YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2095
Fieldwork: 12th - 14th April 2010

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Northern Ireland has recently transferred policing and justice powers from Westminster to the Northern Irish Assembly at Stormont, meaning that Northern Ireland is now responsible for the control and running of its own policing and justice agencies and departments. Thinking about this transfer, how do you think it will affect the Northern Ireland peace process?													
I think the transfer will improve political stability; the move reflects the will of the Northern Irish people and it is	46	53	40	40	48	49	50	41	49	45	45	46	48
I think the transfer could destabilise the peace process - the Real IRA will see it as an affront to their ambitions and	19	18	20	17	19	21	18	20	10	23	24	16	16
The transfer will have no effect on the peace process, it is simply a case of business as usual - nothing will change	14	16	13	14	15	15	12	17	15	14	13	14	17
I don' know	21	13	28	30	18	16	20	22	26	19	20	23	19

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The Real IRA has just this morning (Monday 12th April 2010), admitted responsibility for a car bomb attack which exploded outside MI5's Northern Ireland headquarters. The blast appears to have been timed to coincide with the precise moment that policing and justice powers devolved from Westminster to the Northern Irish Assembly. Thinking about the potential political effect of this car bomb attack, how likely do you think it is that this bomb attack will destabilise the peace process?													
I don't think it will destabilise the peace process at all – the Northern Irish people are united in their commitment to peaceful measures.	48	58	40	38	51	55	51	45	49	47	46	48	54
I think the car bomb attack could destabilise the peace process – an increase in violent attacks could affect community confidence in the Northern Irish Assembly and the peace process.	34	29	39	36	34	31	33	35	28	36	37	33	31
None of the above	4	4	3	6	3	2	3	4	5	5	3	2	2
I don't know	14	10	19	21	12	11	13	16	18	12	14	16	13

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As explained previously, Northern Ireland has recently transferred policing and justice powers from Westminster to the Northern Irish Assembly at Stormont, meaning that Northern Ireland is now responsible for the control and running of its own policing and justice agencies and departments. Thinking about this transfer, how confident are you that the Northern Irish Assembly will be able to adequately control their own agencies and departments?													
I am not confident at all - Northern Ireland can't be trusted to look after their own affairs, the Northern Irish Assembly has been suspended on four previous occasions and it is only a matter of time before powers are re-directed back to London.	9	10	7	5	7	12	8	9	9	9	11	7	5
Irish Assembly to function properly in overseeing policing and justice departments - the level of partisanship in Northern Irish politics is likely to result in insurmountable disagreements between the parties.	31	36	26	34	34	27	30	32	31	32	31	30	25
I am very confident - the Northern Irish Assembly has made progress on agreeing devolution powers and will continue in	33	35	30	23	33	40	37	28	26	31	35	33	41
None of the above	5	4	5	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	5	4	6
I don't know	24	15	32	33	22	17	21	27	30	23	20	26	23
It has recently been unveiled that Pope Benedict XVI delayed pleas to defrock (to remove their right to exercise the functions of the priestly office) a California priest with a criminal record of sexually molesting children, when he was a cardinal in 1985, because of concerns that 'the good of the universal church"' be taken into account in any decision to defrock. Thinking about this, do you think it was right for Pope Benedict XVI to resist pleas for the immediate defrocking of the priest?													
Yes – the good of the 'universal church' is an important and relevant concern, and it is right that Pope Benedict XVI recommended considering it.	3	4	2	4	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	1
No â€“ any Priest who has found to have a criminal record of sexually molesting children should be defrocked immediately	91	92	90	83	94	95	91	90	93	90	90	90	92
I don't know	7	5	9	13	5	3	6	8	5	7	7	7	7

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Recently, lawyers in the United Kingdom are challenging the claim that the Pope's position as head of the Vatican gives him state-like immunity protections which would shield the Pope from prosecution if he were to be charged with any crime in the United Kingdom. Thinking about this, which of the following statements best describe how you feel about the Pope's immunity privileges?													
I believe the Vatican to be a state and thus, the Pope should be given state-like immunity.	11	16	6	9	12	11	12	9	13	10	12	11	11
I don't think the Vatican is a state and thus, the Pope should not be given immunity privileges that other heads of state are afforded.	11	13	9	12	13	9	11	12	10	11	10	14	7
I believe the Vatican isn't a state but as a religious leader, the Pope should be granted immunity.	4	4	3	4	2	5	4	3	6	4	3	3	1
Regardless of whether the Vatican is a state or not, no one should be granted immunity from the law.	68	64	72	64	68	71	68	69	65	69	69	66	74
Don't know	7	3	10	12	5	3	5	8	7	7	6	7	7
Imagine that a foreign defence ministry has been using models of Christian churches on its firing ranges, in an effort to simulate the conditions of war in a Christian country. Which of the following statements would best describe your view?													
I think it would be wrong for the foreign defence ministry to do this	40	33	47	33	38	49	39	42	41	42	39	38	44
I don't think there would be anything specifically wrong with the foreign defence ministry doing this	42	57	27	45	42	39	46	37	43	41	41	43	41
I don't know	18	10	25	23	19	12	16	21	16	17	20	20	15

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