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Majority say yes to the search for settlement

TODAY, the Belfast Telegraph publishes the findings of a two-part exclusive Queen's University/Rowntree Trust opinion poll on the key issues of a referendum package.

The poll, conducted by Dr Colin IRWIN, reports the views of the people on the following questions:

- Do you support the principle of a negotiated settlement for the political future of Northern Ireland?
- Do you support the principle of a negotiated settlement for the political future of the Republic of Ireland?
- Do you support the principle of a negotiated settlement for the political future of both countries?
- Do you support the principle of a negotiated settlement for the political future of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland?
- Do you support the principle of a negotiated settlement for the political future of the UK?
- Do you support the principle of a negotiated settlement for the political future of the EU?
- Do you support the principle of a negotiated settlement for the political future of the whole of Ireland?
- Do you support the principle of a negotiated settlement for the political future of the whole of the UK?
- Do you support the principle of a negotiated settlement for the political future of the whole of the EU?
- Do you support the principle of a negotiated settlement for the political future of the whole of the world?

The poll results show that a majority of respondents support a negotiated settlement for the political future of Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and both countries. The full results are available in the article.

COMPROMISE OR COMMON GROUND?

Some recent commentators have suggested that a comprehensive settlement agreement is necessary to achieve a lasting peace in Northern Ireland. They argue that a settlement must address the political, social, and economic challenges facing the region. Others believe that a more incremental approach, focusing on specific issues, may be more practical.

ALTERNATIVES TO A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT

The Scottish 'Yes' campaign for independence faced significant challenges in achieving a referendum victory. Many analysts believe that a similar approach could be successful in Northern Ireland, with a focus on gaining support for a negotiated settlement through a series of referendums on specific issues.

About the Poll

The poll was conducted by Dr Colin IRWIN, a political scientist at Queen's University. The results are based on a representative sample of 1,000 respondents across Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and the UK. The full methodology and results are provided in the article.

TOMORROW—MAKING THE REFERENDUM PACKAGE WORK