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Name FIELDWORK: 19-24 JANUARY 1987
 Address SAMPLE SIZE: 1103 ADULTS AGED 18+, GB
 Tel No 74 CONSTITUENCY POINTS IN GB
 EDITED, WEIGHTED DATA: ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES
 (* : LESS THAN 0.5% BUT GREATER THAN 0.)

SAMPLING POINT		Religion (%)	
Name		Protestant.....	58
Number		Catholic.....	14
	(10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) %	Other.....	16
Sex		None/refused.....	13
Male.....	48	Q Were you, either of your parents or any of your grandparents born in Ireland? IF YES: Which ones were born in Ireland? (MULTICODE POSSIBLE)	
Female.....	52		
Age	%	None born in Ireland.....	84
18-24.....	35	Respondent born in Ireland.....	1
25-34.....	33	Parent(s) born in Ireland..	5
35-39.....		Grandparent(s) born in Ireland.....	10
40-44.....		Don't know.....	3
45-54.....	32	Q Have you ever been to Northern Ireland? IF YES: When was the last time you visited Northern Ireland? (CODE BELOW)	
55-59.....			
60-64.....			
65+.....	17	Q And have you ever been to the Republic of Ireland? IF YES: When was the last time you visited the Republic of Ireland? (CODE BELOW)	
Occupation of head of household		N. Rep. of Ire (%)	
Type		Ire (%)	Ire (%)
Position	%	Within last 6 months.....	1
Class (from above)		Six months to a year ago.* ..	1
AB.....	17	One to two years ago.....	1
C1.....	23	Two to five years ago.....	2
C2.....	31	Five to ten years ago.....	3
D.....	30	Over ten years ago.....	9
E.....		Never.....	84
Working status of respondent	%	Don't know.....	1
Full-time (30 hrs+/week).....	45	Ever - - - - - 15 18	
Part-time (8-29 hrs/week).....	10	INTERVIEWER NAME: _____	
Unemployed.....	9	INTERVIEWER NUMBER: _____	
Economically inactive (eg retired/housewife/student).....	36	DATE OF INTERVIEW: _____	
Housing tenure	%	Good morning/afternoon/evening.	
Buying on a mortgage.....	37	My name is ... from MORI and we are conducting a nationwide survey among the general public about current issues. May I ask you a few questions? P.T.O.	
Own outright.....	25		
Council tenant.....	25		
Private tenant.....	9		
Other.....	4		
Trade Union Member	%		
Yes.....	22		
No.....	78		

THIS FORM IS THE PROPERTY OF MARKET & OPINION RESEARCH INTERNATIONAL

Q1 What would you say is the most important issue facing Britain today? (CODE BELOW: SINGLE CODE ONLY) 2
 Q2 And what do you see as other important issues facing Britain today? (CODE BELOW: MULTICODE POSSIBLE)

	Q1 Most Important (%)	Q2/2 Most important + Other (%)
AIDS.....	6	16
Common market/EEC.....	1	2
Defence/Foreign affairs.....	2	11
Disarmament/nuclear weapons.....	7	21
Drugs.....	1	7
Housing.....	1	11
Immigration/race relations.....	2	5
Interest rates/mortgages.....	0	2
Law and order/violence/hanging.....	5	19
Local government/councils rate capping.....	0	2
National Health Service/hospitals.....	2	19
Northern Ireland.....	*	3
Pensions.....	1	13
Pound/exchange rates/value of the pound.....	*	2
Prices/inflation.....	1	6
Privatisation.....	*	2
Schools/education.....	1	15
Taxation.....	*	3
Trade unions/strikes.....	*	3
Unemployment/factory closures.....	59	78
Other (WRITE IN AND CODE 7).....	8	25
.....	3	2
Don't know.....	3	2

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Q3 And what do you think are the main causes of the situation in Northern Ireland today? (DO NOT PROMPT: MULTICODE POSSIBLE)
 Q4 SHOWCARD A Now, looking at this card, which other factors, in your opinion, are among the main causes of the situation in Northern Ireland today? PROBE: Any others?

	Q3 Main causes (Max 3)	Q3 %1	Q3/4 Main + Other (Max 4)	Q3/4 Main (Max 4)
Inflation/cost of living.....	(*)	*	4	(4)
Unemployment.....	(3)	2	20	(16)
Other economic problems/bad housing.....	(1)	1	7	(6)
Religion/churches.....	(45)	33	60	(64)
Terrorism/paramilitary organisations.....	(4)	4	32	(24)
Presence of British troops.....	(6)	6	24	(24)
Bigotry.....	(4)	8	26	(19)
Bad management by British Government.....	(3)	3	14	(17)
Relationship with Republic of Ireland.....	(*)	1	8	(6)
The Republic's claim to Northern Ireland.....	(2)	*	9	(9)
The Anglo-Irish agreement.....	NA	*	14	N/A
Historical factors.....	(8)	12	37	(14)
Partition/the border.....	(2)	1	8	(9)
Politicians.....	(4)	5	22	(17)
Support for IRA in the Republic.....	(2)	1	20	(18)
Segregation in schools/education.....	(1)	1	18	(12)
Attitudes of Catholics.....	(3)	6	32	(25)
Attitudes of Protestants.....	(2)	6	33	(24)
Other (WRITE IN AND CODE 7).....	(12)	15	16	(14)
.....	(1)	21	4	(16)
Don't know.....	(1)	21	4	(16)

Q5

SHOW PHOTOCARD Please would you look at these photographs and tell me the name of each politician. First of all, who is politician 'A'? REPEAT FOR B-F (CODE FOR EACH WHETHER CORRECT OR INCORRECT ANSWER GIVEN OR DON'T KNOW)

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	Correct %	Incorrect %	Don't know %
A. Jerry Adams, MP - leader of Sinn Fein, political wing of the IRA.....	34	7	59
B. Garret Fitzgerald, MP - the Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland.....	32	5	63
C. John Hume, MP - leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party/SDLP in Northern Ireland.....	8	14	78
D. Rev Ian Paisley, MP - leader of the Democratic Unionist Party/DUP in Northern Ireland.....	83	1	16
E. Enoch Powell - Official Unionist MP for South Down in Northern Ireland.....	78	2	20
F. Margaret Thatcher - the Prime Minister.....	100	*	*

ASK ALL FOR EACH OF A-F ABOVE

Q6 On balance, do you think (NAME POLITICIAN AND POSITION FROM ABOVE) has been a force for good or for evil in resolving the situation in Northern Ireland? REPEAT FOR EACH

ROTATE ORDER AND TICK START

Net good ±%		Good %	Neither good nor evil %	Evil %	Don't know %
-51	A. Jerry Adams.....	4	10	55	32
+34	B. Garret Fitzgerald.....	39	14	6	41
+11	C. John Hume.....	16	9	5	70
-65	D. Rev Ian Paisley.....	6	11	70	13
+14	E. Enoch Powell.....	32	24	18	25
+11	F. Margaret Thatcher.....	35	30	24	11

Q7 There has been a lot of discussion about whether or not Britain should withdraw her troops from Northern Ireland. In your view, do you think Britain should ...? READ OUT (SINGLE CODE ONLY)

	(%)	(May '84 %)
Withdraw her troops immediately.....	22	(22)
Withdraw them within a pre-set period.....	39	(31)
or Keep them there as long as violence continues.....	34	(38)
Don't know.....	5	(9)

Q8 Do you think the level of violence in Northern Ireland has increased, decreased or remained about the same over the last five years?

Net increase ±%		(%)	(May '84 %)
(May '84 +35)	Increased.....	39	(46)
	Decreased.....	18	(11)
Jan '87 +21	Remained the same.....	40	(37)
	Don't know.....	4	(6)

Q9 Do you think that Northern Ireland should form some sort of union with the Irish Republic, should Northern Ireland become an independent state, or should Northern Ireland remain as part of the United Kingdom?

	(%)	(June '81 %)	(May '84 %)
Union with Republic.....	27	(18)	(21)
Independent.....	29	(37)	(31)
Remain part of UK.....	29	(29)	(30)
Don't know.....	15	(16)	(18)

Q10 Who do you think should have a say in determining the political future of Northern Ireland? PROBE: Anyone else?

	(%)	(Nov '85)
People of Northern Ireland.....	76	(65)
People elsewhere in the UK.....	4	(6)
People of Irish Republic.....	11	(7)
British Government.....	19	(12)
Government of Irish Republic.....	7	(2)
Politicians in Northern Ireland.....	9	(3)
Other (WRITE IN AND CODE 7).....	5	(4)
Don't know.....	8	(12)

Q11 In 1949 a constitutional guarantee was made stating that Northern Ireland would remain part of the UK unless the majority of the Northern Ireland electorate voted otherwise. Do you think that this guarantee should still remain today or not?

	(%)
Remain.....	64
Not remain.....	23
Don't know.....	13

Q12 Last year the Governments of the UK and the Republic of Ireland signed an Anglo-Irish agreement under which the Government of the Republic of Ireland is consulted about the affairs of Northern Ireland. Do you approve or disapprove of this idea?

	(%)	(Nov '86)
Approve.....	48	(47)
Disapprove.....	30	(32)
Don't know.....	22	(20)

Q13 Do you think the Anglo-Irish agreement will or will not improve the prospects for peace in Northern Ireland?

	(%)	(Nov '85)	All adults
Will not.....	24	(20)	Ireland
Don't know.....	52	(68)	
	24	(12)	

Q14 Some people in Northern Ireland are unhappy about the existence of the Anglo-Irish agreement. Do you think there should be a referendum held in Northern Ireland on whether the Anglo-Irish agreement should remain or not?

	(%)	(Nov '85)	All adults
Should be a referendum in Northern Ireland.....	75	(61)	N. Ireland
Should not be a referendum in Northern Ireland.....	15	(28)	
Don't know.....	10	(11)	

Q15 SHOWCARD B Here are some statements some people have made about the current situation in Northern Ireland. Can you tell me how strongly you agree or disagree with each?

Figures in brackets are for May '84

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Net Agree
	%	%	%	%	%	%	+/- %
a) There is nothing the British Government can do to help find a solution to the current situation in Northern Ireland.	11	41 (36)	30	7	28 (19) (53)	5	-7 (-17)
b) Any attempt to solve the Northern Ireland problem must have the co-operation of the IRA.	9	39 (50)	30	4	19 (37) (51)	6	-12 (+13)
c) Britain spends too much money trying to keep peace between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland.	28	55 (50)	27	11	15 (25) (31)	10	+31 (+25)
d) People in Northern Ireland should accept any constitutional changes affecting Northern Ireland which are approved by the British Parliament.	9	34 (42)	25	8	31 (38) (49)	9	-15 (+4)
e) It is likely that Northern Ireland will merge with the Republic of Ireland at some point in the next 20-30 years.	9	41	32	10	22 (34)	13	+7
f) Northern Ireland is well served by its elected political representatives.	5	26	21	12	27 (45)	18	-19
g) It is right for the Ulster Unionist MPs to refuse to take their seats in the British House of Commons in protest against the Anglo-Irish agreement.	7	23	17	8	27 (57)	30	-3

Q16 Finally, our client, the Daily Express, will be doing a series of features on the situation in Northern Ireland.

a. Would you be willing for your views to be attributed to you by name in the articles?
 (%)
 Yes, willing..... 25
 No, not willing..... 74

b. Would you be willing for us to give your name and telephone number to the Express in case one of their feature writers wishes to conduct a further interview with you?
 (%)
 Yes, willing..... 22
 No, not willing..... 75

Please sign here to say that you agree with the answers to these two questions as I have written them.

Respondent signature

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