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REPORT ON A SURVEY
OF OPINIONS AMONG
PROTESTANTS IN ULSTER

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INTRODUCTION

This document contains the results of an opinion survey commissioned by London Weekend Television Weekend World from Marplan Limited.

The survey was carried out on Wednesday 4th February 1976. It is based on a quota sample of 520 electors drawn from seventeen sampling points in Ulster. (A list of the sampling points is contained in the appendix to this report).

Quota controls were set in each constituency by sex and within sex by two age and two socioeconomic class groups.

A copy of the questionnaire used is contained in the appendix.

TABLE 1

OPINIONS ON POWER SHARING

Q.1. Mr. Rees has asked the politicians in Northern Ireland to find a constitutional settlement based on power-sharing at cabinet level. Which of the following statements best describes your feelings about this.

	TOTAL	SEX		AGE		SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASS		AREA	
		MEN	WOMEN	18-34	35+	ABC1	C2DE	BELFAST C.B.	REST OF ULSTER
BASE: All respondents	520	254	266	215	305	174	346	153	367
I would wholeheartedly support a power sharing government.	% 31	% 29	% 33	% 33	% 30	% 39	% 27	% 24	% 34
I disapprove of power sharing being written into the constitution but would be prepared to give an emergency coalition government a chance.	32	33	30	30	32	37	29	29	33
I reject wholeheartedly any idea of power sharing	37	37	36	35	37	24	43	46	32
Don't know	*	*	1	1	-	1	-	1	1

TABLE 2

CONFIDENCE IN POLITICIANS

Q.2. In which of the following politicians do you have the most confidence?

	TOTAL	SEX		AGE		SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASS		AREA	
		MEN	WOMEN	18-34	35+	ABC1	C2DE	BELFAST C.B.	REST OF ULSTER
BASE: All respondents	520	254	266	215	305	174	346	153	367
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Dr. Ian Paisley	42	39	44	47	38	26	49	41	42
Mr. Harry West	16	14	18	15	16	17	15	16	18
Mr. William Craig	34	39	30	31	37	46	29	34	32
None of them	8	8	9	8	9	11	7	8	8

TABLE 3

VIEWS ON POWER SHARING BY POLITICIAN MOST CONFIDENCE IN

Q.2. by Q.1.

	TOTAL	POLITICIAN MOST CONFIDENCE IN			
		DR. IAN PAISLEY	MR. HARRY WEST	MR. WILLIAM CRAIG	NONE OF THEM
BASE: All respondents	520	216	82	179	43
I would wholeheartedly support a power sharing government	31	13	32	45	65
I disapprove of power sharing being written into the constitution but would be prepared to give an emergency coalition government a chance	32	25	34	41	26
I reject wholeheartedly any idea of a power sharing government	37	62	34	14	7
None of these	*	1	-	-	2

ANALYSIS BY AREA

	TOTAL	AREA			
		BELFAST C.B.	CO. DOWN	CO. ANTRIM	COS TYRONE FERMANAGH LONDONDERRY ARMAGH
BASE: All respondents	520	153	123	124	120
	%	%	%	%	%
0.1. Wholeheartedly approve	31	24	50	34	19
Emergency coalition	32	29	30	36	32
Reject power sharing	37	46	20	28	49
Don't know	*	1	-	2	-
0.2. Dr. Ian Paisley	42	41	28	47	50
Mr. Harry West	16	10	24	11	19
Mr. William Craig	34	40	38	27	31
None of them	8	8	10	15	-

LIST OF SAMPLING POINTS

Londonderry C.B.	Waterside Ward	Co.Londonderry
Londonderry U.D.		Co.Londonderry
Ballymena M.B.		Co.Antrim
Carrickfergus		Co.Antrim
Lisburn M.B.		Co.Antrim
Newton Abbey U.D.		Co.Antrim
Lurgan M.B.		Co.Armagh
Belfast C.B.	Clifton Ward	
Belfast C.B.	Pottinger Ward	
Belfast C.F.	Smithfield Ward	
Belfast C.B.	Duncairn Ward	
Belfast C.B.	Victoria Ward	
Omagh U.D.		Co.Tyrone
Bangor M.B. (1)		Co.Down
Bangor M.B. (2)		Co.Down
Newcastle U.D.		Co.Down
Newtonards M.B.		Co.Down

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ULSTER OPINION SURVEY

CLASSIFICATION

NAME OF INFORMANT	SEX	Male	1
.....		Female	2
ADDRESS.....	AGE	18-24	3
.....		25-34	4
.....		35-44	5
.....		45-54	6
.....		55-64	7
.....		65 +	8
ADDRESS WHERE INTERVIEWED (IF DIFFERENT)	CLASS	AB	1
.....		C1	2
.....		C2	3
.....		DE	4
.....	RELIGION	Protestant	5 Q.1
.....		Catholic	CLOSE DO
.....			NOT INTERVIEW
INFORMANT NOT ON TELEPHONE P	Q.1	Mr Roes has asked the	
INFORMANT IS ON TELEPHONE O		politicians in Northern Ireland	
TELEPHONE NUMBER.....		to find a constitutional settle-	
OCCUPATION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD		ment based on power-sharing at	
.....		cabinet level. Which of the	
.....		following statements best	
TYPE OF INDUSTRY.....		describes your feelings about	
.....		this: SHOW CARD A	
QUALIFICATIONS (DEGREES, APPRENTICESHIPS		I would wholeheartedly support	
.....		a power-sharing government	1
.....		I disapprove of power-sharing	
.....		being written into the	
.....		constitution but would be	
.....		prepared to give an emergency	
.....		coalition government a chance	2
.....		I reject wholeheartedly any	
.....		idea of a power-sharing	
.....		government	3
.....	Q.2	In which of the following	
.....		politicians do you have	
.....		the most confidence?	
.....		SHOW CARD B	
.....		Dr Ian Paisley	5
.....		Mr Harry West	6
.....		Mr William Craig	7

INTERVIEWER'S NUMBER

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