

Northern Ireland Life & Times Survey 1999

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BUSLINK

Q1 Are there bus services around here that link your neighbourhood with nearby shops and services?
(Please circle one number only)

Yes	1
No	2

Q2 From what you know or have heard, please circle the appropriate number on each line for each statement to show how much you agree or disagree that these buses generally ...
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Vary too much to say	Can't choose
<i>BUSSEV1</i> Are clean and tidy?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>BUSSEV2</i> Stop too far away from your home?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>BUSSEV3</i> Are safe to travel in after dark?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>BUSSEV4</i> Do not run often enough?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>BUSSEV5</i> Cost too much?	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>BUSSEV6</i> Will take you where you mostly need to go?	1	2	3	4	5	8

CARWALK

Q3 How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?
"Many of the short journeys I now make by car I could just as easily walk".
(Please circle one number only)

Agree strongly	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Disagree strongly	5
I never travel by car	6
Can't choose	8

CARBUS

Q4 And how much do you agree or disagree with this statement?
"Many of the short journeys I now make by car I could just as easily go by bus".
(Please circle one number only)

Agree strongly	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Disagree strongly	5
I never travel by car	6
Can't choose	8

Q5 Please circle one number for each statement to show how much you agree or disagree.
 (Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
<i>CARTAXHI</i> For the sake of the environment, car users should pay higher taxes	1	2	3	4	8
<i>MOTORWAY</i> The government should build more motorways to reduce traffic congestion	1	2	3	4	8
<i>CARCONV</i> Driving one's own car is too convenient to give up for the sake of the environment	1	2	3	4	8
<i>BUILDTRA</i> Building more roads just encourages more traffic	1	2	3	4	8

CUTCARS

Q6 How important do you think it is to cut down the number of cars on Northern Ireland's roads?
 (Please circle one number only)

Very important	1
Fairly important	2
Not very important	3
Not at all important	4
Can't choose	8

PTIMPRIM

Q7 And how important is it to improve public transport in Northern Ireland?
 (Please circle one number only)

Very important	1
Fairly important	2
Not very important	3
Not at all important	4
Can't choose	8

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- Q8 Many people feel that public transport should be improved. Here are some ways of finding the money to do it. How much would you support or oppose each one as a way of raising money to improve public transport?
(Please circle one number for each statement to show how much you agree or disagree)

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Can't choose
<i>PTIMPR1</i> Gradually doubling the cost of petrol over the next ten years	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PTIMPR2</i> Charging all motorists around £2 each time they enter or drive through a city or town centre at peak times	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PTIMPR3</i> Cutting in half spending on new roads	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PTIMPR4</i> Cutting in half spending on maintenance of the roads we have already	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PTIMPR5</i> Charging £1 for every 50 miles motorists travel on motorways	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PTIMPR6</i> Increasing taxes like VAT that we all pay on goods and services	1	2	3	4	5	8

TRAVPRBM

- Q9 Please circle one number to show which is closest to your views about the following statement.
 “The amount of traffic on the roads is one of the most serious problems for Northern Ireland”.
(Please circle one number only)

Definitely true	1
Probably true	2
Probably <u>not</u> true	3
Definitely <u>not</u> true	4
Can't choose	8

TRAFCONG

- Q10 How true do you think the following statement is?
 “Within the next twenty years or so, traffic congestion will be one of the most serious problems for Northern Ireland”.
(Please circle one number only)

Definitely true	1
Probably true	2
Probably <u>not</u> true	3
Definitely <u>not</u> true	4
Can't choose	8

Now some questions about education.

- Q11 Here are some statements about integrated schools in Northern Ireland. Please say how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements.
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't choose
<i>SEPFUDIV</i> Having separate schools for Protestants and Catholics fuels community divisions	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>INTDKCLT</i> Children who go to integrated schools don't learn enough about their own culture and traditions	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GVNOFUND</i> The government should not fund schools that take only Catholic or only Protestant pupils	1	2	3	4	5	8

- Q12 And how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>PLURAL1</i> Children at school should learn about the religious festivals of all religions and ethnic groups	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PLURAL2</i> Religious education should not be taught in schools at all but left to the parents and their churches	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PLURAL3</i> Catholic schools should offer their pupils the chance to take part in sports like cricket and rugby as well as the usual choices	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PLURAL4</i> Protestant schools should offer their pupils the chance to take part in sports like gaelic football, hurling and camogie as well as the usual choices	1	2	3	4	5	8

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Q13 Here are some of the things that young people may gain from their education.
In your view, how important is it that schools aim towards each of these?
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Essential	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not at all important	Can't choose
<i>EDGAIN1</i> Skills and knowledge which will help them get a good job	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>EDGAIN2</i> Good exam results	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>EDGAIN3</i> Self-confidence	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>EDGAIN4</i> Knowledge that equips them for life in general	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>EDGAIN5</i> An ability to live among people from different backgrounds	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>EDGAIN6</i> Skills that allow them to adapt to the changing needs of the world of work	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>EDGAIN7</i> An ability to speak and write clearly	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>EDGAIN8</i> A readiness to challenge other people's ideas	1	2	3	4	5	8

Now some questions on politics and community relations.

Q14 How much do you support or oppose having cross-border cooperation with the Irish Republic in each of these areas?
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Can't choose
<i>CROSSBD1</i> Tourism	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CROSSBD2</i> Transport	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CROSSBD3</i> Agriculture	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CROSSBD4</i> Health	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CROSSBD5</i> Security	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CROSSBD6</i> Northern Ireland's political future	1	2	3	4	5	8

POWERN1

- Q15 Who do you think has most power over everyday life in Northern Ireland?
(Please circle one number only)

British government	1
Irish government	2
European Union	3
Local Councils	4
Northern Ireland Assembly	5
North/South Council of Ministers	6
East/West Council of the Isles	7
The people of Northern Ireland	8
Can't choose	98

POWERN2

- Q16 And who do you think should have the most power over everyday life in Northern Ireland?
(Please circle one number only)

British government	1
Irish government	2
European Union	3
Local Councils	4
Northern Ireland Assembly	5
North/South Council of Ministers	6
East/West Council of the Isles	7
The people of Northern Ireland	8
Can't choose	98

- Q17 How much do you agree with each of the following statements about devolved government in Northern Ireland?
(Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>DEV1</i> Devolution will bring economic prosperity to Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>DEV2</i> The local politicians who become ministers under devolution will never be able to work with each other	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>DEV3</i> Devolution will help secure peace in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>DEV4</i> Devolution will lead to a fall in living standards in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>DEV5</i> Devolution will lead to the break-up of the UK	1	2	3	4	5	8

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Q18 And thinking about the issue of parades, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	Can't choose
<i>RMARCHFR</i> The right to march is an important freedom	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>AREAMAR</i> No marches should be allowed through areas that are predominantly those of the other tradition unless the residents approve	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PARCOMM</i> The Parades Commission is not impartial at all	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q19 Thinking about the Protestant and Catholic traditions in Northern Ireland as well as the Chinese and Asian communities, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't choose
<i>CULTRAD1</i> Living in Northern Ireland means that we are influenced by several cultural traditions	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CULTRAD2</i> I have my own cultural tradition and see no need to take part in any others	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CULTRAD3</i> Having different cultural traditions in Northern Ireland means that there will always be conflict between them	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CULTRAD4</i> Having different cultural traditions in Northern Ireland enriches us all	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>CULTRAD5</i> My cultural tradition is always the underdog	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q20 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(Please circle the appropriate number on each line.)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't choose
<i>PRIOREQ</i> It should be a top priority for government to make sure that Protestants and Catholics are treated equally	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>RIGTPROT</i> There is always talk about the rights of Catholics but never about the rights of Protestants	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>RIGTCATH</i> There is always talk about the rights of Protestants but never about the rights of Catholics	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q21 How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?
 (Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>WEALTHI</i> Ordinary working people get their fair share of the nation's wealth	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>RICHLAW</i> There is one law for the rich and one for the poor	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>TRADVALS</i> There is no need for strong trade unions to protect employee's working conditions and wages	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PRENTBST</i> Private enterprise is the best way to solve Northern Ireland's economic problems	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PUBOWNST</i> Major public services and industries ought to be in state ownership	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GOVJOB</i> It is the government's responsibility to provide a job for everyone who wants one	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q22. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?
 (Please circle the appropriate number on each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>GOVNOSAY</i> People like me have no say in what the government does	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>GOVCOMP</i> Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me cannot really understand what is going on	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>LOSETCH</i> Generally speaking, those we elect lose touch with the people pretty quickly	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PTYNTMT</i> It doesn't really matter which party is in power, in the end things go on much the same	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>VOTEINTR</i> Parties are only interested in people's votes, not in their opinions	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>VOTEONLY</i> Voting is the only way people like me can have any say about how the government runs things	1	2	3	4	5	8

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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. Some of the questions that you answered are also being asked in 28 other countries as part of an international survey and results of these will be used to compare people's opinions across the world. 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,

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