

**SECTION E- PROJECT RECONCILIATION BAROMETER 2006**

- ASK MALES AND FEMALES -

► **INTRODUCTION:** I would now like to ask you some questions about relationships between South Africans in general and your perceptions about government in dealing with reconciliation issues.

**SHOW CARD:** Please can you tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statements? Would you say you strongly agree, agree, are uncertain, disagree or strongly disagree?

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	UNCERTAIN	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.1 The people who run the country are not really concerned with what happens to people like me.	5-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.2 Most of the time I can trust the country's <b>national leaders</b> to do what is right.	6-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.3 It is alright to get around the law as long as you don't actually break it.	7-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.4 It is desirable to create one united South African nation out of all the different groups who live in this country	8-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
It is possible to create one united South African nation out of all its different groups						
E.5 If public officials are not interested in hearing what people like me think, there is really no way to make them listen.	9-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.6 The South African Parliament treats all people who come before it – black, white, coloured and Indian – the same.	10-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**SHOW CARD:** Please indicate how much confidence you have in each of the following institutions? Would you say a great deal, quite a lot, not very much or none at all?

	A GREAT DEAL	QUITE A LOT	NOT VERY MUCH	NONE AT ALL	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.7 The Presidency	11-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.8 National Government	12-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.9 Provincial Government	13-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.10 Local Government	14-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.11 Parliament	15-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.12 Big Companies	16-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.13 Political Parties	17-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.14 Print media (newspapers)	18-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.15 Broadcast media (radio & TV)	19-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.16 The SA Human Rights Commission	20-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.17 Religious Institutions	21-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.18 The Constitutional Court	22-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.19 The Legal System in General	23-1	-2	-3	-4	-5

**SHOW CARD:** Once again, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, are uncertain, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements.

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	UNCERTAIN	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.20 The government should require radio and TV stations to have more shows where South Africans can talk to each other about things like transformation and nation-building.	24-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.21 The South African Parliament can usually be trusted to make decisions that are right for the country as a whole.	25-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.22 Different churches or religious organisations should start holding some services together so that different South Africans can get to know one another better.	26-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.23 If the South African Parliament started making a lot of decisions that most people disagree with, it might be better to do away with Parliament altogether.	37-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.24 The rulings of South African courts should be in accordance with the South African Constitution, even if it contradicts the will of the majority of South Africans	28-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.25 South Africans courts can generally be trusted to make judgements that are fair towards all South Africans	29-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.26 My local government can be trusted to deliver the services that one expects from this sphere of government	30-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**SHOW CARD:** Now I would like to hear some things about your expectations for the future. Please tell me whether you think these things will get a lot better, get a little better, stay about the same, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	GET A LOT BETTER	GET A LITTLE BETTER	STAY ABOUT THE SAME	GET A LITTLE WORSE	GET A LOT WORSE	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.27 How do you think the <b>economic situation</b> in South Africa will change in the next 12 months? Will it ...	31-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.28 How do you think <b>economic situation</b> of people like you will change during the next two years? Will it ...	32-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.29 How do you think the <b>general</b> level of safety of South Africans will change in the next 12 months? Will it ...	33-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.30 How do you think the <b>personal</b> safety of people like you will change during the next two years? Will it....	34-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**SHOW CARD:** South Africa has many different language and religious groups. Now I would like to know whether you think that the following situations will get a lot better, get a little better, stay about the same, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	GET A LOT BETTER	GET A LITTLE BETTER	STAY ABOUT THE SAME	GET A LITTLE WORSE	GET A LOT WORSE	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.31 In the next 12 months do you think government support for these groups to practice their language or religion will...?	35-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.32 In the next 12 months, do you think the situation of these groups being able to practice their religion or language without interference will...?	36-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.33 Over the next two years do you think other people's respect for your religious or language group will...?	37-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**SHOW CARD:** Now I would like to hear some things about your living conditions. Please tell me whether you think these things got a great deal better, got a little better, stayed about the same, got a little worse or got a lot worse?

	A GREAT DEAL BETTER	A LITTLE BETTER	ABOUT THE SAME	A LITTLE WORSE	A GREAT DEAL WORSE	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.34 How does your financial situation compare to that of your parents? Is it...	38-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.35 How do your living conditions compare to those of your parents? Are they...	39-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.36 How does your financial situation compare to what it was like 12 months ago? Is it...	40-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.37 How do your living conditions compare to what they were like 12 months ago? Are they...	41-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.38 How do the chances of you finding a job compare to what they were like 12 months ago? Are they...	42-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**SHOW CARD:** I just want to ask two more questions about your thoughts about your future. Please tell me whether you think the following is highly likely, likely, neither, unlikely or highly unlikely.

	HIGHLY LIKELY	LIKELY	NEITHER	UNLIKELY	HIGHLY UNLIKELY	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.39 How likely is it that your house, property or land rights will be taken away from you during the next 12 months?	43-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.40 How likely is it that the houses, properties or land rights of people like you will be taken away from them during the next two years?	44-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**SHOW CARD:** Now I am going to read you a list of statements, please tell me whether you think they are certainly true, probably true, probably not true or certainly not true.

	CERTAINLY TRUE	PROBABLY TRUE	PROBABLY NOT TRUE	CERTAINLY NOT TRUE	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.41 Apartheid was a crime against humanity.	45-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.42 South Africa has great income differences today because in the past blacks were not given the same education opportunities as whites.	46-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
E.43 In the past the state committed horrific atrocities against those struggling against apartheid.	47-1	-2	-3	-4	-5

**SHOW CARD:** Here are some different actions people could take if government was **disregarding** or **violating** or **going against** their human rights. I would like you to tell me if it would be justified if some people did the following?

	COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED	PROBABLY JUSTIFIED	UNCERTAIN	PROBABLY UNJUSTIFIED	COMPLETELY UNJUSTIFIED	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.44 Took part in demonstrations.	48-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.45 Joined strikes.	49-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**SHOW CARD:** If this did not work, would it be justified if they:

	COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED	PROBABLY JUSTIFIED	UNCERTAIN	PROBABLY UNJUSTIFIED	COMPLETELY UNJUSTIFIED	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.46 Used force or violent methods, such as damaging public property or taking hostages.	50-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**SHOW CARD:** Please can you tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statements? Would you say you strongly agree, agree, are uncertain, disagree or strongly disagree?

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	UNCERTAIN	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.47 I think it is fair that the people who discriminated against others during apartheid feel what it is like to be discriminated against.	51-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.48 Sometimes it might be better to ignore the law and solve problems immediately rather than wait for a legal solution.	52-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.49 People who suffered during apartheid have no right to make public the names and abusive actions of those responsible for their suffering.	53-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
Enough has done enough to prosecute perpetrators of apartheid human rights abuse.						
E.50 People who abused others during apartheid must be punished, even if it means going against the decision of the courts.	54-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.51 It is not necessary to obey the laws of a government that I did not vote for.	55-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
Government has done enough to support victims of human rights abuse under apartheid.						
E.52 The use of racial categories must be retained to measure the impact of government programmes on previously disadvantaged communities	56-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**SHOW CARD:** We want to know how you would compare South Africa today with the country it was in 1994 when it became a democracy. Would you say that the following have improved a great deal, improved somewhat, worsened somewhat, or worsened a great deal?

	IMPROVED A GREAT DEAL	IMPROVED SOMEWHAT	STAYED THE SAME	DISAGREE	WORSENERD SOMEWHAT	WORSENERD A GREAT DEAL

Personal economic circumstances						
Race relations						
Personal safety						
The gap between rich and poor						
Hope for the future						

**SHOW CARD:** Once again, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, are uncertain, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements.

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	UNCERTAIN	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.53 It is highly likely that I will be unemployed at some stage during the next year.	57-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.54 It is better to have a low-paying full time job than it is to have to make your own living.	58-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
Government policy makes it difficult for people like me to find employment.						
E.55 The government's policies over the last 12 months have strongly improved the prospects of people like me finding jobs.	59-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.56 The government's policies over the last 12 months have worsened the quality of education provided to my children or the children of friends.	60-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.57 The quality of education your children or the children of friends receive is high	61-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
Most of those profiting from affirmative action don't really deserve it.						
E.58 The education system prepares your children or the children of friends to find jobs.	62-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**NOTE TO INTERVIEWERS:** Replace [GROUP] as follows:

If Respondent is white, insert (black, coloured or Indian)

If Respondent is Black, insert (white, Indian or coloured)

If Respondent is Coloured, insert (white, black or Indian)

If Respondent is Indian, insert (white, black or coloured)

**You must read out all 3 population groups as they are listed in brackets. We are interested in total contact with population groups other than the one the respondent belongs to, irrespective of whether a respondent has more contact with one population group than another.**

**SHOW CARD:** Now we would like to ask you some questions about the contact you have with [GROUP] people.

	NEVER	RARELY	SOMETIMES	OFTEN	ALWAYS	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.59 On a typical day during the week, whether at work or otherwise, how often do you talk to [GROUP] people?	63-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.60 When socialising in your own home or the homes of friends, how often do you talk to [GROUP] people?	64-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**SHOW CARD:**

MORE OFTEN ABOUT THE SAME LESS OFTEN NEVER DON'T KNOW

E.61	If you had a choice, would you want to talk to [GROUP] people...?		AS NOW			DNRO
		65-1	-2	-3	-4	-5

**SHOW CARD:** Would you say you strongly agree, agree, are uncertain, disagree or strongly disagree with these statements?

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	UNCERTAIN	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NOT APPLICABLE	DON'T KNOW DNRO	
E.62	I want to forget about the past and just get on with my life.	66-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7
E.63	I am trying to forgive those who hurt me during apartheid.	67-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7

67.	Which <b>ONE</b> of the following groups, apart from your own, do you find most difficult to associate with? <b>READ OUT. ONE MENTION ONLY</b>	1. Black South Africans	71-1
		2. Indian South Africans	-2
		3. White South Africans	-3
		4. Coloured South Africans	-4

**SHOW CARD:** Now I would like you to tell me how you feel about the following. Think of the group that you have mentioned in Q.67 tell me in each of the following statements whether you would

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	UNCERTAIN	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW DNRO	
E.64	I find it difficult to understand the customs and ways of [GROUP] people.	68-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.65	[GROUP] people are untrustworthy.	69-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.66	I could never imagine being part of a political party made up mainly of [GROUP] people.	70-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**SHOW CARD:** Now I would like you to tell me how you feel about the following. Again, think of the group that you have mentioned in Q.67 tell me in each of the following statements whether you would strongly disapprove, disapprove, neither disapprove nor approve, approve, or strongly approve any of the following things?:

	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	DISAPPROVE	NEITHER DISAPPROVE NOR APPROVE	APPROVE	STRONGLY APPROVE	DON'T KNOW DNRO	
E.68	Living in a neighbourhood where half my neighbours are [GROUP] people.	72-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.69	Having a close relative marry a [GROUP] person.	73-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.70	Having a [GROUP] person sitting next to my child, or the child of a family member, at school	74-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

E.71 **SHOW CARD:** People sometimes talk about the divisions between people in South Africa. Sometimes these divisions cause people to be left out or discriminated against. In other instances it can lead to anger and even violence between groups. What, in your experience, is the biggest division in South Africa today? Record first mention. **READ OUT**  
**ASK:** Apart from this one, which would you say is the second biggest division in South Africa today? **READ OUT** Record as second mention

	FIRST MENTION OMO	SECOND MENTION OMO
A. The division between the supporters of different political parties, like between those belonging to the ANC and the IFP	-1	-1
B. The division between poor and middle income/wealthy South Africans	-2	-2

C. The division between those living with HIV/Aids and other infectious diseases and the rest of the community	-3	-3
D. The division between members of different religions	-4	-4
E. The division between black, white, coloured and Indian South Africans	-5	-5
F. The division between South Africans of different language groups	-6	-6

**SHOW CARD:** During the past decade our country has experienced numerous changes. Some were aimed at doing away with our divided past and some to herald in our united future. Many of these changes had symbolic significance, such as changes in geographical names, the creation of new monuments and the introduction of new public holidays. I would like to know whether you strongly agree, agree, uncertain, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	UNCERTAIN	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.72 It is important that town and city names reflect the culture of the original inhabitants of that geographic area	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.73 It is acceptable to name cities and towns after prominent political leaders	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.74 More national monuments should be erected to commemorate the sacrifices made in the struggle for a non-racial South Africa	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.75 Individual South African population groups should be encouraged to erect monuments that celebrate their particular cultures	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.76 I celebrate public holidays – at home or at organised events – that commemorate the triumph of a united nation over the apartheid system	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

**SHOW CARD:** Please look at the table below, which contains a list of items that South Africans in general often cite as important determinants of personal financial prosperity. To what extent do you believe does each of these items influence the personal prosperity of ordinary South Africans? [HOW IMPORTANT DO YOU THINK ARE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL PROSPERITY OF ORDINARY SOUTH AFRICANS?] 1 represents a very strong influence, while 5 represents very weak influence.

	STRONG INFLUENCE 1	2	3	4	WEAK INFLUENCE 5	DON'T KNOW DNRO
E.77 Level of Education	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.78 Hard Work	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.79 Religious Belief	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.80 Family	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.81 Work experience	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.82 Race	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.83 Health	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.84 Political Connections	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.85 Luck	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.86 Social class of parents	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.87 Location (urban or rural)	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.88 Gender	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
E.89 The legacy of apartheid	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6

## POSSIBLE IDENTITY QUESTIONS

Please think about your daily interaction with South Africans from different walks of life. Please indicate, which ONE of the following groups you find easiest to get along with?	
Those who speak the same language as I do	
Those who belong to the same racial group as I do	
Those who are in the same financial position as I am	
Those who belong to the same cultural group as I do	
Those who live in the same neighbourhood as I do	
Those who have the same gender as I have	

OR

People see themselves in many different ways. Using this list, which of these describes you best? Please take a moment to look at each of these categories.	
African	
South African	
Black	
Christian	
Zulu	
Afrikaner	
White	
Tswana	
Muslim	
Seswati	
English	
Venda	
European	
South Sotho/Sesotho	
Indian	
Tsonga-Shangaan	
Coloured	
Xhosa	
North-Sotho/Sepedi	
Hindu	
Boer	
Asian	
Brown	
Afrikaans-speaking	
English-speaking	
A global citizen	
Other	

till looking at the list above, how important is this identity to you? Would you say that it is very important; somewhat important; not very important; not important at all?

Very important	
Somewhat important	
Not very important	
Not important at all	
Don't know	
Refused	

benefit from belonging to this group.

till looking at the list above, which one of the following categories least describes you?

people have different sorts of feelings as a result of being a member of a group. Which of the following characteristics describes how you feel about being [GROUP IDENTIFIED IN ABOVE QUESTION]?