



**Northern Ireland
General Election
Attitude Survey**

Briefing Notes

April 2010

SURVEY BACKGROUND

The University of Liverpool wishes to assess the opinions of the adult population to provide a comprehensive, reliable and representative survey of political opinions in Northern Ireland, with particular reference to how and why electors voted in the ways they did in the 2010 general election.

The main areas of study for the research are:

- Level of interest in the General Election
- Perceived key issue on which they voted
- Parties perceived as best able to address these issues
- NI party perceived as closest to respondents views on this issue
- Voting patterns and reasons for choice of party/candidate in this election
- Voting patterns and reasons for choice of party/candidate in previous elections
- Reasons for not voting
- Attitudes to parties and leaders
- Attitudes to the economy and the parties best able to address economic issues
- Attitudes to Europe
- Attitudes to the status of NI
- Importance of selected issues to the NI electorate
- Satisfaction with the performance of the Government in relation to these issues
- Level of contact with parties prior to the election

SAMPLING

We will use a **stratified random sample** for this survey.

Clustering of addresses will be used to eliminate excessive travel expenses and to provide discrete sampling points for each geographic area.

The main strength of this approach is that it enables us to broadly **compare the sample with known demographics** while maintaining an overall random sampling approach.

Representative stratification will be set for:

- Electoral Area
- Age
- Religion
- Gender

Parliamentary Constituency		18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Male	Female	
		Belfast East	47	8	17	14	8	23
Belfast North	51	9	18	15	9	24	27	
Belfast South	57	10	21	17	10	27	30	
Belfast West	52	9	19	15	9	25	27	
East Antrim	50	9	18	15	9	24	26	
East Londonderry	53	9	19	15	10	25	28	
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	54	9	19	16	10	26	28	
Foyle	62	11	22	18	11	30	32	
Lagan Valley	60	10	22	17	11	29	31	
Mid Ulster	51	9	18	15	9	24	27	
Newry and Armagh	60	10	22	17	11	29	31	
North Antrim	60	10	22	17	11	29	31	
North Down	51	9	18	15	9	24	27	
South Antrim	60	10	22	17	11	29	31	
South Down	62	11	22	18	11	30	32	
Strangford	58	10	21	17	10	28	30	
Upper Bann	61	10	22	18	11	29	32	
West Tyrone	51	9	18	15	9	24	27	
		1000	170	360	290	180	480	520

RESPONDENT SELECTION

The sample will be designed to provide a full representation of adult residents (18+) across Northern Ireland.

The sampling method for this includes:

- A 1000 sample of households using a face to interview with one member of the household aged 18+ that meets the stratification required for your area
- A list of Postal Address File addresses will be provided from a sampling organisation that will provide sufficient addresses to enable successful contact with the correct number of respondents in your sampling area
- This address should be tried again – up to 3 times – until either an interview is achieved or a refusal is given.
- Call backs will include daytime, evening and weekend calls.
- Only when no successful interview has been achieved will a substitute address be allocated.

INTERVIEWING

A sensitive approach to interviewing should be observed.

Please adhere to a smart dress code and make sure you are clearly identifiable to MRNI - use your MRS identification card at all times.

Following an interview, give each respondent is given a 'thank you' note.

Before you start:

- show your ID card,
- explain who has commissioned the survey and its purpose,
- stress both the randomness of selection of the respondent and the confidentiality of the interview,
- advise that the interview will be conducted in accordance with the Code of Conduct of the Market Research Society,
- give an estimate of how long the interview is likely to last – 30 minutes

Please use the following opening to encourage participation:

My name is from MRNI Research a locally based market research agency. Here is my identity card.

Show your photograph ID.

We are conducting a survey on behalf of the University of Liverpool, about attitudes towards the recent general Election and someone from your household has been selected at random to participate.

The survey will take about 30 minutes to complete and will be conducted on using my laptop computer

I think you should enjoy the interview.

SAMPLE MANAGEMENT AND CHECKING OF STRATIFICATION

The sample will be monitored throughout the course of the project using our computerised sample management facility which lets us close down strata for which the required amount has already been reached.

Please keep a manual record of sample achievement as well.

Please synchronise your CAPI machines twice a week to allow us to cross check the achieved sample against the required stratification and adjust what interviews you still need to achieve.

Ensure CAPI machines are fully charged, have charging leads and spare batteries

If you have any problems with the CAPI machines or synchronising talk to Gavin.

TIMING

We are aiming to talk to people while the events of the election are fresh in their minds

Please begin interviewing as soon as possible after the election date of 6th May

You have 4 weeks to complete the survey but please have it completed sooner than this if you can

If you are having any difficulty with any aspect of the survey during the fieldwork period get in touch immediately so we can rectify it

If you are having trouble completing the sampling point you have been given let us know immediately so we can get you help or reallocate it to another interviewer

The final date for synchronising completed interviews is Monday 7th June

QUESTIONNAIRE

NORTHERN IRELAND GENERAL ELECTION SURVEY 2010

Please remember that information is totally anonymous and confidential.
We are only interested in overall, not individual, results.

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
or, None at all	5
(Don't know)	8
(Refused/N/A)	9

Q2 Do you think of yourself as a supporter of any one of these parties or organisations?
(go to q5 if party identified)

Democratic Unionist Party	1
Ulster Unionist Party/Ulster Unionist and Conservative	2
Traditional Unionist Voice	3
Sinn Fein	4
Social Democratic and Labour Party	5
Alliance Party	6
Progressive Unionist Party	7
Green Party	8
Republican Sinn Fein	9
32 County Sovereignty Movement	10
Eirigi	11
None	12*
Refused/NA	13*
Don't Know	14*

*go to Q3

Q3 If 'none', Dk or refused:

Do you generally think of yourself as a little closer to one of the parties or organizations than the others?

Yes	1
No	2

Q4 If 'Yes' which party or organisation is that?

Democratic Unionist Party	1
Ulster Unionist Party/Ulster Unionist and Conservative	2
Traditional Unionist Voice	3
Sinn Fein	4
Social Democratic and Labour Party	5
Alliance Party	6
Progressive Unionist Party	7
Green Party	8
Republican Sinn Fein	9
32 County Sovereignty Movement	10
Eirigi	11
Other	12

Q5 Could you tell me how you feel about the following issues?

	Strongly Support	Support	Neither Support nor Oppose	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	(Don't Know)	(Ref /NA)
a) The guarantee that Northern Ireland will remain part of the UK for as long as a majority of people in Northern Ireland wish it to be so.	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
b) North-South bodies	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
c) The Northern Ireland assembly	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
d) The removal of the Republic of Ireland's constitutional claim to Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
e) The Police Service of Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
f) The requirement that the Executive is power-sharing	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
g)The transfer of policing and justice powers to the Northern Ireland Executive and Assembly	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

Q6 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	(DK)	(Ref /NA)
Political deadlock has finally been broken in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Unionist and Nationalist parties are cooperating well in the Assembly	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
There is a lasting peace in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Economic prosperity is growing in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

Q7 What was the single most important issue for you at this election?

Issue	
Asylum seekers	1
Crime	2
Education	3
Employment	4
Environment	5
National Health Service	6
State of the economy	7
Irish unity	8
Northern Ireland's place in the UK	9
Housing	10
War in Afghanistan	11
Other (please state)	12
There were no important issues	13

Q8 Thinking back over the last 12 months, would you say Northern Ireland's economy has:

Got much better	1
Got a little better	2
Stayed the same	3
Got a little worse	4
Got a lot worse	5

Q9 And over the last 12 months, would you say the financial situation of your household has:

Got much better	1
Got a little better	2
Stayed the same	3
Got a little worse	4
Got a lot worse	5

Q10 And over the next 12 months, do you expect the financial situation of your household to:

Get much better	1
Get a little better	2
Stay the same	3
Get a little worse	4
Get a lot worse	5

Q11 Thinking about the last 10-15 years, how much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	(DK)	(Ref /NA)
It has become more likely that Northern Ireland will eventually join the Irish Republic	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
It has become more likely that Northern Ireland will stay part of the UK	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
The experience of power-sharing has meant that nationalists are now more content that Northern Ireland should remain in the UK	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
The experience of power-sharing has meant that one day a majority of unionists will agree to Northern Ireland joining the Irish Republic	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

Q12 Can you please tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	(DK)	(Ref /NA)
Policing in Northern Ireland is benefitting from Sinn Fein's participation on policing boards	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
50-50 Roman Catholic and Non-Roman Catholic recruitment by the Police Service of Northern Ireland is a good idea	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
The Police Service of Northern Ireland is very similar to the old Royal Ulster Constabulary	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Most Roman Catholics now support the Police Service of Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

Q13 Do you think that the reform of the police in Northern Ireland has gone too far, has not gone far enough, or is it about right?

Gone too far	1
Needs to go further	2
About right	3
Don't accept the PSNI	4
(Other WRITE IN)	8
(Don't know)	9

Q14 Thinking about the reasons why some Loyalist groups used violence during the troubles, would you say that you have any sympathy with the reasons for that violence - even if you don't condone the violence itself? Would you say you have:

A lot of sympathy	1
A little sympathy	2
or, No sympathy at all?	3
(Don't Know)	4
(Refused / NA)	5

Q15 And thinking about why some Republican groups used violence during the troubles, would you say that you have any sympathy with the reasons for the violence - even if you don't condone the violence itself? Would you say you have?

A lot of sympathy	1
A little sympathy	2
or, No sympathy at all?	3
(Don't Know)	8
(Refused / NA)	9

Q16 And thinking about why some Republican groups (such as the Real IRA and Continuity IRA and often called 'dissident republicans') *continue* to use violence, would you say that you have any sympathy with the reasons for the violence – even if you don't condone the violence itself? Would you say you have?

A lot of sympathy	1
A little sympathy	2
or, No sympathy at all?	3
(Don't Know)	8
(Refused / NA)	9

Q17 To what extent do you think continuing so-called 'dissident republican' violence poses a threat to peace and security? Does it pose?

A major threat	1
A minor threat	2
No threat	3
(Don't Know)	8
(Refused / NA)	9

Q18 Do you think the long-term policy for Northern Ireland should be?

To remain part of the United Kingdom	1
Or, to reunify with the rest of Ireland?	2
Other (please specify)	3
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(Dont Know)	8
(Refused/NA)	9

Q19 At any time in the next 20 years, do you think it is likely or unlikely that there will be a united Ireland?

Very Likely	Quite Likely	Quite Unlikely	Very Unlikely	(Even Chance)	(Don't Know)	(Refused / NA)
1	2	3	4	5	8	9

Now some questions on the Assembly and Executive.

Q20 How effective do you think the following are?

	Very effective	Quite effective	Neither effective nor ineffective	Quite ineffective	Very ineffective	(Don't Know)	(Refused / NA)
The posts of First Minister and Deputy First Minister	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
The Northern Ireland Executive and Assembly	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

Q21 Can you please tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	(DK)	(Ref /NA)
It is necessary for political stability that the DUP and Sinn Fein provide the First and Deputy First Ministers	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Ministries should be shared between unionist and nationalist parties	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Members of the Assembly (MLAs) should designate as Unionist, Nationalist or 'Other' when elected	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Legislation should require the consent of a majority of Unionist AND Nationalist Assembly members (MLAs) before it can be passed	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
The Minister for Justice should not be from the Unionist and Nationalist traditions	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

Q22 Here are four statements about the powers of the Assembly and the Executive. For each one, please tell me if you think it is a true statement or if it is false.

	True	False	DK	(Ref /NA)
The Northern Ireland Assembly has the power to raise taxes	1	2	8	9
The UK government has the power to suspend the Northern Ireland Assembly	1	2	8	9
The First Minister has the power to stop other Northern Ireland ministers from attending meetings of the North-South Council.	1	2	8	9
Some legislation requires support from a substantial number of Unionists AND Nationalists for it to be passed	1	2	8	9

Now some questions about the Westminster election that was held recently, on Thursday 6 May.

Your answers to these questions will be of great value in helping us to understand why people vote the way they do. Please remember that this information is **totally confidential**.

Q23 Can I first check, are you on the electoral register?

Yes	1	IF YES – GO TO Q25
No	2	IF NO – GO TO Q 24
(Don't know)	8	IF DON'T KNOW, GO TO Q25

Q24 **THOSE NOT ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER ONLY**

Did you decide deliberately not to go on the register or did this happen by mistake?

Decided deliberately not to register	1	
It happened by mistake	2	
(Other – write in)	3	
(Refused/NA)	9	

NOW GO TO Q31

ASK THOSE ON THE REGISTER

Q25 Did you manage to vote in the Westminster election?

Yes	1	Please go to Q29
No	2	Please go to Q26
(Don't know)	8	Please go to Q31
(Refused/NA)	9	Please go to Q31

Q26 **ONLY FOR THOSE ON THE REGISTER WHO DID NOT VOTE:** Was this because you decided deliberately not to vote or because you weren't able to vote?

Deliberately decided not to vote	1	Please now go to Q27
Wasn't able to vote	2	Please now go to Q28
(Other – write in)	3	
(Refused/NA)	9	

Q27 **ONLY FOR THOSE ON THE REGISTER WHO *DECIDED* NOT TO VOTE:** Why did you decide not to vote?

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PLEASE NOW GO TO Q35

Q28 **ONLY FOR THOSE NOT ABLE TO VOTE:** Why were you not able to vote?

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PLEASE NOW GO TO Q35

IF VOTED

Q29 Did you vote here in this constituency (give name) or in another one?

Here in this constituency	1	Go to Q30
Somewhere else (Please write in)	2	Go to Q30
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..		
(Don't know)	8	Go to Q35
(Refused/NA)	9	Go to Q35

Q30 Which party did you vote for?

Democratic Unionist Party	1
Ulster Unionist Party/Ulster Unionist and Conservative	2
Traditional Unionist Voice	3
Sinn Fein	4
Social Democratic and Labour Party	5
Alliance	6
Progressive Unionist Party	7
Green Party	8
Other (write in)	11
Don't normally support a party	12
Refused / NA	13
Don't Know	14

Q31 People give different reasons for why they vote for one party rather than another. Which of the following best describes your reasons?

The party had the best policies	1	Go to Q33
The party had the best leader	2	Go to Q33
I really preferred another party but it stood no chance of winning in my constituency	3	Go to Q32
I voted tactically	4	Go to Q32
Other	5	

Q32 If answers 3 or 4 given above, Which Party did you really prefer?

Democratic Unionist Party	1
Ulster Unionist Party/Ulster Unionist and Conservative	2
Traditional Unionist Voice	3
Sinn Fein	4
Social Democratic and Labour Party	5
Alliance	6
Progressive Unionist Party	7
Green Party	8
Republican Sinn Fein	9
32 County Sovereignty Movement	10
Other (write in)	11

Q33 Thinking about your preferred candidate, did you choose him or her because of any of the following reasons?

	Yes	No
I wanted to pick somebody who was <u>in favour</u> of power sharing	1	2
I wanted to pick somebody who was in favour of the Union of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	2
I wanted to pick somebody who was in favour of a united Ireland		
I wanted to pick somebody whose general views were close to my own	1	2
I wanted to pick somebody who would work hard for local people in this area	1	2
I wanted to pick somebody who had good idea on health, education and jobs	1	2
Some other reason (WRITE IN)	1	2

Q34 Thinking back to the PREVIOUS Westminster/General Election, in 2005, can you recall which party you voted for?

Democratic Unionist Party	1
Ulster Unionist Party	2
Sinn Fein	4
Social Democratic and Labour Party	5
Alliance	6
Progressive Unionist Party	7
Other (state)	8
Didn't vote	9
Refused	10

Q35 At what level of importance do you view the political issues below?

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important
Westminster MPs expenses	1	2	3
MLA (Assembly members) expenses	1	2	3
The issues surrounding Iris Robinson	1	2	3
The recession/economy	1	2	3
The devolution of policing and justice in Northern Ireland	1	2	3
Dealing with victims of violence in Northern Ireland	1	2	3
Transfer tests in Northern Ireland's education system	1	2	3
The level of Assembly cooperation between Unionists and Nationalists	1	2	3
Other important issues (please state)			

Q36 Regarding members of the Northern Ireland Assembly (MLAs) please state your view (yes or no) on these questions:

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Assembly members should also be allowed to be MPs at Westminster at the same time	1	2	8
Assembly members should also be allowed to be local councillors at the same time	1	2	8
Assembly members should also be allowed to be members of the European Parliament at the same time	1	2	8
Assembly members should be allowed to employ members of their family to work for them	1	2	8

Q37 Regarding women in Northern Ireland politics, can you please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	(DK)	(Ref /NA)
Politics in Northern Ireland would improve if there were more women involved	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
There ought to be more women elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Women are better placed than men to represent women's interests in politics	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
There is discrimination against women in public life	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
A woman candidate will lose votes	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Political parties should be required to put forward a proportion of women candidates	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
The unsocial hours of politics suit men not women	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

Q38 How long ago did you decide that you would definitely vote the way you did? Was it...

...a long time ago,	1
sometime last year,	2
sometime this year.	3
or, during the election campaign?	4
(Don't know)	8

Q39 During the election campaign, did a canvasser from any party visit your home (or phone) to talk to you?

Yes	1
No	2
Don't Know	3

If 'Yes' go to Q40. If 'No' go to Q41

Q40 Which party or parties did they represent? (circle all that apply).

Democratic Unionist Party	1
Ulster Unionist Party/Ulster Unionist and Conservative	2
Traditional Unionist Voice	3
Sinn Fein	4
Social Democratic and Labour Party	5
Alliance	6
Progressive Unionist Party	7
Green Party	8
Don't Know	14

Q41 How much attention did you pay to the election campaign via the following?

	A great deal	Quite a lot	A little	Not at all	(DK)	(Ref /NA)
Television	1	2	3	4	8	9
Radio	1	2	3	4	8	9
Newspapers/magazines	1	2	3	4	8	9
Internet	1	2	3	4	8	9
Party leaflets through door	1	2	3	4	8	9
Emails	1	2	3	4	8	9
Texts	1	2	3	4	8	9
Twitter	1	2	3	4	8	9
By attending public meetings	1	2	3	4	8	9

Q42 Did you watch at least one of the televised debates between the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat leaders in the UK?

Yes	1
No	2

Q43 Did you watch the televised debate between the leaders of the main Northern Ireland political parties?

Yes	1
No	2

If No, go to Q45

Q44 Thinking about the televised debate between the leaders of the main Northern Ireland political parties:

a) Which party had the leader performed best?

Gerry Adams (Sinn Fein)	1
Reg Empey (UUP)	2
Margaret Ritchie (SDLP)	3
Peter Robinson (DUP)	4
Performed equally	5
Don't Know	6
Refused	7

b) how much influence did the debate have on how you voted:

Considerable influence	1
Slight influence	2
No influence	3
Don't know	4

Q45 Campaigning is said to be 'positive' when it involves putting forward your own policies and personalities. 'Negative' campaigning means criticising the policies and personalities of the other parties. How would you rate the campaigns of the following parties on a scale from 'very positive to 'very negative'?

	DUP	UUP	APNI	SDLP	SF
Very positive	1	1	1	1	1
Fairly positive	2	2	2	2	2
Neither positive nor negative	3	3	3	3	3
Fairly negative	4	4	4	4	4
Very negative	5	5	5	5	5
Don't Know	6	6	6	6	6

Q46 Please choose a phrase from this card to say how you feel about the following political parties and organizations:

	Strongly Like	Like	Neither Like nor Dislike	Against	Strongly Against	DK	(Ref / NA)
Democratic Unionist Party (UUP)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Ulster Unionist Party (DUP)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Traditional Unionist Voice (TUV)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Progressive Unionist Party (PUP)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
The Orange Order	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Alliance Party (APNI)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Green Party (GP)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Sinn Fein (SF)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Republican Sinn Fein (RSF)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
32 County Sovereignty Movement (32CSM)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

Q47. Which party do you think has been the most effective voice for unionists in Northern Ireland?

Q48. Which party do you think has been the most effective voice for nationalists in Northern Ireland?

Q49. Which party do you think has been the most effective voice for all the people of Northern Ireland?

INDICATE ONE PARTY ONLY IN EACH COLUMN

	Q47	Q48	Q49
	Unionist Interests	Nationalist Interests	All
Democratic Unionist party (DUP)			
Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)			
Traditional Unionist Voice (TUV)			
Progressive Unionist Party (PUP)			
Alliance Party (APNI)			
Sinn Fein (SF)			
Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP)			
Other (WRITE IN)			
None			
(Don't know)			

Q50 Here, in alphabetical order according to surname, is a list of some of the main political leaders in Northern Ireland.

- a) on a scale of 0-10, where 0 means complete *distrust* in a leader and 10 means complete *trust* please rate these leaders
- b) on a scale of 0-10 where 0 means total *incompetence* in a leader and 10 means total *competence*, please rate these leaders:

	Score (0-10)	Score (0-10)
	Trust	Competence
Gerry Adams		
Jim Allister		
Reg Empey		
David Ford		
Martin McGuinness		
Dawn Purvis		
Margaret Ritchie		
Peter Robinson		
Refused		

Q51 This card shows a few possible priorities for the Northern Ireland Executive and Assembly. Which of these, if any, do you think are the **three most important** for the Executive and Assembly to bring about? Please nominate up to 3 issues, IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE i.e. 1 = most important, 2 = second most important, 3 = third most important

	Most Important
Improving the health service in Northern Ireland	1
Reducing discrimination against Protestants	2
Making it more likely that Northern Ireland will eventually leave the UK	3
Improving education in Northern Ireland	4
Giving Northern Ireland a stronger voice in the UK	5
Reducing discrimination against Catholics	6
Increasing employment opportunities in Northern Ireland	7
Other (please state)	8

Q52 Overall, which of the following comes closest to your view of the UK's membership of the European Union?

Strongly approve	1
Approve	2
Neither approve nor disapprove	3
Disapprove	4
Strongly disapprove	5
Don't know	6
Refused	7

Q53 In politics, people sometimes talk about parties and politicians as being on the **left** or **right**. Using the 0 to 10 scale on this card, where the end marked 0 means **left** and the end marked 10 means **right**, where would you place yourself on this scale?

0 LEFT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 RIGHT
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Q54 And on the same left-right scale where would you place the following parties?

DUP

0 LEFT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 RIGHT
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SINN FEIN

0 LEFT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 RIGHT
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UUP/UCUNF

0 LEFT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 RIGHT
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SDLP

0 LEFT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 RIGHT
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ALLIANCE

0 LEFT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 RIGHT
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Q55 What are your views on the following issues?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	(Don't Know)	(Refused / NA)
Academic transfer tests and selection should be used by schools for entrance	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Homosexuality is wrong	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Abortion should be made legal in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
The voting age should be reduced from 18 to 16	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
The voting system for Westminster elections should be changed from First Past the Post to Proportional Representation	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Major British political parties, i.e. Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties should contest elections in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Major Irish political parties, i.e. Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, should contest elections in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Electoral pacts between unionist parties are a good idea	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
An electoral pact between the Ulster Unionist Party and the Conservative Party is a good idea	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
Electoral pacts between nationalist parties are a good idea	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

Q56 Thinking about the Northern Ireland peace and political process, would you say that overall it has benefited unionists more than nationalists, nationalists more than unionists, or that unionists and nationalists have benefited equally?

Unionists benefited a lot more than nationalists	1
Unionists benefited a little more than nationalists	2
Nationalists benefited a lot more than unionists	3
Nationalists benefited a little more than unionists	4
Unionists and nationalists benefited equally	5
(Dont Know)	8
(Refused/NA)	9

Q57 If a vote on the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement was held again today, how would you vote?

Yes	1
No	2
I wouldn't vote	3
(Don't know)	8
(Refused)	9

Q58 How did you vote in 1998 when the referendum on the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement was held?

I voted Yes	1
I voted No	2
I chose not to vote or for some reason couldn't vote, even though I was eligible to vote	3
I wasn't old enough to vote	4
(Don't know/Can't remember)	8
(Refused)	9

Q59 A lot of people suffered during "the troubles" in one way or another. Overall do you consider yourself to have been a victim of the troubles?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8
(Refused)	9

Q60 Were any of your family or close relatives or friends killed or injured because of the violence?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8
(Refused)	9

Q61 Did you know anyone (not family or relatives) who was killed or injured in the violence?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8
(Refused)	9

Q62 Were you a victim of any conflict-related violent incidents?

Yes	1
No	2
(Don't know)	8
(Refused)	9

Q63 Looking back at "the troubles" now, who do you think was primarily responsible for the conflict? (Respondent to state: 'open' answer)

No-one/don't blame anyone	00
Don't know	98

Q64 On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in...

	Very Satisfied	Fairly Satisfied	Not Very Satisfied	Not At all Satisfied	(Don't Know)	(Refused /NA)
Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	8	9
Great Britain	1	2	3	4	8	9
Republic of Ireland	1	2	3	4	8	9

Q65 How much say do you think a Westminster government **of any party** should have in the way Northern Ireland is run? Do you think it should have...**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- A great deal of say 1
- Some say 2
- A little say 3
- No say at all 4
- Can't choose 8

Q66 And how much say do you think an Irish government **of any party** should have in the way Northern Ireland is run? Do you think it should have... **PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY...**

- A great deal of say 1
- Some say 2
- A little say 3
- No say at all 4
- Can't choose 8

Q67 Which of these best describes the way you usually think of yourself?

British	1
Irish	2
Ulster	3
Northern Irish	4
Other (WRITE IN)	5
.....	
.....	
(Dont know)	8
(Refused/NA)	9

Q68 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a unionist, a nationalist, or neither?

Unionist	1
Nationalist	2
Neither	3

Go to Q70

IF UNIONIST OR NATIONALIST

Q69 At most elections in Northern Ireland (council, Assembly and European contests, but not those for Westminster) electors are allowed to vote for several candidates, in order of preference. What is the likelihood of you voting for a candidate from the other main community?

- a) If Unionist, what is the likelihood of you voting for a Nationalist candidate as a lower preference choice?

Very likely	1
Fairly likely	2
Fairly unlikely	3
Very unlikely	4
Don't know	5
Refused	6

- b) If Nationalist, what is the likelihood of you voting for a Unionist candidate as a lower preference choice?

Very likely	1
Fairly likely	2
Fairly unlikely	3
Very unlikely	4
Don't know	5
Refused	6

RELIGION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Now I would like to ask some questions about religious prejudice against both Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland.

Q70 First, thinking of **Catholics** - do you think there is a lot of prejudice against them in Northern Ireland nowadays, a little, or hardly any?

Q71 And now thinking of **Protestants** - do you think there is a lot of prejudice against them in Northern Ireland nowadays, a little, or hardly any?

	Q70	Q71
	Catholics	Protestants
A Lot	1	1
A Little	2	2
Hardly Any	3	3
(Don't Know)	8	8
(Refused / NA)	9	9

Q72 What about relations between Protestants and Catholics? Would you say they are **better** than they were 5 years ago, **worse**, or about the **same** now as then?

Better	1
Worse	2
About the Same	3
Other (write in)	4
(Dont know)	8
(Refused/NA)	9

Q73 And what about in 5 years time? Do you think relations between Protestants and Catholics will be **better** than now, **worse** than now, or about the **same** as now?

Better	1
Worse	2
About the Same	3
Other (write in)	4
.....	
(Don't know)	8
(Refused/NA)	9

Q74 Which of the following statements comes closest to your view on the issue of Orange Order parades?

The Orange Order should be able to march wherever it wants, without restrictions	1
The Orange Order should be able to march through mainly nationalist areas only if there is prior agreement with local residents	2
The Orange Order should not be allowed to march through mainly nationalist areas	3
Other (write in)	4
.....	
(Don't know)	8
(Refused/NA)	9
Other (write in)	4
.....	
(Don't know)	8
(Refused/NA)	9

Q75 Would you yourself mind or not mind if one of your close relatives were to marry someone of a different religion?

Would mind a lot	1
Would mind a little	2
Would not mind	3
(Dont know)	8
(Refusal / NA)	9

Q76 And if you 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
(Dont know)	8
(Refusal / NA)	9

BACKGROUND SECTION

Finally, can I ask you some details about you?

Q77 What age are you? Years

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Q78 Are you?

Male	1
Female	2

Q79 Marital Status

Single (never married)	1
Married	2
Living as married	3
Separated	4
Divorced	5
Widowed	6

Q80 Number of dependent children

0
1
2
3
4
5
More than 5

Q81 Highest Educational Qualification (one only)

Degree Level or Higher	1
BTEC (Higher), BEC (Higher), TEC (Higher), HNC, HND	2
GCE 'A' Level (including NVQ Level 3)	3
BTEC (National), TEC (National), BEC (National), ONC, OND	4
GCSE (including NVQ Level 2), GCE 'O' Level (including CSE Grade 1), Senior Certificate, BTEC (General), BEC (General)	5
CSE (other than Grade 1)	6
No formal qualification	7
Other (write in)	8

Q82 Which of these descriptions applies best to you?

Working full-time	1	Go to Q83
Working part-time	2	
Not working (seeking work)	3	
On a Government Training Scheme	4	Go to Q82
Retired	6	
In full-time education	7	
Looking after the home	8	
Permanently sick or disabled	9	
Not working (and not seeking work)	10	
Caring for elderly or disabled person full-time	11	
Other (write in)	12	

Q83 Can I just check, have you ever had a job?

Yes	1
No	2

Q84 What is/was your job?

WRITE IN JOB TITLE

Q85 Can I just check, (are/were) you...

... an employee,.	1
or, self-employed?	2

Q86 Are you currently a member of any of the following organisations?

	Yes	No
Political party	1	2
Trade Union	1	2
Orange Order	1	2
(Refused / NA)	9	9

Q87 Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion?
If yes, which?

No religion	1
Refused	99
Roman Catholic	2
Church of Ireland/Anglican/Episcopal	3
Baptist	4
Methodist	5
Presbyterian	6
Free Presbyterian	7
Brethren	8
United Reform Church (URC)/Congregational	9
Pentecostal	10
Church of Scotland	11
Elim Pentecostal	12
Reformed Presbyterian	13

Non-subscribing Presbyterian	14
Salvation Army	15
Church of Nazarene	16
Jehovah's Witness	17
Mormon	18
Protestant - no-denomination	19
Christian - no denomination	20
Hindu	21
Jewish	22
Islam/Muslim	23
Sikh	24
Buddhist	25
Other (WRITE IN)	26
(Don't know)	98

Q88 In what religion, if any, were you brought up?
(Ask community religious background if necessary)

No religion	1
Refused	99
Roman Catholic	2
Church of Ireland/Anglican/Episcopal	3
Baptist	4
Methodist	5
Presbyterian	6
Free Presbyterian	7
Brethren	8
United Reform Church (URC)/Congregational	9
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Reformed Presbyterian	13

Non-subscribing Presbyterian	14
Salvation Army	15
Church of Nazarene	16
Jehovah's Witness	17
Mormon	18
Protestant - no-denomination	19
Christian - no denomination	20
Hindu	21
Jewish	22
Islam/Muslim	23
Sikh	24
Buddhist	25
Other (WRITE IN)	26
(Don't know)	98

Q89 Apart from special occasions such as weddings, funerals, baptisms and so on, how often nowadays do you attend services or meetings connected with your religion?

Once a week or more	1
2 or 3 times a month	2
Once a month	3
Several times a year	4
Less frequently	5
Never	6
Don't have a religion	7
(Don't know)	8

Q90 Would you say you are?

Very religious	1
Somewhat religious	2
Not very religious	3
Not at all religious	4
(Dont know)	8
(Refusal / NA)	9

IF MARRIED/LIVING AS MARRIED

Q91 Is your (husband/wife/partner) the same religion as you?

Yes, same religion	1
No, not same religion	2
No religion at all	3
Refused	9

Q92 Did you ever attend a mixed or integrated school in Northern Ireland, that is, a school with fairly large numbers of both Catholic and Protestant children?

Yes	1	
No	2	
(Don't know)	8	

Q93 And has any child in your care ever attended a mixed or integrated school in Northern Ireland, with fairly large numbers of Catholics and Protestants attending?

Yes	1
No	2
My children are not yet at school	3
Never had any children (in my care)	4
(Don't know)	8

Q94 Do you ever think of yourself as belonging to any particular class? If yes, which class is that?

Yes, middle class	1
Yes, working class	2
Yes, other (Write in)	3
No	4
(Don't know)	8
(Refused/NA)	9

Q95 What is your total household income before tax and national insurance contributions? (INCLUDE ALL INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT AND BENEFITS)

Under £10,000 per year	1
£10,000 - £19,999 per year	2
£20,000 - £24,999 per year	3
£25,000 - £29,999 per year	4
£30,000 - £34,999 per year	5
£35,000 - £39,999 per year	6
£40,000 - £49,999 per year	7
£50,000 - £59,999 per year	8
£60,000 - £69,999 per year	9
Over £70,000 per year	
I DO NOT WISH TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION	11
(Don't know)	98

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS INTERVIEW