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MIXED RACE IN BRITAIN:

A Survey of Peoples' Preferences for
Terminology & Official Classifications

A Joint Project in

THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT

Instructions

- Most of the questions in this booklet can be answered by ticking one or more boxes.
- Some ask you to write in your preferred answer if you feel none of the boxes really represents the answer you want to give.
- When you have answered one question, always go on to the next question unless you are instructed otherwise.
- Please try to give the most accurate answer you can to each question.

Please remember your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence – only the researchers involved will have access to your answers and nothing that you write will be communicated to anyone.

Consent

I hereby confirm that I have received the information sheet relating to this research.

I understand that full anonymity will be maintained and that the questionnaires will not be traced to the individuals who complete them.

I consent to participating in this research project.

Please sign or initial.....

Date.....

The University of Kent is registered with the Office of the Information Commissioner as a Data Controller under the Data Protection Act 1998. The University procedures are designed to ensure compliance with the Data Protection Principles.

Your identity

- 1 Please describe your racial/ethnic identity in your own words in the text box below.

- 2 Why do you identify yourself in the above way?

Please tick all boxes that apply

- It is my own sense of personal identity
- It is the way society sees me
- It is the group I feel I belong to
- My parents are from different racial/ethnic groups
- My ancestors (forebears) before my parents were from different racial/ethnic groups
- My friends/peers identify me in this way
- Some other reason (*please specify* _____)

- 3 How important overall is it for you to identify with your known ancestry?

Please tick one box only

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Not important

- 4 How important is it for you to identify with **all** the specific racial/ethnic groups that comprise your known ancestry?

Please tick one box only

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Not important

Terminology

- 5 Which of the following general terms for mixed race do you prefer?

Please tick one or more boxes

I do not identify as mixed race

I identify as mixed race and prefer the term(s):

- Mixed parentage
Mixed race
Dual heritage
Mixed heritage
Multiracial
Mixed origins
Some other term (*specify*.....)
No preference
I never think about it

- 6 Are there *any* terms (including *any* of the above) that you find offensive or would not like to see on an official form for any reason?

Please tick one box only

- Yes
No

If yes, what term(s)? *Please write in* _____

Why do you find these term(s) offensive or inappropriate? *Please write in* _____

- 7 Do you think terms like 'mixed race' and 'mixed parentage' should refer to...

Please tick all boxes that apply

- People who are mixes of white and black groups only
People who are mixes of white and *any* minority racial/ethnic group
People who are mixes of minority racial/ethnic groups *excluding white*
People of disparate *ethnic* origins (e.g. 'Welsh & Polish')

Classifications

8 Please complete **all three** ethnic group questions below, then answer the questions about them at the bottom of the page.

I	II	III
<p>What is your ethnic group?</p> <p>◇ Choose ONE SECTION from A to E, then tick the appropriate box to indicate your cultural background.</p> <p>A White</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> British <input type="checkbox"/> Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Any other White background, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/> <p>B Mixed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Mixed background, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/> <p>C Asian or Asian British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/> <p>D Black or Black British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> African <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black background, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/> <p>E Chinese or other ethnic group</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Any other, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/>	<p>What is your ethnic group</p> <p>◇ Choose ONE SECTION from A to E, then tick the appropriate box to indicate your cultural background.</p> <p>A White</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> British <input type="checkbox"/> Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Any other White background, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/> <p>B Mixed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any Mixed background, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/> <p>C Asian or Asian British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/> <p>D Black or Black British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> African <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black background, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/> <p>E Chinese or other ethnic group</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Any other, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/>	<p>What is your ethnic group</p> <p>◇ Choose ONE SECTION from A to E, then tick the appropriate box(s) to indicate your cultural background.</p> <p>A White</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> British <input type="checkbox"/> Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Any other White background, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/> <p>B Mixed</p> <p><i>Please tick all boxes in SECTIONS A, C, D, & E (above and below) that apply to you</i></p> <hr/> <p>C Asian or Asian British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/> <p>D Black or Black British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> African <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black background, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/> <p>E Chinese or other ethnic group</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Any other, <i>Please write in</i> _____</p> <hr/>

Circle one number only per line

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|--|----------|-----------|------------|
| 9 Which of these questions was the easiest of complete | I | II | III |
| 10 Which of these questions was most difficult to complete | I | II | III |
| 11 Which of these questions best enabled you to describe your racial/ethnic identity? | I | II | III |

12 Looking again at the categorisation for ‘mixed’ (the 1st option):

<p>“Mixed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean<input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African<input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian<input type="checkbox"/> Any other Mixed background, <p><i>Please write in.....</i>”</p>
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(i) Is there anything you particularly like about this question?

Please write in _____

(ii) Is there anything you particularly dislike about this question?

Please write in _____

Changes in your racial/ethnic identity

13 (i) Have you ever reported your racial/ethnic identity differently from the way you usually do now?

Please tick one box only

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|-----|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Go to 13(ii)</i> |
| No | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Go to 14</i> |

(ii) What were the reasons for reporting your racial/ethnic identity differently?

Please write in _____

14 (i) Can you foresee a future time when you might report your racial/ethnic identity differently from the way you do now?

Please tick one box only

- | | | |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Go to 14(ii)</i> |
| No | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Go to 15</i> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Go to 15</i> |

(ii) If yes, please explain.

Please write in _____

- 15 (i) Do you describe your racial/ethnic identity differently in conversation with friends to the way you report it on official forms?

Please tick one box only

- Yes *Go to 15(ii)*
No *Go to 16*

- (ii) How do you describe your racial/ethnic identity differently?

Please write in _____

Some general questions about you

- 16 Are you...

Please tick one box only

- Male
Female

- 17 How old are you?

Years: _____

- 18 What is your housing tenure? Are you....

Please tick one box only

- An owner-occupier (with or without a mortgage)
Renting from a Local Authority or Council
Renting from a Housing Association
Renting from a private landlord
Living with parents/family
Other (*please specify* _____)

- 19 (i) Which of the following best describes your current situation?

Please tick one box only

- I am employed (self employed or an employee)
I am retired
I am unemployed and looking for work
I am unable to work due to disability or ill health
I am caring for my home & family/dependents
I am a full-time student
Other (*please specify* _____)

(ii) If you have ever been in paid employment, which of the following best describes the sort of work you do (or did in your last job if are not working now)?

Please tick one box only

- | | | |
|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| I | Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| II | Managerial & technical | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| III | Skilled occupations | |
| | (N)Non-manual | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (M)Manual | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| IV | Partly skilled | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| V | Unskilled | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Other (<i>please specify</i> _____) | |

20 What is your country of birth?

Please tick one box only

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| United Kingdom | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Republic of Ireland | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Elsewhere, <i>please write in the country</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

21 Do you self-identify with a particular national identity/group?

Please tick one or more boxes

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes..... | |
| British | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| English | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Scottish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Welsh | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Some other (<i>please specify</i> _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

22 Finally, what are your family's ethnic origins?

Please tick the appropriate box(es) for both (i) & (ii)

(i) Your mother's family

(ii) Your father's family

- | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| White | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Black-Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Black-African | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pakistani | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*Please explain your family origins in more detail, if the options above are not appropriate to your particular situation*_____

If there are any other comments you would like to make please record them here:

Next

- Now please check that you have answered all the questions that apply to you.
- Please return the completed questionnaire in the stamped addressed enveloped.

Thank you very much for your help; we are grateful for the trouble you have taken.

