home	2
Not plan to buy a home at all	3
(Don't know)	8

BUYFUTRE

Q18. How likely or unlikely is it that you will buy a house or a flat at some point in the future?

Very likely	1
Fairly likely	2
Fairly unlikely	3
Very unlikely	4
(Don't know)	8

YOUBYRNT

Q19. Again, thinking about the future. If you had a free choice, would you choose to rent a house or flat, or would you choose to buy?

Would choose to rent	1
Would choose to buy	2
(Don't know)	8

Q20 Now some questions about young people in Northern Ireland today. Please tell me, from this card, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

SHOW CARD 3

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	(DK)
a.	<i>TEENVIEW</i> These days schools encourage teenagers to express their views	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	<i>TEENFAIR</i> Most employers treat young people fairly	1	2	3	4	5	8
c.	<i>TEEN2CLS</i> Teenagers are always treated like second class citizens in shops and cafes	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q21 Thinking about politics in particular, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? **SHOW CARD 3**

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	(DK)
a.	<i>POLTEEN1</i> None of our politicians are bothered about the problems facing young people in Northern Ireland today	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	<i>POLTEEN2</i> There should be a way to give young people a voice in politics in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8
c.	<i>POLTEEN3</i> Young people are just not interested in politics in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8

HEARDUNC

Q22 Have you heard of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?

Yes	1	Go to Q23
No	2	Read sentence below and then go to Q23
(Don't know)	8	

This is an agreement between the countries of the United Nations that young people should be guaranteed certain rights, among them the right to express their views.

SHDMORV

Q23 Thinking of young people in Northern Ireland today, should they have more opportunity to express their views, less opportunity, or is it about right the way it is now?

More opportunity	1
Less opportunity	2
About right	3
(Don't know)	8

MORVNOW

Q24 And from what you know or have heard, do you think that young people in Northern Ireland today have more opportunity to express their views than young people 20 years ago, less opportunity, or about the same?

More opportunity	1
Less opportunity	2
About the same	3
(Don't know)	8

OPNHOME

Q25 Thinking about your own family and decisions that are made in this household, would you say that your opinions are taken into account...**READ OUT**...

a lot,	1
a little,	2
or, not at all?	3
(Don't know)	8

VHOMMORE

Q26 Do you think that your views should be taken into account more, less or is it about right the way it is now?

More	1
Less	2
About right	3
(Don't know)	8

PRIVHOME

Q27 Some people feel that it is hard to get as much privacy as they want when they are still living at home, others don't find this a problem. How about you, do you feel that you get as much privacy as you want at home or would you prefer more?

Get as much privacy as I want	1
Would prefer more privacy	2
(Not living at home)	3
(Don't know)	8

HIDERELG

Q28 One of the things that the *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child* is concerned about is that young people should have the right to practice their own religion and culture.

Have you ever felt that you had to try and hide what religion you were in case other people held it against you?

Yes	1	Go to Q29
No	2	Go to Q30
(Don't have a religion)	3	
(Don't know)	8	

HDRELLOT

Q29 Has this happened...**READ OUT**...

a lot,	1
a little,	2
or, hardly at all?	3
(Don't know)	8

RELABUSE

Q30 Have you ever been threatened by other people or verbally abused because of your religion?

Yes	1	Go to Q31
No	2	Go to Q33
(Don't know)	8	

RELABL0T

Q31 Has this happened...**READ OUT...**

a lot,	1
a little,	2
or, hardly at all?	3
(Don't know)	8

WHRABREL

Q32a Where were you the last time it happened? **SHOW CARD 5**

In the street	1
At school	2
Leisure centre	3
Cinema	4
Shop	5
Other (Write in)	6
(DK/Can't remember)	8

RELABAVD

Q32b Do you avoid going to particular places because of the risk of being verbally abused or threatened?

Yes	1
No	2
(Can't avoid it)	3
(Don't know)	8

RACABUSE

Q33 Have you ever been threatened by other people or verbally abused because of your race?

Yes	1	Go to Q34
No	2	Go to Q37
(Don't know)	8	

RACABLOT

Q34 Has this happened...**READ OUT...**

a lot,	1
a little,	2
or, hardly at all?	3
(Don't know)	8

WHRABRAC

Q35 Where were you the last time it happened? **SHOW CARD 5**

In the street	1
At school	2
Leisure centre	3
Cinema	4
shop	5
Other (Write in)	6
(DK/Can't remember)	8

RACABAVD

Q36 Do you avoid going to particular places because of the risk of being verbally abused or threatened?

Yes	1
No	2
(Can't avoid it)	3
(Don't know)	8

Q37 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about drugs
SHOW CARD 3

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	(DK)
<i>DRGNTBAD</i> The drug problem in Northern Ireland isn't nearly as bad as some people make out	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>DRGAVAIL</i> It's not hard to get hold of drugs in most schools if you really want to	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>TEENEDRG</i> The best people to educate teenagers about drugs are other young people themselves	1	2	3	4	5	8

STILLSCH

Q38 Can I just check, are you still at school?

Yes	1	Go to Q39
No	2	Go to Q54

SCHVIEW

Q39 Thinking of your current school. Would you say that the students there are generally allowed to express their views about the running of the school...**READ OUT...**

a lot,	1
a little,	2
or, not at all?	3
(Don't know)	8

ASKVIEW

Q40 Have you yourself ever been asked for your view on the way that something was run in your school?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

VIEWCHNG

Q41 Have you yourself ever expressed a view that helped to change the way that something was run in your school?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

SCHLCNCL

Q42 Does your school have a school council, that is a body made up of teachers and students who together decide some things about the running of the school?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

Q43 What kinds of things do the students at your school have a say in?

<i>STUDSAY1</i>	Uniforms	1	2
<i>STUDSAY2</i>	Detention Policy	1	2
<i>STUDSAY3</i>	Curriculum	1	2
<i>STUDSAY4</i>	Facilities (6th form rooms etc.)	1	2
<i>STUDSAY5</i>	Other (Write in)	1	2

GREIVPRO

Q44 If a student is not happy with the way that they were dealt with at your school, is there a way that they can officially raise the issue with the school - like a Grievance Procedure?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

SCLOTBUL

Q45 Would you say that students at your school get bullied by other students...**READ OUT...**

a lot,	1
a little,	2
or, not at all?	3
(Don't know)	8

STFBULJB

Q46 Are there particular staff at your school whose job is to deal with bullying?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

GOTOSTAF

Q47 Do you think that most people - if they were being bullied - would or would not go and talk to one of these members of staff?

Would talk to them	1
Would not talk to them	2
(It depends)	3
(Don't know)	8

SCPOLBUL

Q48 Does your school have an official policy on bullying?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

BULCLASS

Q49 Have you had any special classes where the problems of bullying have been talked about?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

SCHLPBUL

Q50 In general do you think that your school provides real help for people who are bullied or not?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

Now some questions about exclusions from school.

KNOWEX

Q51 Do you personally know anyone who has been excluded (ie. expelled) from school?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

APPEXCL

Q52 If a student is excluded from school do you think that he or she should be allowed to appeal against the exclusion, or should they just have to accept the school's decision?

Allowed to appear	1
Accept school's decision	2
(Don't know)	8

SCHAPPEX

Q53 Does your school have an appeal system for exclusions?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

MOREFAC

Q54 Thinking about the facilities available for young people in this area, do you think there should be more facilities, fewer or are there about the right amount?

More	1	Ask Q55
Fewer	2	Go to Q56
About the right amount	3	
(Don't know)	8	

PICKFAC

Q55 In talking to people we have found that there are many different facilities for teenagers that they would like to see more of. If you could pick just one thing from this list, what would it be?

SHOW CARD 7

More leisure centres	01
More cinemas	02
Public transport running more often and later at night	03
Cheaper public transport for teenagers	04
More parks	05
More libraries	06
More youth clubs	07
More concerts	08
Something else (WRITE IN)	09
(Don't know)	98

OPSCHSUM

Q56 Some people say that we should open up the schools in the summer so that the facilities can be used all year round, others say that this does not provide the kinds of facilities that young people want. What about you, would you like to see schools opened up during the summer?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

STAYNI

Q57 Thinking about the future, do you think that you yourself will stay in Northern Ireland or do you think that you will leave at some point?

CODE "leave to go to College/University" as LEAVE

Stay	1	Go to Q60
Leave	2	Ask Q58
Other (Write in)	3	Go to Q60
(Don't know)	8	

Q58 Why do you think that you will leave? **SHOW CARD 8**

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

<i>WHYLEAV1</i>	Better job prospects elsewhere	1	2
<i>WHYLEAV2</i>	Because of the troubles	1	2
<i>WHYLEAV3</i>	To seek a better future (general)	1	2
<i>WHYLEAV4</i>	Because of a relationship	1	2
<i>WHYLEAV5</i>	To go to college/university	1	2
<i>WHYLEAV6</i>	Other (Write in)	1	2
<i>LEAVEDK</i>	(Don't know)	1	2

CMEBCKNI

Q59 And do you think that you would ever come back?

Yes	1
No	2
(DK/Possibly)	8

SRVYUSFL

Q60 Do you think that it is useful to have a regular survey like this of young people's views or do you think that there is really no need?

Useful	1
No need	2
(Yes, but needs to cover other topics)	3
Other (write in)	4
(Don't know)	8

Background Section

RELIGION

- Q1. Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion?
If yes which? **DO NOT PROMPT**

No religion	1
Refused	97
Christian - no denomination	2
Catholic	3
Church of Ireland / Anglican / Episcopal	4
Baptist	5
Methodist	6
Presbyterian	7
Free Presbyterian	21
Brethren	22
United Reform Church (URC)/Congregational	23
Other Protestant (Please write in which)	27
Other Christian (Please write in which)	8
Hindu	9
Jewish	10
Islam/Muslim	11
Sikh	12
Buddhist	13
Other Non-christian (Please write in which)	14
(Don't know)	98

RACE/

- Q2. To which of these groups do you consider you belong? **SHOW CARD 9**

White	1
Chinese	2
Irish Traveller	3
Indian	4
Pakistani	5
Bangladeshi	6
Caribbean	7
African	8
Mixed Ethnic	9
Other (please specify)	10
(Don't know)	98

YAGE

Q3A. How old were you last birthday?

Write in

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Or code : Refused 97

YSEX

Q3B Gender

Male	1
Female	2

TRAGEGRP

Q4. Interviewer to code age from Q3A.

Aged 12 - 15	1	Go to Q6
Aged 16 - 17	2	Ask Q5.

ECONACT

Q5. Which of these descriptions applies to what you were doing last week, that is in the seven days ending last Sunday? **SHOW CARD 10**

In full-time education	1
On a Government Training scheme	2
On ACE (Action for Community Employment)	3
Working full-time	4
Working part-time, at least 10 hrs a week	5
Not working (seeking work)	6
Not working (and not seeking work)	7
Looking after the home	8
Permanently sick or disabled	9
Other (write in)	10
(Don't know)	98

CHECK1

Q6. INTERVIEWER TO CODE AGE AND ACTIVITY STATUS FROM Q4 & Q5

Aged 12 - 15 at Q4 or in full-time education in Q5.	1	Ask Q7
Respondent not in full-time education at Q5.	2	Go to Q9

PAIDJOB

Q7. Do you do a paid job of any sort at the moment - apart from anything you may do for your parents and get paid for.

Yes	1	Ask Q7a
No	2	Go to Q8

MUCHWORK

Q7a. Do you do this work ... **READ OUT ...**

at least once a week,	1
at least once a month,	2
or, less often?	3
(Don't know)	8
(Refusal/NA)	9

WORKPAY

Q7b. About how much do you get paid per hour for your work?

Write in £ . per hour

Or code: Refused 97

WORKKIND

Q7c. What kind of work do you do?

PLACEDUC

Q8. What is the main place you go to for your full-time education?

School	1
Sixth Form college	2
College of Further education	3
College of Higher education/Tertiary college	4
University	5
Other (Write in)	6
(Refusal/NA)	9

LASTSCHL

Q9. What kind of school do you (did you last) attend?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

<i>LASTSCH1</i>	Integrated	1	2
<i>LASTSCH2</i>	Grammar	1	2
<i>LASTSCH3</i>	Secondary	1	2
<i>LASTSCH4</i>	State maintained	1	2
<i>LASTSCH5</i>	Irish Language	1	2
<i>LASTSCH6</i>	Special school	1	2
<i>LASTSCH7</i>	Other (Write in)	1	2

CAREHOME

Q10. Some people have extra family responsibilities because they look after someone who is sick, handicapped or elderly.

May I check, is there anyone living with you who is sick, handicapped or elderly whom you look after or give special help to (for example a sick, handicapped or elderly relative, parent, child, friend etc.)?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

CARESEP

Q11. What about people not living with you, do you provide some regular service or help for any sick, handicapped or elderly relative, friend or neighbour not living with you?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

DISAB

Q12. Do you have any long-standing health problems or disabilities which limit what you can do at work, school, home or in your leisure time?

"LONG STANDING" means, Lasted Three Years Or Is Expected To Last Three Years Or More

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8

OTHPPLE

INTERVIEWER: ANYONE ELSE PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW

Yes, throughout	1
Yes, sometimes	2
No	3
(Don't know)	8

CODE WHO ELSE WAS PRESENT, CODE ALL THAT APPLY

<i>OTHER1</i>	Mother	1	2
<i>OTHER2</i>	Father	1	2
<i>OTHER3</i>	Brother/Sister	1	2
<i>OTHER4</i>	Another adult	1	2
<i>OTHER5</i>	Other (write in)	1	2
<i>OTHERDK</i>	Don't know	1	2

MINUTES

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW

Hours		Mins	

DATE

DATE OF INTERVIEW

				9	8
Day		Month		Year	