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………………………..

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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

What is your ethnic group?

† Choose ONE SECTION from A to E, then tick the appropriate box to indicate your cultural background.

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|                         | Indian           | Pakistani        |
|                         | Bangladeshi      | Any other Asian background, Please write in ____________________________ |

| D Black or Black British |                  |                  |
|                         | Caribbean        | African          |
|                         | Any other Black background, Please write in ____________________________ |

| E Chinese or other ethnic group |                  |                  |
|                                  | Chinese          | Any other, Please write in ____________________________ |

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**Circle one number only per line**

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):

“Mixed
☐ White and Black Caribbean
☐ White and Black African
☐ White and Asian
☐ Any other Mixed background,
Please write in……………………………………
……………………………………………………..

(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

Yes ☐ Go to 13(ii)
No ☐ Go to 14

(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 ☐ Go to 14(ii)
No ☐ Go to 15
Don’t know ☐ Go to 15

(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 you are not working now)?

Please tick one box only

I Professional □
II Managerial & technical □
III Skilled occupations
   (N)Non-manual □
   (M)Manual □
IV Partly skilled □
V Unskilled □
Other (please specify ______________________)

20 What is your country of birth?

Please tick one box only

United Kingdom □
Republic of Ireland □
Elsewhere, please write in the country __________ □

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

Please tick one or more boxes

No □
Yes…….. □
   British □
   English □
   Scottish □
   Welsh □
   Irish □
   Some other (please specify __________) □

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 □ □
Black-Caribbean □ □
Black-African □ □
Indian □ □
Pakistani □ □
Bangladeshi □ □
Chinese □ □
Other □ □

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.