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Survey Results. PAGE 6 is summary

\* People think that ceasefires will not be permanent (77%), and that

the actions of paramilitary groups not on ceasefire would derail the process (82%)

But a majority our in line with NWC's pragmatic position that

the UDP should only have been

expelled for a short time (55%)

and SF should only have been expelled

for a short time (43%).

Figures for 'Allowed to stay' were 25% UDP

and 30% SF.

The public, according to this poll, believe

that a political party should be held

responsible for its paramilitary wing.

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Secretary of State scores well, with 64% saying her visit to Hage was right thing to do in the circumstances.

## PRISONERS

- Very little support for general amnesty. 7% most people say (50%) that they should be made serve their remaining sentence, but 56% say they think political prisoners will actually be released.
- 71% think it is important to secure the prisoners support for a settlement.

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## DECOMMISSIONING

Good result.

Only 24% say its vital it happens now, and most support (38%) given to position

"It should be part of any agreed settlement"

54% UUP

30% DUP

70% PUP

## UUP / SF engagement

UUP should talk to SF at talks

YES - 72%

Should Trimble meet Adams 1 to 1?

YES - 68%

## SETTLEMENT BY MAY ①

Public does not believe political parties will come to agreed settlement by May - (87%) say no.

Should the Brit + Ir. act together to impose a solution

Yes	- 36%
No	64%

• but look at how question is constructed - stress this would not happen - any agreement has to have public involvement + public's endorsement via referendum

• \* Broad support for local assembly  
64%, N-S Council 47%, Council of Isles 48%, bill of Rights 64%

(89%) (51%)

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SDLP + SF voters prepared

to accept a settlement which  
falls short of a united Ireland.

(76% combined).

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## Summary points

- \* Overall positive - people are being very pragmatic: everyone will get something of what they want - no-one will get all of what they want.

### Pragmatism manifested in relation to:

- prisoners: 71% think its important to get prisoners support for settlement.
- decommissioning. Only 24% say its vital it happens now - a negotiated settlement more important
- Engagement -  
UMP talk to SF: 72% Yes  
Trimble " " Adams 68% Yes

~~What's~~ What's ~~near~~

Survey shows public would accept

shape / contours of settlement - what's needed is to harness political will to it, and it will be possible by, and for, May.