UNIONISM AT THE CROSSROADS:

What the people say

**EXCLUSIVE POLL**

- **YES** 72% 2000
- **NO** 28% 2000

**TABLE 2**

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**Ulster Unionist Party Supporters**

- The Ulster Unionist Party leadership have agreed to initiate a process that will completely and verifiably put IRA arms beyond use.
- Paramilitary organisations will state clearly that they will put all weapons, including those beyond use, into formal safe custody.
- The third party will include the diplomats Cyril Ramaphosa from South Africa and Marta Arblaster from Finland.
- The IRA leadership have stated there is no threat to the peace process from the IRA.
- Measures will continue to be taken to re-integrate prisoners into the community.
- In consultation with representatives from the paramilitary organisations, the Commission will develop more effective ways of ensuring compliance.
- The IRA arms dumps will be inspected regularly.
- Continued support for the victims of violence.
- The third party will report to the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning.
- Both governments will take resolute action against any group that threatens or uses violence against the peace process.

**Sinn Fein Supporters**

- Legislation will be enacted to implement the Patent report.
- Legislation and a detailed timetable for implementation of the review of the criminal justice system will be published.
- A new policing board and independent recruitment agency for the Police Service of Northern Ireland will be established.
- The Ulster Unionist and Sinn Fein parties will become a single party, the Democratic Unionist Party.
- They will both only deal which the results of the referendum on the Good Friday Agreement will have been made public for all future of our people.

In accordance with the terms of the Good Friday Agreement, all prisoners qualifying for early release will be released.

**Dr Colm Irwin, of the Institute of Irish Studies at Queen’s University, reports**

- The Ulster Unionists want David Trimble to stay on to take part back into the Executive.
- They clearly have misgivings about the Patent report, which they see as an betrayal of the commitment they made.
- Sinn Fein supporters have told me they think Trimble is too soft, and would like to have a more radical approach to the issue of decommissioning.
- Sinn Fein have some problems involved in the policy of decommissioning, but they also have some problems with the government's approach to the issue.

The Ulster Unionist Party, Sinn Fein and the Democratic Unionist Party have all indicated that they will support the recommendations of the Patent report, which will pave the way for the decommissioning of IRA and SDLP weapons.

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**The Top Ten “Essential” Items for Ulster Unionists, and Sinn Fein Supporters**

- Canvassing for the Ulster Unionists.
- Canvassing in support of the Ulster Unionists.
- Canvassing for the Sinn Fein.
- Canvassing for Sinn Fein.
- Canvassing for the Democratic Unionist Party.
- Canvassing for the Labour Party.
- Canvassing for the Green Party.
- Canvassing for the Liberal Democrats.
- Canvassing for the Conservatives.
- Canvassing for the UKIP.

**TODAY’S CROSSWORD**

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