

Christian Institute

METHODOLOGY NOTE

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Northern Ireland Poll

CATI Fieldwork: 10th - 15th March 2015

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

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Summary Table**Base: All respondents**

	Situations						
	A Muslim printer who refuses to print cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed	An atheist web designer who refuses to design a website promoting the view that God made the world in 6 days	An environmentalist marketing consultant who refuses to work for a company that wants to start fracking in Northern Ireland	A Muslim film company which refuses to produce a pornographic film	A t-shirt company owned by lesbians who decline to print T-shirts with a message describing gay marriage as an abomination	A printing company run by Roman Catholics which declines an order to produce adverts calling for abortion to be legalised	A bakery run by Christians which refuses to bake a cake with the words "support gay marriage" on it
Unweighted base	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Weighted base	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Should be grounds for taking to court	164 16%	155 15%	196 20%	137 14%	201 20%	226 23%	223 22%
Should not be grounds for taking to court	793 79%	816 82%	764 76%	837 84%	775 77%	742 74%	765 77%
Don't know	43 4%	30 3%	40 4%	26 3%	25 2%	31 3%	11 1%

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Should not be grounds for taking to court	793 79%	401 82%	391 77%	103 79%	148 83%	144 79%	145 82%	114 82%	139 73%	270 79%	69 72%	238 81%	24 70%	113 83%	79 80%
Don't know	43 4%	16 3%	28 5%	6 4%	3 1%	9 5%	7 4%	4 3%	15 8%	9 3%	6 6%	14 5%	2 5%	4 3%	7 7%

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Don't know	43 4%	16 5%	4 2%	1 1%	19 8%	18 5%	7 3%	7 10%	1 3%	5 3%	3 4%	3 12%

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Should be grounds for taking to court	155 15%	66 14%	88 17%	28 21%	22 12%	28 15%	25 14%	25 18%	28 15%	55 16%	16 16%	45 15%	4 12%	20 15%	14 15%
Should not be grounds for taking to court	816 82%	413 84%	403 79%	100 77%	156 87%	151 82%	144 82%	113 81%	153 80%	274 80%	78 81%	241 82%	29 86%	114 84%	79 80%
Don't know	30 3%	11 2%	19 4%	3 2%	2 1%	4 2%	8 4%	2 2%	10 5%	12 4%	3 3%	7 2%	1 2%	2 1%	5 5%

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Should not be grounds for taking to court	764 76%	380 78%	384 75%	97 74%	146 82%	151 82%	129 73%	111 80%	129 68%	263 77%	68 71%	229 78%	26 78%	102 75%	75 76%
Don't know	40 4%	22 5%	18 4%	3 2%	6 4%	4 2%	8 5%	3 2%	15 8%	11 3%	4 4%	13 5%	2 6%	5 3%	6 6%

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Should not be grounds for taking to court	837 84%	419 86%	417 82%	111 85%	162 90%	153 83%	149 85%	118 85%	144 76%	286 84%	83 86%	248 85%	26 77%	117 85%	76 77%
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A t-shirt company owned by lesbians who decline to print T-shirts with a message describing gay marriage as an abomination

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A printing company run by Roman Catholics which declines an order to produce adverts calling for abortion to be legalised

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Don't know	31 3%	20 4%	11 2%	5 3%	4 2%	5 3%	6 4%	3 2%	9 5%	7 2%	5 5%	10 3%	2 5%	4 3%	4 4%

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Don't know	31 3%	4 1%	6 3%	5 3%	12 5%	8 2%	6 2%	5 6%	-	5 3%	6 8%	1 5%

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A bakery run by Christians which refuses to bake a cake with the words "support gay marriage" on it

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Don't know	11 1%	4 1%	7 1%	- -	1 1%	4 2%	3 2%	2 1%	1 *	4 1%	2 2%	3 1%	1 3%	2 1%	- -

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Table 9
Q.2 Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements...
Summary Table
Base: All respondents

	<u>Statements</u>			
	The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland is wrong to take the Christian-run 'Ashers Baking Company' to court for refusing to bake a cake with the words "support gay marriage" on it	The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland is right to take the Christian-run 'Ashers Baking Company' to court for refusing to bake a cake with the words "support gay marriage" on it	The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland should not be spending public funds on taking 'Ashers Baking Company' to court	It is important that the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland pursue 'Ashers Baking Company' through the courts in order to set an example
Unweighted base	1000	1000	1000	1000
Weighted base	1000	1000	1000	1000
Agree	663 66%	266 27%	768 77%	277 28%
Disagree	308 31%	714 71%	224 22%	706 71%
Don't know	29 3%	20 2%	8 1%	18 2%

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Table 10

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Agree	266 27%	108 22%	158 31%	56 43%	56 31%	51 28%	39 22%	33 24%	32 17%	90 26%	25 26%	76 26%	8 25%	39 28%	28 28%
Disagree	714 71%	372 76%	342 67%	73 56%	121 68%	124 68%	134 76%	106 76%	155 82%	242 71%	69 72%	212 72%	24 72%	97 71%	70 71%
Don't know	20 2%	10 2%	10 2%	2 1%	2 1%	8 4%	3 2%	1 1%	3 2%	10 3%	2 2%	5 2%	1 3%	1 1%	1 1%

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Table 11
Q.2 Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements...
The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland is right to take the Christian-run 'Ashers Baking Company' to court for refusing to bake a cake with the words "support gay marriage" on it
Base: All respondents

	Social grade					Religious group						
	Total	AB	C1	C2	DE	Cath- olic	Prot- estant	Church of Ire- land	Meth- odist	Other	None	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1000	358	189	170	246	393	256	82	27	145	72	25
Weighted base	1000	360	190	182	231	394	261	75	25	146	75	24
Agree	266 27%	95 26%	57 30%	46 26%	64 28%	135 34%	48 18%	14 19%	4 14%	39 26%	23 30%	4 18%
Disagree	714 71%	258 72%	131 69%	133 73%	159 69%	249 63%	210 81%	58 77%	21 83%	106 73%	50 66%	20 82%
Don't know	20 2%	7 2%	2 1%	2 1%	8 4%	10 3%	3 1%	3 4%	1 3%	1 1%	3 3%	- -

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Table 12

Q.2 Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements...

The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland should not be spending public funds on taking 'Ashers Baking Company' to court

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Region						
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Antrim	Armagh	Down	Ferm-anagh	London-derry	Tyrone
Unweighted base	1000	453	547	86	149	186	193	162	224	341	97	293	34	136	99
Weighted base	1000	490	510	131	179	184	176	140	191	341	97	293	34	137	99
Agree	768 77%	386 79%	381 75%	96 73%	131 73%	139 76%	144 81%	107 77%	151 79%	253 74%	75 78%	230 79%	30 88%	106 77%	74 75%
Disagree	224 22%	101 21%	123 24%	35 27%	46 26%	44 24%	31 18%	31 22%	37 20%	84 25%	22 22%	61 21%	4 12%	29 21%	24 24%
Don't know	8 1%	3 1%	6 1%	- -	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%	1 1%	3 1%	4 1%	- -	2 1%	- -	2 1%	1 1%

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Table 12

Q.2 Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements...

The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland should not be spending public funds on taking 'Ashers Baking Company' to court

Base: All respondents

	Social grade					Religious group						Prefer not to say
	Total	AB	C1	C2	DE	Catholic	Protestant	Church of Ireland	Methodist	Other	None	
Unweighted base	1000	358	189	170	246	393	256	82	27	145	72	25
Weighted base	1000	360	190	182	231	394	261	75	25	146	75	24
Agree	768 77%	280 78%	137 72%	148 82%	173 75%	281 71%	215 82%	62 82%	24 93%	118 81%	49 66%	19 79%
Disagree	224 22%	78 22%	51 27%	32 18%	55 24%	108 27%	44 17%	14 18%	2 7%	27 19%	25 33%	5 21%
Don't know	8 1%	1 *	2 1%	1 1%	4 2%	5 1%	2 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	1 1%	- -

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Table 13

Q.2 Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements...

It is important that the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland pursue 'Ashers Baking Company' through the courts in order to set an example

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Region						
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Antrim	Armagh	Down	Ferm-anagh	London-derry	Tyrone
Unweighted base	1000	453	547	86	149	186	193	162	224	341	97	293	34	136	99
Weighted base	1000	490	510	131	179	184	176	140	191	341	97	293	34	137	99
Agree	277 28%	109 22%	168 33%	54 41%	66 37%	55 30%	40 23%	27 19%	35 18%	104 30%	29 30%	72 24%	9 27%	34 25%	29 29%
Disagree	706 71%	372 76%	334 65%	77 59%	111 62%	126 69%	130 74%	111 79%	150 79%	230 67%	65 68%	216 74%	25 73%	101 74%	68 69%
Don't know	18 2%	9 2%	8 2%	- -	2 1%	2 1%	6 4%	2 1%	5 3%	7 2%	2 2%	5 2%	- -	1 1%	2 2%

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Table 13

Q.2 Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements...

It is important that the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland pursue 'Ashers Baking Company' through the courts in order to set an example

Base: All respondents

	Social grade					Religious group						Prefer not to say
	Total	AB	C1	C2	DE	Catholic	Protestant	Church of Ireland	Methodist	Other	None	
Unweighted base	1000	358	189	170	246	393	256	82	27	145	72	25
Weighted base	1000	360	190	182	231	394	261	75	25	146	75	24
Agree	277 28%	97 27%	61 32%	55 30%	57 24%	131 33%	56 21%	15 20%	3 14%	38 26%	25 33%	8 36%
Disagree	706 71%	258 72%	126 66%	126 69%	169 73%	258 65%	200 77%	56 75%	22 86%	107 73%	49 66%	13 56%
Don't know	18 2%	5 1%	3 1%	1 1%	6 2%	6 1%	5 2%	4 5%	-	1 1%	1 1%	2 9%

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Table 14
Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...
Summary Table
Base: All respondents

	Statements				
	It is more important to protect freedom of speech than to protect people from being offended	It is more important to protect people from being offended than to protect freedom of speech	Freedom of speech includes being able to offend people without being punished	Equality laws should be used to protect people from discrimination and not to force people to say something they oppose	It is possible to have strong laws against discrimination while also protecting freedom of speech
Unweighted base	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Weighted base	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Agree	731 73%	264 26%	485 49%	901 90%	891 89%
Disagree	221 22%	673 67%	479 48%	81 8%	83 8%
Don't know	48 5%	64 6%	36 4%	19 2%	27 3%

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Table 15
Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...
It is more important to protect freedom of speech than to protect people from being offended
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Region						
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Antrim	Armagh	Down	Ferm-anagh	London-derry	Tyrone
Unweighted base	1000	453	547	86	149	186	193	162	224	341	97	293	34	136	99
Weighted base	1000	490	510	131	179	184	176	140	191	341	97	293	34	137	99
Agree	731 73%	372 76%	359 70%	88 67%	122 68%	142 77%	143 81%	102 73%	134 70%	248 73%	68 70%	224 77%	24 70%	99 73%	69 69%
Disagree	221 22%	96 20%	125 25%	41 31%	49 27%	34 19%	27 15%	33 23%	38 20%	75 22%	24 25%	57 20%	9 26%	31 22%	25 25%
Don't know	48 5%	22 5%	25 5%	2 1%	8 5%	7 4%	7 4%	5 3%	19 10%	18 5%	4 4%	11 4%	2 5%	7 5%	5 5%

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Table 15
Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...
It is more important to protect freedom of speech than to protect people from being offended
Base: All respondents

	Social grade					Religious group						Prefer not to say
	Total	AB	C1	C2	DE	Catholic	Protestant	Church of Ireland	Methodist	Other	None	
Unweighted base	1000	358	189	170	246	393	256	82	27	145	72	25
Weighted base	1000	360	190	182	231	394	261	75	25	146	75	24
Agree	731 73%	288 80%	132 70%	136 75%	152 66%	284 72%	188 72%	59 79%	17 65%	107 74%	61 82%	14 60%
Disagree	221 22%	56 15%	46 24%	44 24%	66 28%	92 23%	64 24%	15 20%	6 24%	29 20%	9 12%	6 25%
Don't know	48 5%	16 4%	11 6%	2 1%	13 6%	18 5%	9 3%	1 1%	3 11%	9 6%	4 5%	4 15%

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Table 16
Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...
It is more important to protect people from being offended than to protect freedom of speech
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Region						
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Antrim	Armagh	Down	Ferm-anagh	London-derry	Tyrone
Unweighted base	1000	453	547	86	149	186	193	162	224	341	97	293	34	136	99
Weighted base	1000	490	510	131	179	184	176	140	191	341	97	293	34	137	99
Agree	264 26%	121 25%	143 28%	35 26%	48 27%	46 25%	46 26%	30 21%	59 31%	80 23%	27 28%	76 26%	8 24%	40 29%	32 32%
Disagree	673 67%	341 70%	332 65%	93 71%	119 66%	130 71%	119 67%	102 73%	110 57%	233 68%	68 70%	202 69%	23 68%	90 66%	57 58%
Don't know	64 6%	28 6%	36 7%	3 2%	12 7%	8 4%	11 7%	7 5%	22 12%	28 8%	2 2%	15 5%	2 7%	7 5%	10 10%

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Table 16
Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...
It is more important to protect people from being offended than to protect freedom of speech
Base: All respondents

	Social grade					Religious group						Prefer not to say
	Total	AB	C1	C2	DE	Catholic	Protestant	Church of Ireland	Methodist	Other	None	
Unweighted base	1000	358	189	170	246	393	256	82	27	145	72	25
Weighted base	1000	360	190	182	231	394	261	75	25	146	75	24
Agree	264 26%	68 19%	48 25%	47 26%	87 38%	118 30%	75 29%	22 30%	4 17%	26 18%	10 13%	8 34%
Disagree	673 67%	274 76%	128 67%	131 72%	121 52%	255 65%	171 66%	49 64%	19 75%	107 74%	62 83%	10 44%
Don't know	64 6%	17 5%	14 8%	4 2%	23 10%	22 6%	15 6%	4 6%	2 7%	12 9%	3 4%	5 23%

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Table 17
Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...
Freedom of speech includes being able to offend people without being punished
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Region						
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Antrim	Armagh	Down	Ferm-anagh	London-derry	Tyrone
Unweighted base	1000	453	547	86	149	186	193	162	224	341	97	293	34	136	99
Weighted base	1000	490	510	131	179	184	176	140	191	341	97	293	34	137	99
Agree	485 49%	232 47%	253 50%	64 49%	91 51%	93 51%	92 52%	62 44%	83 44%	168 49%	47 49%	145 49%	20 59%	60 44%	45 46%
Disagree	479 48%	242 49%	237 46%	64 49%	86 48%	88 48%	79 45%	69 50%	94 49%	159 47%	46 48%	140 48%	11 34%	70 51%	53 53%
Don't know	36 4%	15 3%	20 4%	3 2%	2 1%	3 2%	5 3%	8 6%	14 7%	14 4%	3 3%	8 3%	2 7%	7 5%	1 1%

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Table 17
Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...
Freedom of speech includes being able to offend people without being punished
Base: All respondents

	Social grade					Religious group						Prefer not to say
	Total	AB	C1	C2	DE	Catholic	Protestant	Church of Ireland	Methodist	Other	None	
Unweighted base	1000	358	189	170	246	393	256	82	27	145	72	25
Weighted base	1000	360	190	182	231	394	261	75	25	146	75	24
Agree	485 49%	195 54%	85 45%	95 52%	97 42%	183 46%	130 50%	38 50%	10 38%	71 49%	45 60%	9 38%
Disagree	479 48%	152 42%	95 50%	82 45%	127 55%	204 52%	124 48%	34 46%	15 58%	62 42%	27 36%	13 54%
Don't know	36 4%	13 4%	10 5%	5 3%	7 3%	8 2%	6 2%	3 4%	1 4%	13 9%	3 4%	2 7%

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Table 18

Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...

Equality laws should be used to protect people from discrimination and not to force people to say something they oppose

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Region						
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Antrim	Armagh	Down	Ferm-anagh	London-derry	Tyrone
Unweighted base	1000	453	547	86	149	186	193	162	224	341	97	293	34	136	99
Weighted base	1000	490	510	131	179	184	176	140	191	341	97	293	34	137	99
Agree	901	442	459	126	168	170	163	122	152	311	90	264	28	122	86
	90%	90%	90%	97%	94%	93%	92%	87%	80%	91%	93%	90%	83%	89%	87%
Disagree	81	36	45	4	10	10	12	15	29	22	5	24	5	12	13
	8%	7%	9%	3%	6%	5%	7%	11%	15%	7%	6%	8%	14%	9%	13%
Don't know	19	12	7	-	1	4	2	2	9	7	2	6	1	3	-
	2%	2%	1%	-	1%	2%	1%	2%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	-

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Table 18
Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...
Equality laws should be used to protect people from discrimination and not to force people to say something they oppose
Base: All respondents

	Social grade					Religious group						Prefer not to say
	Total	AB	C1	C2	DE	Catholic	Protestant	Church of Ireland	Methodist	Other	None	
Unweighted base	1000	358	189	170	246	393	256	82	27	145	72	25
Weighted base	1000	360	190	182	231	394	261	75	25	146	75	24
Agree	901 90%	338 94%	173 91%	167 92%	192 83%	361 92%	231 89%	66 87%	22 86%	133 91%	69 92%	19 80%
Disagree	81 8%	14 4%	15 8%	14 8%	34 15%	31 8%	23 9%	7 9%	3 14%	10 7%	2 2%	4 16%
Don't know	19 2%	8 2%	3 1%	- -	5 2%	2 *	6 2%	3 4%	- -	3 2%	4 5%	1 3%

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Table 19
Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...
It is possible to have strong laws against discrimination while also protecting freedom of speech
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Region						
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Antrim	Armagh	Down	Ferm-anagh	London-derry	Tyrone
Unweighted base	1000	453	547	86	149	186	193	162	224	341	97	293	34	136	99
Weighted base	1000	490	510	131	179	184	176	140	191	341	97	293	34	137	99
Agree	891	435	455	120	161	174	160	123	152	298	88	269	30	118	88
	89%	89%	89%	92%	90%	95%	91%	88%	80%	87%	91%	92%	88%	86%	89%
Disagree	83	43	40	9	16	6	12	14	25	33	7	18	2	14	9
	8%	9%	8%	7%	9%	3%	7%	10%	13%	10%	7%	6%	6%	10%	9%
Don't know	27	12	15	2	3	3	4	3	13	10	1	7	2	5	2
	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	7%	3%	1%	2%	5%	4%	2%

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Table 19
Q.3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...
It is possible to have strong laws against discrimination while also protecting freedom of speech
Base: All respondents

	Social grade					Religious group						Prefer not to say
	Total	AB	C1	C2	DE	Catholic	Protestant	Church of Ireland	Methodist	Other	None	
Unweighted base	1000	358	189	170	246	393	256	82	27	145	72	25
Weighted base	1000	360	190	182	231	394	261	75	25	146	75	24
Agree	891 89%	332 92%	167 88%	167 92%	188 81%	354 90%	230 88%	68 90%	22 87%	130 89%	68 91%	18 77%
Disagree	83 8%	22 6%	17 9%	11 6%	32 14%	36 9%	20 8%	4 6%	2 10%	11 8%	5 6%	4 18%
Don't know	27 3%	5 1%	5 3%	3 1%	11 5%	4 1%	11 4%	3 4%	1 4%	4 3%	2 2%	1 5%