Steps we need to take to win peace

Today the Belfast Telegraph publishes exclusively the first of a four-part series from an opinion poll — in search of a settlement: the people's choice — on the future of Northern Ireland. It was carried out by the Queen's University's Social Science Research Centre Trust and the survey was conducted by Colin Irwin, reports on his findings.

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**VIEWPOINT**

Choices of the people

**OPINION POLL:** The most important choices of the people

With the future of the peace process hanging in the balance, the Belfast Telegraph has undertaken an extensive opinion poll today, to find out what the people of Northern Ireland really want. The poll, which took place over the course of a week, was designed to determine the most important choices that the people of Northern Ireland would prefer to see implemented in the future.

One of the key findings of the poll was that the majority of respondents preferred a complete end to paramilitary activity in Northern Ireland. This was followed by a desire for stronger and more effective anti-terrorism measures, and the end of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

The poll also revealed that the people of Northern Ireland are divided on the issue of Irish unification. While some want to see Northern Ireland remain part of the UK, others believe that it should become part of the Republic of Ireland.

In conclusion, the Belfast Telegraph hopes that the findings of this poll will be taken into account by those involved in the peace process. The people of Northern Ireland deserve to have a say in their future, and it is up to those in power to ensure that their voices are heard.

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**Reforming RUC quite ‘acceptable’**

In a report commissioned by the Government of Mauritius, a psychologist has recommended the establishment of a completely independent police authority in the country.

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The report recommends that a new police authority be established, with powers to investigate, interrogate and bring to court those responsible for breaches of the peace. The new authority should be independent of both communities.

Reforming the RUC, therefore, is quite ‘acceptable’ but not in the interest of either community. Both communities think it is a problem and so it’s hard to make it any better. The new authority should be independent of both communities.

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**Protecting the rights of the people**

The European Convention on Human Rights protects individuals and communities from abuses perpetrated by the police, the military or any other state organ. The convention guarantees a number of fundamental rights, including the right to liberty, the right to a fair trial, the right to respect for family life, the right to freedom of expression, the right to freedom of religion and the right to peaceful assembly.

Some international conventions also include collective rights of minorities and national communities. The European Convention on Human Rights guarantees the right to self-determination, freedom of association and the right to participate in cultural, social and public life. The European Convention on Human Rights also guarantees the right to education, the right to work and the right to access to social security.

The police and the military must respect and protect human rights, and any abuse of power must be investigated and punished. The rights of individuals and communities must be protected against any violation of their rights.

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**The TOP FIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE FIVE MAIN PARTIES ARE**

DUP

1. Disband paramilitary groups; 2. crackdown on terrorism; 3. end Anglo-Irish Agreement; 4. disband paramilitary groups; 5. integrate NI into UK.

UUP

1. Disband paramilitary groups; 2. crackdown on terrorism; 3. a bill of rights; 4. school choice; 5. a new political culture.

ALLIANCE

1. Disband paramilitary groups; 2. a bill of rights; 3. cultural and religious rights, equal rights and integrated education; 4. a new political culture.

SDLP

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