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| | Yes | No | Response Count |
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| Do you live on the Isle of Man? | 98.1% (317) | 1.9% (6) | 323 |
| Do you consider yourself to be Manx? | 54.1% (172) | 45.9% (146) | 318 |
| | <i>answered question</i> | | 325 |
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2. Would you describe your ethnic origin as:

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| | White | Asian | Afro-Caribbean | African | Mixed | Other |
|---|-------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| * | 94.5% (307) | 1.5% (5) | 0.0% (0) | 0.3% (1) | 2.5% (8) | 1.2% (4) |

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3. How else would you describe yourself? (You can tick one box or many.)

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| | Response Percent | Response Count |
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| CLASS - I'm working class <input type="checkbox"/> | 27.7% | 90 |
| CLASS - I'm middle class <input type="checkbox"/> | 61.5% | 200 |
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| 3. How else would you describe yourself? (You can tick one box or many.) | | Create Chart | Download |
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| CLASS - I'm upper class | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2.8% | 9 |
| EMPLOYMENT - I work for myself | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9.5% | 31 |
| EMPLOYMENT - I work for someone else | <input type="checkbox"/> | 47.1% | 153 |
| EMPLOYMENT - I work for someone, but manage other people | <input type="checkbox"/> | 24.0% | 78 |
| EMPLOYMENT - I work in the media | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3.4% | 11 |
| EMPLOYMENT - I'm an elected politician | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2.2% | 7 |
| EMPLOYMENT - I'm a tradesperson | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1.2% | 4 |
| EMPLOYMENT - My work is running a home and bringing up a family | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8.0% | 26 |
| RELIGIOUS VIEWS - My religion influences my everyday life | <input type="checkbox"/> | 16.0% | 52 |
| RELIGIOUS VIEWS - I have Faith, but it doesn't influence me that much | <input type="checkbox"/> | 29.8% | 97 |
| RELIGIOUS VIEWS - I have no religious views | <input type="checkbox"/> | 36.9% | 120 |
| RELIGIOUS VIEWS - I am anti-religion | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12.0% | 39 |
| MONEY - I'm fairly wealthy | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5.8% | 19 |
| MONEY - I'm comfortably off | <input type="checkbox"/> | 70.8% | 230 |
| MONEY - I'm on a low income | <input type="checkbox"/> | 16.3% | 53 |
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| 4. Would you consider the following types of comment as racist? (Please answer each question once.) | | Create Chart | Download | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | Racist | A bit close to the bone | Only if you're thin skinned | Not racist | Response Count |
| Telling someone who isn't Manx 'there's a boat in the morning' if they criticise the Island? | 9.6% (31) | 19.8% (64) | 28.8% (93) | 41.8% (135) | 323 |
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| 4. Would you consider the following types of comment as racist? (Please answer each question once.) | | | | | Create Chart | Download |
|--|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Using a racial stereotype in a joke? | 36.4% (117) | 31.8% (102) | 22.1% (71) | 9.7% (31) | | 321 |
| Using skin colour to describe someone from an ethnic minority (e.g. 'the black guy over there')? | 12.1% (39) | 16.7% (54) | 26.6% (86) | 44.6% (144) | | 323 |
| Using a racial abbreviation to describe an ethnic minority person (e.g. 'paki' to describe some of Indian/Pakistani origin)? | 63.3% (205) | 22.2% (72) | 9.0% (29) | 5.6% (18) | | 324 |
| Expressing negative stereotypes about someone of the same skin colour, but different national origin (e.g. a Manx person complaining about 'Yanks')? | 28.4% (92) | 19.1% (62) | 30.2% (98) | 22.2% (72) | | 324 |
| Making generalised comments about immigrants? | 49.1% (159) | 24.1% (78) | 11.4% (37) | 15.4% (50) | | 324 |
| Making generalised comments about asylum seekers? | 48.9% (157) | 24.9% (80) | 9.0% (29) | 17.1% (55) | | 321 |
| Non-Muslims making negative comments about Muslims? | 50.2% (162) | 21.1% (68) | 13.6% (44) | 15.2% (49) | | 323 |
| Manx people making negative comments about those of UK or Irish origin? | 34.6% (112) | 22.8% (74) | 21.6% (70) | 21.0% (68) | | 324 |
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| 5. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? (Please answer each question once.) | | | | | Create Chart | Download |
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| | TRUE. | FALSE. | I'm not sure. | Response Count | | |
| I've noticed racist comments on Manx related websites. | 40.9% (133) | 30.2% (98) | 28.9% (94) | | | 325 |
| I've heard racist comments at work. | 59.4% (193) | 36.6% (119) | 4.0% (13) | | | 325 |
| I've heard racist comments at the pub. | 71.1% (231) | 19.4% (63) | 9.5% (31) | | | 325 |
| I've heard racist comments while out shopping. | 41.2% (134) | 45.8% (149) | 12.9% (42) | | | 325 |
| I've heard racist comments at a sporting event. | 34.2% (111) | 44.3% (144) | 21.5% (70) | | | 325 |
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5. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? (Please answer each question once.) [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

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| I've heard racist comments during another leisure activity. | 39.7% (129) | 42.8% (139) | 17.5% (57) | 325 |
| I've heard racist comments at home. | 20.6% (67) | 73.8% (240) | 5.5% (18) | 325 |
| I've heard racist comments among extended family. | 51.7% (168) | 44.9% (146) | 3.4% (11) | 325 |
| I've heard racist comments among friends. | 64.0% (208) | 29.8% (97) | 6.2% (20) | 325 |
| Racist comments have been made towards me personally. | 23.1% (75) | 70.2% (228) | 6.8% (22) | 325 |
| I've never heard racist comments on the Isle of Man. | 6.2% (20) | 89.8% (292) | 4.0% (13) | 325 |
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6. In your experience are you most likely to hear racist comments on the Isle of Man among: (You can tick one box or many.) [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

| | Response Percent | Response Count |
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| Those at school? <input type="checkbox"/> | 45.8% | 149 |
| Those with young families? <input type="checkbox"/> | 15.4% | 50 |
| Middle-aged people of working age? <input type="checkbox"/> | 39.7% | 129 |
| Older working people of working age? <input type="checkbox"/> | 61.8% | 201 |
| Pensioners <input type="checkbox"/> | 53.8% | 175 |
| None of the above <input type="checkbox"/> | 8.3% | 27 |
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| | Response Percent | Response Count |
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| Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | 20.3% | 66 |
| No <input type="checkbox"/> | 24.9% | 81 |
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Amongst certain groups of people **48.0%** **156**

Unsure **6.8%** **22**

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1. some people in the iom have a very closed mind, which in some resepects i can understand, to keep the iom a tranquil place to live, but there is no need to judge people just because they are different Sat, Jun 27, 2009 11:27 PM [Find...](#)

2. Its typically just false opinion, and you find racism wherever you go. Wed, Jun 24, 2009 12:36 PM [Find...](#)

3. After seeing racist comments on websites and having subsequently spoken to the teenagers who have made these comments I feel that youngsters are very ill informed and readily make generalised comments about other religions and nationalities. Conversing online with like minded people and joining groups on websites such as Facebook seems to perpetuate and reinforce these views and something needs to be done to educate youngster people on the island before the situation becomes out of control. Tue, Jun 23, 2009 3:37 PM [Find...](#)

4. Not yet. Mon, Jun 22, 2009 12:05 PM [Find...](#)

5. I would only regard a comment racist if it was directly made to the person involved and they found it offensive. Fri, Jun 19, 2009 5:13 PM [Find...](#)

6. This survey is very limited considering that racism is a complex issue. Racism about Jews and Black people are often hatred or ignorance based, whereas comments about the English or Irish tend to be banter. And the non Manx on the Island are equally likely to make comments about the Manx. Thu, Jun 18, 2009 9:16 PM [Find...](#)

7. All the above questions need to allow for a wider remit on answers. There can often be mitigating circumstances which may be interpreted as racist. Tue, Jun 16, 2009 10:29 AM [Find...](#)

8. There never used to be any racism on the island because people knew that anyone of another ethnic origin was a person to respect e.g a doctor. I believe that fear causes racism and if we operated a system whereby everyone was checked and only those acceptable/needed were allowed residency under a system similar to Australia we would remove the fear and hopefully reduce racism Mon, Jun 15, 2009 9:04 PM [Find...](#)

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9. It is mainly the English (ie non-Manx) who have come over here and are strictly speaking "non-native" themselves who complain and make racist comments about people from other Nationalities arriving here too. Perhaps if it was pointed out to the English that they are immigrants too, they may be less likely to be so derogative about other immigrants.

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10. Probably no more than anywhere else. Would we elect BNP politicians as representatives?

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11. I think there is a problem most places with racism it is not particular to the iom.

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12. I think those most affected by racism are immigrants from eastern europe. i think racism towards other non-manx residents including those of other ethnic origins is far less severe

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13. Predicated by the fact there is a huge amount of ignorance. The insularity of the Isle of Man in the past leads to much of the problem, despite the positive impact a significant immigrant population. This positive contribution is not acknowledged in the way it could be and the young people educated of this. The classic comment is if we think about labels that we assign people. Whilst we have to accept that labels will be needed in some cases, there are a number which are offensive and make people uncomfortable. If we take two examples, anecdotal as I have no empirical evidence (which would be good), my personal experience is of being called coloured or half-caste. I have previously asked all my friends to put their hands onto a table and see if there is one universal colour, the reality, whether of European, Asian or African origin is that there is no universal colour for each group or between groups. There based on fact, we are all coloured. Half-caste as a term infers that one is not as good, when we are in fact one, there is only Homo Sapien Sapien, a parentage combining African and European heritage is no different to a mix in inter-European groupings. The reality is that waves of migration into the British Isles means that there can only be a small minority if any of people who can claim to be 'pure bloods' to borrow from Harry Potter. Finally, few people understand that we are all migrants, albeit over the period of human history from what is modern day East Africa. However, the reality is that as the economic situation deteriorates, people will worry about the threat they feel to any outsiders. While that is understandable this short termism

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i.e. employing someone for their nationality rather than ability will be corrosive to the long term good of society. What incentive will there be for people to educate themselves/ up-skill if there is always a guarantee that their interests will be put first. Societies which have done this previously have found in the long term that it is not an economically sustainable policy. Put bluntly, would we really wanted to be treated by a doctor who has the job because he will do and is of the right ethnic group, or fly with a pilot who can just about do the job? Honestly, we would all say No!

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| 14. | no way!!! there isn't enough if you ask me!!! | Wed, Jun 3, 2009 3:12 PM |  Find... |
| 15. | Most of the racist comments and attitudes I have witnessed have been displayed by Manx people aged 50 + | Wed, Jun 3, 2009 8:46 AM |  Find... |
| 16. | no more than there is in the country you live | Tue, Jun 2, 2009 2:06 PM |  Find... |
| 17. | Poor attitudes amongst young people. | Tue, Jun 2, 2009 1:38 PM |  Find... |
| 18. | I have found people on the IoM very racist indeed | Tue, Jun 2, 2009 10:59 AM |  Find... |
| 19. | Immature students are most likely to express racist comments without realising the consequences | Mon, Jun 1, 2009 9:25 PM |  Find... |
| 20. | I wouldn't say that the sort of racism I have encountered here is more than that of the UK - The usual anti immigration BNP stuff - as represented in this months MT letters page. I also notice in the main stream media 'acceptable' racism directed towards the French and other Europeans | Mon, Jun 1, 2009 7:22 PM |  Find... |
| 21. | I feel there is a problem among certain groups of people in certain social situations where racism is used and seen as socially acceptable, often used as a bonding mechanism between mixed groups of people using racism as a unifying tool and is often deliberately outrageous in my experience. Not thought through but repeating Daily Mail style stereotypes and headlines. | Mon, Jun 1, 2009 3:11 PM |  Find... |
| 22. | The views of the minority often get over-reported in the Manx press. | Mon, Jun 1, 2009 11:08 AM |  Find... |
| 23. | I think as in a lot of UK places people are not educated enough about race and don't seem to want to be. Generalisation of races seems to be the most common thing I hear terms like 'Paki' often being used to describe anyone who may be from any country really! | Mon, Jun 1, 2009 10:58 AM |  Find... |












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| 24. | Dislike of people from different ethnic groups has brought many people to the island | Mon, Jun 1, 2009 7:41 AM |  Find... |
| 25. | The toleration of immigrants and change to the isle of man in context to social diversity is appalling. | Mon, Jun 1, 2009 12:22 AM |  Find... |
| 26. | the manx people are right to protect their identity | Sun, May 31, 2009 11:07 PM |  Find... |
| 27. | When young children of middle class professionals say all children with non-white skin have to be foreigners, you know they are hearing racist comments at home, school and in general. It happens daily. There is racism here. | Sun, May 31, 2009 7:52 PM |  Find... |
| 28. | I have friends from the Isle of Man, which is how I was made aware of this issue, and I believe that this is not a racial matter; No matter the skin colour, if one emphatically follows a religion which preaches hatred and in cases, violence, then the individual can be very unsettling, to say the least. Race is incidental. | Sun, May 31, 2009 10:46 AM |  Find... |
| 29. | There are and will always be people who express views about matters that are alien to them and make sweeping generalisations based on ignorance of other cultures or lack of exposure to people of different ethnicities - it could perhaps be simplistic just to consider them as racist. (And surely, labelling someone as a racist is similarly pejorative!) | Sun, May 31, 2009 8:41 AM |  Find... |
| 30. | I think it is often both ways, comments about Manx people and the seemingly unfair advantages they have in work applications, and comments against newcomers to the island. | Sun, May 31, 2009 12:12 AM |  Find... |
| 31. | I don't feel there is any more racism here than in other small communities. We had a guy stay with us for the TT last year from the Midlands who was blatantly racist and proud of it, horrible. I have also heard anti-Manx and anti-Isle of Man comments from people who have come here to live. | Sat, May 30, 2009 10:16 PM |  Find... |
| 32. | But it is a pretty low level type of racism compared to many other places in the world - we do not suffer (currently) from gangs going round violently attacking each other | Sat, May 30, 2009 9:01 PM |  Find... |
| 33. | overheard dreadful comments about black people from teenagers in local video shop in presence of a black person - Peel | Sat, May 30, 2009 9:57 AM |  Find... |
| 34. | Racism is crossing the path of free speech, the meaning of racism is being extended all the time, it shouldn't. | Sat, May 30, 2009 12:50 AM |  Find... |

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35. I arrived on the Island almost two years ago now and its pretty unnerving how much more relaxed people are to be openly racist, whether "just having a laugh" or being malicious. However, to be fair you hear just as much about the manx themselves. Fri, May 29, 2009 9:58 PM  [Find...](#)
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36. Not really a major problem but the Isle of Man as a country seems to be racist for example some Government people. Fri, May 29, 2009 9:40 PM  [Find...](#)
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37. Yes, there's lots of the "coming over here taking our jobs" comments. Dealing with many members of the public each day I would say most of the comments come from people who have no interest in working themselves, but feel free to point the finger at others. Fri, May 29, 2009 8:31 PM  [Find...](#)
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38. No more than in the UK. Fri, May 29, 2009 6:07 PM  [Find...](#)
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39. my husband was an African -he and my mixed raced children were made to feel very welcome in the IOM when we returned to my homeland in 1990.-however the recent years have proved a different story BUT all due to the ignorance of the manx residents -many who have yet to appreciate the enrichment of life by meeting people of different races . Fri, May 29, 2009 5:29 PM  [Find...](#)
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40. There's a specific problem with regards to the Muslim faith. I found some of the above difficult to answer, to say "the Muslim faith is in turmoil" is negative although not "racist". To say "All Muslims are terrorists and want to kill white people" is obviously racist, although I wouldn't necessarily say that it must come from a non-Muslim to be so. Fri, May 29, 2009 5:08 PM  [Find...](#)
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41. As long as I can remember there has always been a level of racial tension on the Island - usually stemming from groups of people's notions that they have a 'right' to live there. I think this is just an unfortunate side effect of the location and politics of the island. I believe the popular misconception is that new islanders will force a new culture upon the existing inhabitants, rather than a co-existence and joint community. Fri, May 29, 2009 4:46 PM  [Find...](#)
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42. It is most definately a problem with older citizens, sometimes this is brought onto their children. However the manx "form" of racism is more based around lack of understanding and ignorance rather than hatred. Fri, May 29, 2009 4:31 PM  [Find...](#)
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43. racism is simply a state of mind racism is a word needed to be created because racism does Fri, May 29, 2009 3:22 PM  [Find...](#)

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happen because ppl r attacked over race but words do not hurt unless u let them dnt let the words hurt u and there be no issue except if u feel like u gna get beat up.

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| 44. | I wouldn't call it a "problem" but rather a reality in that most countries are working through prejudices and on the IOM i believe we have are moving forward away from those. | Fri, May 29, 2009 3:00 PM |  Find... |
| 45. | Much of this is simply humour in poor taste, rather than genuine malice | Fri, May 29, 2009 2:11 PM |  Find... |
| 46. | I work in the education sector and it is well known that if you apply for certain positions and you are up against a Manx born person, your chances of getting the job drop exponentially. I have even herd of one Manx candidate for a position completing the entire application form in Manx Gaelic. "Come-overs" from the U.K. and Ireland are not treated as badly as other ethnic minorities, but there is a certain Neo-Manx clique who look down on anyone who either has a non-local name or who cannot trace their lineage back for six or seven generations on island. | Fri, May 29, 2009 1:57 PM |  Find... |
| 47. | there aren't many large ethnic groups on the island, so say calling someone a "filthy gypsy" or "paki" would generally go unpunished | Fri, May 29, 2009 1:37 PM |  Find... |
| 48. | I use the word black to describe someone who is black like I would use the word thin or fat to describe people of this build and I use Asian or paki in much the same way as I would use Scouser or Brummy.Does that make me racist?? I think not. | Fri, May 29, 2009 1:35 PM |  Find... |
| 49. | school children - I have noticed this particularly amongst my 13 year old niece | Fri, May 29, 2009 1:28 PM |  Find... |
| 50. | People just speak more openly on the Isle of Man, racism is much worse in cities in England, but people are not as vocal for fear of reprisal. | Fri, May 29, 2009 1:06 PM |  Find... |
| 51. | So long as racist adults are bringing children into the world we're going to have racist children. I have seen a child being made to call a black man on television a monkey and being told if he see's one to go up to them and make monkey noises. Unfortunatley if a child has had this drummed into them from a young age it's quite likley to say with them in some form for the rest of their lives. Children should be being educated about these things right from the beginning of their schooling in order to try and counter act any negative stereotypes being enforced on them in the home. | Fri, May 29, 2009 12:54 PM |  Find... |

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52. The best example of this I can give is from an imergrent from South-africa who was very racist to a friend who was born on the island and was half manx, half pakistani. Fri, May 29, 2009 12:49 PM [Find...](#)
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53. Lots of Manx people and Manx residents have racist beliefs about anyone who is not of Manx descent. They are regularly criticise Irish and Welsh people as well as using slang (Paki, Mick, etc). When challenged they don't think this is racist. Fri, May 29, 2009 10:53 AM [Find...](#)
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54. Unfortunately, the racist comments which have appeared on online blogs recently are littered with spelling mistakes and swear words, indicative of the level of education of their authors. These comments have not been informed by any kind of understanding of other cultures/religions and are clearly blinded by ignorance. Fri, May 29, 2009 9:13 AM [Find...](#)
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55. There is also Manx Gaelic rascism - certain people who speak Manx Gaelic in front of people they know cannot speak Manx Gaelic to make them feel isolated. I find this arrogant, ignorant and deeply unhelpful to people who are genuinely trying to encourage others to learn Manx Gaelic. Using language as a means of belittling other people is racism. Fri, May 29, 2009 8:11 AM [Find...](#)
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56. Damn right there is! Ive lived here 9 years and am still branded a comeover!! I get called names in local pubs and have been threatened with violence in the past because of my English background. I have met very few Manx people who don't have some sort of racist view! Fri, May 29, 2009 7:57 AM [Find...](#)
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57. People are becoming too sensitive and using racism to suit their needs when they cant get what they want. Fri, May 29, 2009 7:47 AM [Find...](#)
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58. tricky to say, I believe that the vast majority of people on the isle of man are accepting (certainly amongst my friends) however there are no doubt individuals within many groups whos opinions are certainly racist. Is it a problem? I would say that racism is a problem anywhere. At least here the racists dont target on group of people... they hate everyone! Fri, May 29, 2009 7:24 AM [Find...](#)
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59. i think most of the racism is down to the polish and people of places like that because they are starting to over take the island, also nearly everyone standing next to you speaks another language than you and taking health care systems a run for there money taking all the jobs Fri, May 29, 2009 12:43 AM [Find...](#)

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on the island, as i am someone who is looking for a job the employee would rather someone of different nationality as they dont have to pay them much wages, i come out off school with no gcse's so need the jobs they have and there is a lot of people who think the same.

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| 60. | There's a lot of casual racism, from calling black people "nig-nogs" to complaining about the "come-overs". | Fri, May 29, 2009 12:41 AM |  Find... |
| 61. | My Best Friend Is Black All The Time When I Am With Him Racist Comments Are Used Towards Him Makes Me Angry! | Fri, May 29, 2009 12:41 AM |  Find... |
| 62. | Many Manx people are far too patriotic, this results sometimes in racism. | Fri, May 29, 2009 12:38 AM |  Find... |
| 63. | Racism is not just about colour manx people are racist towards areas if someone lives in Pulrose or Janets Corner comments are given employees often discriminate. I love the Isle of Man but often find it small minded and racist in all levels. Small Island mentality. | Thu, May 28, 2009 11:32 PM |  Find... |
| 64. | I am the mom of a mixed race teenage son. When he was a baby almost the only comments i recieved was to how cute he was! However since he has grown he has experienced various racist comments, including on the football pitch. Most comments come as an insult during altercation rather, as a weapon maybe. I do not believe however that in the main we are a racist nation or at least no more so than any other. My experiences of racism to be honest is mainly from people from cities in the UK living on the Island, or their children, which I find extremely hypocritical and which gives the Island a bad name. Or is that me being racist?? | Thu, May 28, 2009 10:42 PM |  Find... |
| 65. | No, although as a Manx person I do sometimes feel discriminated against by people who are not Manx and who don't like living here so make comments about the people of the island or our customs. | Thu, May 28, 2009 10:19 PM |  Find... |
| 66. | I think that it is a problem in certain areas on the island, yet from experience it is actually worse in the UK. | Thu, May 28, 2009 9:48 PM |  Find... |
| 67. | In the form of attitude rather than action | Thu, May 28, 2009 9:14 PM |  Find... |
| 68. | As a teacher I see racist attitudes pass from generation to generation | Thu, May 28, 2009 9:06 PM |  Find... |

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69. My experience is that the people most likely to make racist comments are those who have come from across and claim to have "experienced" an alleged deterioration in life in the UK because of non-white/immigrant races living there. In other words, the bloody English. Whoops! Thu, May 28, 2009 8:05 PM [Find...](#)
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70. I think its what you could expect from a tiny and until recently entirely white island.I would blame it on ignorance and Ethnic isolation rather than racism. Thu, May 28, 2009 7:43 PM [Find...](#)
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71. I think a lot of comments are said innocently, such as calling someone from Pakistan a 'Paki' is the same as calling a Scotsman a 'Scot'. It is the WAY in which things are said and the meaning behind them that determine whether it is intended to be racist or not. In the majority of cases such comments are completely innocent and are NOT negative or racist. Thu, May 28, 2009 7:06 PM [Find...](#)
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72. I understand that you are trying to get a general overview but to get a more indepth view of racism on the island questions such as 'Manx people making negative comments about those of UK or Irish origin' should really be two seperate questions because the English have never been oppressed as the Irish have. Also, 'using a racial stereotype in a joke' depends on who you are telling the joke to (a racist to please him or a fellow anti-racist to shock him). Furthermore, muslims may be white, so this is a question about religion not race. As an old Trotskyist I despise racism but I equally despise religion! But this is interesting, I eagerly await the results. Thu, May 28, 2009 6:59 PM [Find...](#)
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73. Evident in the many, manx started racist facebook groups, teeming with young manx people promoting racist views and behaviour. Thu, May 28, 2009 6:27 PM [Find...](#)
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74. I think we do have a problem but perceive that we dont have one. It is down to lack of education and understanding for some members of our society. Thu, May 28, 2009 5:49 PM [Find...](#)
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75. Some school children can be very racist. Thu, May 28, 2009 5:32 PM [Find...](#)
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76. Occasionally meet older person from UK, often quite well educated, who makes comments which could be interpreted as racist, usually related to potential immigrants from overseas. Thu, May 28, 2009 5:25 PM [Find...](#)
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77. There's no outright racism on the island, although people are very cold in their disposition and need to warm up and be more open-minded. The Isle of Man tends to be geographically isolated and Thu, May 28, 2009 5:20 PM [Find...](#)

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this leads people to live in a shell.

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| 78. | Manx people prefer other Manx people. | Thu, May 28, 2009 4:00 PM |  Find... |
| 79. | I thought it was a dying breed in older generations but after reading the shocking news that so many school children had joined a group potentially inciting racial hatred I was really shocked. | Thu, May 28, 2009 3:53 PM |  Find... |
| 80. | I have been appalled by extreme views recently voiced in my presence. Quite horrific. | Thu, May 28, 2009 3:49 PM |  Find... |
| 81. | I hate hearing people use the expression "political correctness gone mad" whenever racist, ageist, or any other "isms" which someone might find offensive are questioned. | Thu, May 28, 2009 3:34 PM |  Find... |
| 82. | I dont think certain culture supports terrorism. Terrorism is in extreme deep routed from mis-interpretation. Its a system of strong beliefs that causes problems, like anything thats extreme or over the top (and i dont just mean Islam). Religion isnt intrinsically bad, its the people who practice it. Un-educated people would who and can not understand different perspectives seem to be more ignorant of different ways of life. Un-educated people exist around the whole world! this is not unique to the Isle Of Man!. The Isle of Man is no different to any other place with a strong sense of culture. I am Manx and i am the minority. I am not against non Manx people living in the Island, it doesnt bother me where they have come from. As long as they are decent people (i.e not been in jail for 10 years for armed robbery) Whoever lives on the island should have respect for the Island and make honest and worthwhile contributions to it. People (generally English) slate the Manx people all the time (the natives who are unless). What right does anyone have to live here and share this beautiful Island if they have very little positive things to say. Its like me going to live on an island (Jersey or somewhere) and always moan about things i.e Road closures, transport, shops ect ect.. Most people choose to live where they live. I would say to anyone if your not happy in a place, move. Personally if someone works, contributes to the community and lives peacefully on the island what has their colour or background got to do with anything?? decent, hard working people who appreciate the island is what we need. The only thing i would add is that you should have to speak or be learning to speak English...it can be very frustrating for everyone when you can not | Thu, May 28, 2009 3:28 PM |  Find... |

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communicate a simple request. All in all, You dont have to be Manx to be proud!!

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83. Being mixed race, and having lived on the Isle of Man since the age of 7, after moving with my manx mother from Kenya, I have found that racism is getting worse on the island. As a school child there was not as much noticable racism directed to me personally although there was often aimed at my father, which was a shocking revelation and greatly marred my confidence in humanity. My younger sister experienced more than I did. I currently work with teenagers and have noticed increased racism, blatant racism, not just at people of different colour but also a general negative and racist attitude towards people of different ethnic origins and creeds. Often these comments are made without a second thought. The general outlook has become increasingly worrying considering the larger numbers of people who are from other ethnic backgrounds; instead of embracing change and accepting (particularly among children and young adults) it seems that fear and racist attitudes are seeping down from adults into young minds that may be very impressionable. Im not sure how the island intends on creating more harmony, but old attitudes and 'island mentality' are hard to beat. Thu, May 28, 2009 3:18 PM  [Find...](#)
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84. A very small minded 'cosy' place to live. Thu, May 28, 2009 3:17 PM  [Find...](#)
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85. Depends on age and understanding of situation. I think racist remarks or the result of not knowing someone on a personal basis, just described as a group. I think some people say things because they feel threatened by the sudden population changes and the marginalization of ethnically Manx people. Most manx people cannot afford to buy their own homes etc and live in the 'reservations'. This is more to with the long term effects of colonisation and the loss of the native language and culture like what has been seen with native Americans, aborgines, Maories etc etc. similar trends are shown within ethnically Manx populations ie higher crime, alcohol and drug abuse, educationally often do not do so well. What about the racism towards Manx people depicted frequently as half-wits in some of the adverts on Manx Radio. What about the fact many manx people have no rights to health benefits, employment or allowed to settle within the EU. I do believe the Island does need immigration controls as there is only so much Thu, May 28, 2009 3:11 PM  [Find...](#)

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new development that can go on. the social infrastructure cannot cope with the extra demands eg schools, hospitals, health services, waste management, road congestion, pollution etc. Why shouldn't Island have controls like New Zealand? NZ is not a racist country but a fair and multi ethnic friendly society.

86. I think these surveys might have the effect of increasing racism by drawing the wrong conclusions and by inadvertently polarising opinion and thoughts.

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You need to explain what you mean by a "racist comment" before I can answer Q5. Do you mean a racist insult or inoffensive banter ?

87. Hard working Phillipino workers in Health Care have to endure a lot of personal abuse and negative stereotyping.

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88. There is a certain amount of clanishness which has the effect of excluding outsiders.

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89. most of the nasty racist comments I have heard have been aimed at Polish and Philipino workers in shops and care situations.

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90. I think there is a lot of mis-information about non-Manx people on the Island and general ignorance about who gets what.

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91. i think that the whole idea of race is something spoken about on the Isle of Man however most of the people who use racist comments are very unlikely to mean it to cause genuine hurt however like in all places especially small communities, you do get people who are afraid of the unknown so therefore lash out at those who are slightly different. however i have never felt threatened on the Isle of Man because of the colour of my skin. most people are able to look beyond that, which makes me very proud.

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92. amongst ignorant badly raised people

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93. As a teacher it is upsetting to hear racist narrow-minded comments from young people.

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94. These are not easy questions to answer in a simplified way - for example it may well be possible to make balanced comments about the influence of religion in the Middle East without being against all Muslims, if being negative about a religion amounts to "racism" which it does not, in my view unless negative feelings about its

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adherents extend only to those adherents of another race.

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| 95. | Yes, you only need to look at the 'no to mosque' group, and it's predominately young males, and mostly from Ramsey Grammar!! | Thu, May 28, 2009 1:35 PM |  Find... |
| 96. | I think that there is a very old-fashioned, negative view expressed by some members of the population but they are definately in a minority and I would not call it a racism "problem". I have noticed more open expression of racism on the Island than anywhere else I have lived but I don't think there are a greater number of racists here, just less pier pressure to hide such opinions. The fact that I hear Manx people making jokes about Manx residents proves they are just as likely to comment on their own race as anyone elses. I'm not Manx born and bred but I've been here 7 years and I've found it a wonderful and friendly place. | Thu, May 28, 2009 1:32 PM |  Find... |
| 97. | The recent facebook group comments were taken completely out of context. It was never pointed out that the people who made the most offensive comments towards black people were actually black themselves!! They were joking!! The media actually created more of a problem than the group itself. | Thu, May 28, 2009 1:30 PM |  Find... |
| 98. | There is a way people put their views across which can be labeled racist by others but not intended to be racist. I think the word racist is used too often with little knowledge of the word. Some people are very opinionated and because others don't agree with their opinion the brand them racists. | Thu, May 28, 2009 1:29 PM |  Find... |
| 99. | In my experience the worst racist comments I have heard have been from white people from the UK criticising non-white or no british immigrants to the Island. | Thu, May 28, 2009 1:28 PM |  Find... |
| 100. | Racism exists in all parts of the world and is amongst a small minority and not a generalised viewpoint held by the majority, in my opinion. | Thu, May 28, 2009 1:21 PM |  Find... |
| 101. | This survey will show that the IOM is no more racist than any other group, in fact the IOM is very cosmopolitan and far more friendly to people of all races, even fairies! | Thu, May 28, 2009 12:48 PM |  Find... |
| 102. | it's of the same nature the UK experienced more than a decade ago - ie, IoM 'lagging behind' in adopting more liberal/pc approach. | Thu, May 28, 2009 12:18 PM |  Find... |

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- 103.** It seems to me that it's more of an aversion to the influx of a greater amount of non Manx people to the Island ie it is no longer the quiet, quaint, low populated place it used to be. Thu, May 28, 2009 11:37 AM [Find...](#)
- 104.** I have never heard any racist comments on the Island, but some leetrs in the local papers have seemd racist to me. Thu, May 28, 2009 11:15 AM [Find...](#)
- 105.** Some Scots heavily discriminate against non-manx and it is very common for people to make an excuse for being racist against non-whites Thu, May 28, 2009 11:00 AM [Find...](#)
- 106.** No, and this questionnaire is very one sided, Thu, May 28, 2009 10:57 AM [Find...](#)
- 107.** I don't consider myself Manx as I was born in UK, but as I have Manx ancestry going back to at least 13th C I am partly Manx - I have experienced abuse from colleauges such as 'you'll never be Manx' and 'go back to where you belong'
It is very upsetting when you have a deep love of the Island to be made to feel not welcome. Thu, May 28, 2009 10:33 AM [Find...](#)

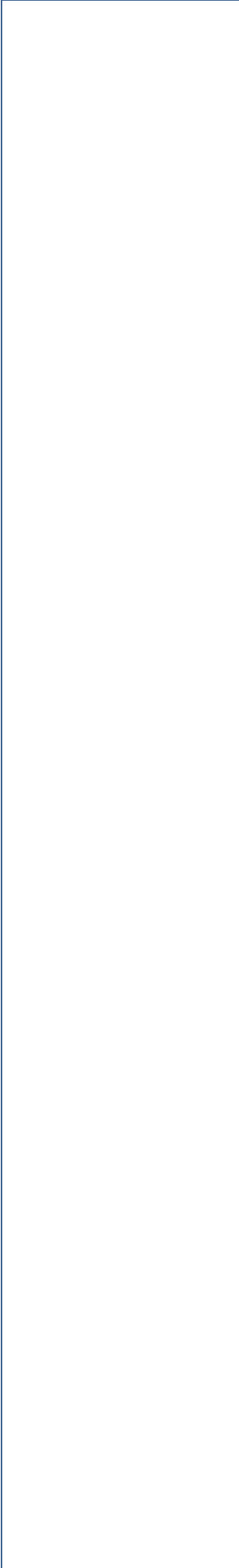
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8. How would you rate the likelihood of hearing racist comments about these ethnic groups on the Island? (Please answer each question once.) [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

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| About Muslims | 56.6% (184) | 36.9% (120) | 6.5% (21) | 325 |
| About English or other UK | 33.5% (109) | 50.2% (163) | 16.3% (53) | 325 |
| About Irish | 26.2% (85) | 55.4% (180) | 18.5% (60) | 325 |
| About Manx | 25.8% (84) | 44.9% (146) | 29.2% (95) | 325 |
| Asylum seekers | 48.3% (157) | 41.2% (134) | 10.5% (34) | 325 |
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9. I think the Isle of Man would benefit from being a more multi-ethnic society than it is today? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)



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| Don't think so <input type="checkbox"/> | 12.3% | 40 |
| I disagree <input type="checkbox"/> | 12.3% | 40 |

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1. People need to be surrounded by others from different cultures and ethnic origins to realise that we're all human. It was interesting to see that the majority of anti racist comments on Facebook came from those who had travelled or been to university whereas the racist comments (e.g. "we shouldn't have a Mosque on the Isle of Man cos all Muslims are terrorists") were from school children or those who have live in the island all their lives. Tue, Jun 23, 2009 3:37 PM [Find...](#)

2. In short the isle of man is one of the most racist places in the uk without a doubt that cuts across all ages such a shame interesting to see how these people react in other countries mind you most of these people will probably never leave the isle of man... Mon, Jun 22, 2009 11:42 PM [Find...](#)

3. As there was no definate section for this I am posting here, I feel that there is a definate problem with racism here. As a comeover I feel that I have seen communities form in my hometown that don't integrate with the larger community, who don't attend the same schools, and in the case of some, don't even speak the same language as the wider community. I firmly believe that if someone moves to another country for whatever reason, they should bring their beliefs but at the same time they should follow the rules of the country they have moved into instead of making it into a Colony, it's these breaks in communities that perpetuates existing racism. Sun, Jun 21, 2009 5:00 PM [Find...](#)

4. The IOM is far too small of an Island to allow people to come over here 'willy nilly'. There should be MUCH tougher legislation. Thu, Jun 18, 2009 10:27 PM [Find...](#)








5. It would be neccessary to study other cultures before deciding on such a subject. Tue, Jun 16, 2009 10:29 AM [Find...](#)

6. The Manx are now in a minority in their own country so consequently instead of the newcomers being absorbed into and enriching our culture, Thu, Jun 11, 2009 8:17 AM [Find...](#)

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they are forever trying to change it to be the same as where they came from, in the South of England or wherever.









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| 7. | if there is integration | Wed, Jun 10, 2009 8:43 PM |  Find... |
| 8. | Most definatley not....just have to look at the trouble in England. There is a lot of racism in the IOM and as it's a small Island this will lead to trouble..... as there is in very multi ethnic parts of England. | Sun, Jun 7, 2009 12:07 PM |  Find... |
| 9. | although i believe anyone has the right to live here, there is a lot less segregation presently with a less multi-ethnic society and there is a larger sense of inclusion. many areas of the uk with larger multi-ethnic societies have huge problems with racism when different ethnic groups become seperate communities that do not mix. | Thu, Jun 4, 2009 9:08 PM |  Find... |
| 10. | The globalisation of the world and increase in communication of all kinds brings the world closer together. Too many people will listen to music, watch sports etc with ethnic minorities and positively support them, with little if any thought about their ethnic origins. Yet, in too many cases will use derogatory comments e.g. Paki - then use the argument its like being called a Brit. Even when you explain to them that Pakistan is as far away from Sri Lanka as the UK is to Turkey, yet they would never call a person from the British Isles a Turk. They would argue that this would be illogical. Yet the vast majority of those they call this term on the Isle of Man (anecdotal) are Bangladeshi, Indian and Sri Lankan rather than Pakistani. The same applies to Chink etc. Too often people make the excuse 'I am not a racist but...' If you say that they are. Or 'I have a friend who is...' failing to recognise that many people of an ethnic minority are trying their best to assimilate into society and feel hurt and insulted but feel that they have little option but to just take it. The best example of this is going to the 'Chinky', these businesses have to put up with this as they are often working their hardest to try and make a future for their children. | Thu, Jun 4, 2009 9:12 AM |  Find... |
| 11. | we should follow Australia's methods | Wed, Jun 3, 2009 10:49 AM |  Find... |
| 12. | You only have to look at London to see what a marvellous success mass immigration has been. | Tue, Jun 2, 2009 8:28 PM |  Find... |
| 13. | this quiz has a lot of questions about the manx saying negative comments on the ethnic minorities , which in itself could be took as racism , they way you are portraying the islands residants is also 'generalised'. Tell me if you are truly annoyed, intrigued about the so called 'racist' probelm on the island, or your simply lookng for something to write | Tue, Jun 2, 2009 2:06 PM |  Find... |

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about? I am not saying the island is perfect, there are racist people on the island and i am not trying to deny this, although if your talking about the isle of man and saying that there is a racist problem maybe you should have a look at the UK as a whole. Im sure there are a few more racists in England, Wales, etc as a percentage of their population than their is of the isle of man's.











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| 14. | We are a very multi-ethnic island as it is. Although there are more white people, it does not need to be made more multi-ethnic | Mon, Jun 1, 2009 9:25 PM |  Find... |
| 15. | I have lived only in England and the Island (as far as the British Isles goes) and have not noticed racism here as being worse than England (although I have been here 6 months and was in England 30+ years). There is a lot of anti-immigration prejudice in both places. | Mon, Jun 1, 2009 7:22 PM |  Find... |
| 16. | Juust more awareness of all of our own multi-ethnicity and interdependence, a change in mindset, consciousness maybe | Mon, Jun 1, 2009 3:11 PM |  Find... |
| 17. | It's important to retain 'Manxness' but we can do that while still having a more diverse society. | Mon, Jun 1, 2009 11:08 AM |  Find... |
| 18. | I think as long as we have the space and enough jobs to go round then the more the merrier | Mon, Jun 1, 2009 10:58 AM |  Find... |
| 19. | This is a multi-ethnic society, but there are many who would prefer it to be just Manx, or at least just white. | Sun, May 31, 2009 7:52 PM |  Find... |
| 20. | You are confusing the issue here. "Race" is really a different concept to ethnic background. The former is based on a erroneous simplification of Darwinian and genetic thinking whereby diverse groups are lumped together by the characteristic of general skin colour. Interestingly, there is no word in Latin that equates to the concept of race. Instead, the Romans used the much more accurate term 'people;' realising that that the people of one village could be very different to that of the next, and seperating people on the basis of economics, culture, language etc. I see from your question 10 that you have placed a leading sentence: "global terrorism means we should mistrust certain racial or cultural groups of people" - presumably this is designed to make the point that we shouldn't associate global terrorism with Muslims, but Islamic extremists are obviously a certain cultural group that can be clearly shown to be distinct from others. | Sun, May 31, 2009 4:29 PM |  Find... |
| 21. | It worked reasonably on the mainland, but I believe there will be tensions, as it is a significant change that will require adjustment... | Sun, May 31, 2009 10:46 AM |  Find... |

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| 22. | more tolerant yes but change the current make-up no | Sun, May 31, 2009 10:13 AM |  Find... |
| 23. | Having said that, in recent months I have noticed more and more people of different ethnicities around Douglas, so I think the proocess is well underway | Sun, May 31, 2009 8:41 AM |  Find... |
| 24. | It is important to keep a strong grasp of one's culture. In this day and age, it is important that we also are aware that we live in a multicultural, global world, so need acceptance too. I come from the Southern Hemisphere, and we have become very 'multicultural', but the 'native' culture and language is flourishing, with government initiatives, like the teaching of language, and encouragement of NZ culture being an important part of daily life through arts. I think that without immigrants, the IOM would struggle to maintain its commercial side, and so they need to become a little more multicultural. | Sun, May 31, 2009 12:12 AM |  Find... |
| 25. | multi culturalism only works in utopian societies | Sat, May 30, 2009 9:01 PM |  Find... |
| 26. | If there was a 'definatly not' box, i'd tick that one | Sat, May 30, 2009 12:50 AM |  Find... |
| 27. | If the people that move over here have a use to society then bring 'em over! | Fri, May 29, 2009 9:58 PM |  Find... |
| 28. | Any place that has a mixed culture is a place with a lot of things to do for people. For example england being a multi cultural society there is indian food, chinese food and all sorts. | Fri, May 29, 2009 9:40 PM |  Find... |
| 29. | Definitely, I would be extremely happy to never hear "there's a boat in the morning" ever again. Ingrained attitudes on the island would need serious revision. Where I work gets lots of school kids in every day, the vast majority don't care about race and crack on regardless. Better integration and people mixing on a regular and social level is required (like the school kids), through that they see that people are people, not some bizarre and different entity. I personally think that requires at least a common language or many groups of people remain separated. | Fri, May 29, 2009 8:31 PM |  Find... |
| 30. | People are people no matter what they look like. As long as they're willing to 'add to' the society they choose to live in and not swim against the tide/not adapt/have malice in their hearts. It's a two-way street. | Fri, May 29, 2009 6:11 PM |  Find... |
| 31. | I do not think it would 'benefit'. | Fri, May 29, 2009 6:07 PM |  Find... |

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32. The Isle of Man has a relatively low level of unemployment and poverty. I would say that deprivation, both economic and educational, is a prerequisite for widespread racism. We've managed to have very little sectarianism (Catholic / Protestant) in an area that should, by rights, be rife with it. Why not be an example for other types of peaceful integration? Fri, May 29, 2009 5:08 PM [Find...](#)
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33. I totally agree. Much of the Isle of Man's culture prior to that of the 20th century has already been diluted, and what exists today is essentially a drab monotonous extension of the UK. Increased diversity would help rather than the Manx - UK - Irish dominance that exists today. Fri, May 29, 2009 4:46 PM [Find...](#)
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34. Hard to say, this may even make a worse problem dividing ethnic groups away from each other. Fri, May 29, 2009 4:31 PM [Find...](#)
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35. atm i feel it is multi ethnic and if u have too many multi ethnics then u ruin the culture already there then there 2 many cultures and every1 would disagree because people fom different backgrounds do have different opinions on things. Fri, May 29, 2009 3:22 PM [Find...](#)
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36. I think that certain groups on the island would gain a better perspective of the situation if everyone who is none Manx stayed at home for a week. A friend of mine made a very good point when he said "Who appreciates a place more? Someone who hasn't taken the time to travel more than 20 miles from their birth place, or someone who has moved their whole life and worldly goods there, separating themselves from friends and family?" Fri, May 29, 2009 1:57 PM [Find...](#)
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37. this is the isle of man and this sounds to much like change, the manx don't like change. Fri, May 29, 2009 1:37 PM [Find...](#)
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38. It is one of the few places clinging on to its heritage and Manx roots, a rarity all over the world today, which I believe is responsible for lower rates of crime etc. and a better quality of life. Fri, May 29, 2009 1:06 PM [Find...](#)
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39. I'm all for multi-ethnic society, aslong as people learn English (I would say Manx, but not that many know it and english works better as they can then go on holiday to the other the other parts of the British Isles and be able to talk to people) (I would also be hypocrit here if I said manx because I'm dyslexic so I found it hard to learn a second language and only know English even tho I'm Manx) Fri, May 29, 2009 12:49 PM [Find...](#)
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40. I don;t think that they 'need' to have more ethnic groups but they do not to address their closed mind attitudes and their vocabulary certainly needs addressing so that they know what is offensive to others. Fri, May 29, 2009 10:53 AM [Find...](#)

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| 41. | There are obvious reasons for Manx people wanting to keep the island as Manx as possible - cultural identity, customs, traditions etc. However, multi-ethnicity potentially offers a richness of diversity which can enhance society as much as it can be cause for alarm - arts, cuisine, religious diversity, cultural awareness. | Fri, May 29, 2009 9:13 AM |  Find... |
| 42. | I don't think so, purely on the grounds that there would be a lot more hatred in society on the Island | Fri, May 29, 2009 7:57 AM |  Find... |
| 43. | Sadly, I think an influx of asian or "african" communities would spark previously unseen racial illfeeling amongst many. | Fri, May 29, 2009 7:24 AM |  Find... |
| 44. | Im Only 16 At The Moment I have No Problem Wih Forreigners | Fri, May 29, 2009 12:41 AM |  Find... |
| 45. | Sectrarianism is wrong and does not work.....just look at Northern Ireland. | Fri, May 29, 2009 12:38 AM |  Find... |
| 46. | The Island prospers as a world player in the financial sector we should appreciate all the people that make the world up. | Thu, May 28, 2009 11:32 PM |  Find... |
| 47. | I enjoy living in multi-ethnic societies, with the wealth of culture and colour they have to offer. If this happens naturally then great if not this is fine too. Society and communities are ever changing. People become scared that another culture will engulf our own. Surely this just means we should learn more about, promote and develop our own 'Manxness' - maximise our national pride as a strong, magnificent, and tolerant nation. | Thu, May 28, 2009 10:42 PM |  Find... |
| 48. | A place does not have to be multi ethnic to appreciate other cultures and to be tolerant. I do not think there are sufficient jobs or housing for the people born here at the moment, let alone new people moving to the island from abroad. | Thu, May 28, 2009 10:19 PM |  Find... |
| 49. | No benefit but no harm if it were more multi-ethnic. People are people, there is diversity whether or not there is racial diversity | Thu, May 28, 2009 9:06 PM |  Find... |
| 50. | Multi culturalism does not work | Thu, May 28, 2009 8:43 PM |  Find... |
| 51. | Tolerance must come from both sides but our insolated society must evolve to incorporate all ethnic races. The island must be seen to be without prejudice else industry could suffer. Would multi national companies eagerly flock to the place that is sullied or tarred with a racist brush ? Would ethnic minorities relocate to an island with a reputation for racism? Would they bring their families to face such things ? Does it exist ? Yes? In abundance in certain circles ? Without doubt.....but the rest of the population shouldn't be lumped together by the media who wish to sensationalise an issue that is | Thu, May 28, 2009 8:37 PM |  Find... |

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not inherent of the entire population. The statements below show myself as being torn on the issue in certain areas.








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- 52.** The British Isles needs a injection into the gene pool. The last decent variation was about 1066. The only way to improve our health, intelligence and well being is to mix up the gene pool as much as possible. Thu, May 28, 2009 8:05 PM  [Find...](#)
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- 53.** Anything that drags this backwards island into the 21st century would be a bonus Thu, May 28, 2009 7:43 PM  [Find...](#)
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- 54.** In some ways I agree, but I feel that the Manx Government need to look after the Manx born people first. The state of the Housing Market is a disgrace as so many young people cannot afford to get on the property ladder. A tremendous number of houses have been built in the last 10 years, for example in Peel, but how many are actually owned by local people? I know too many people unable to afford their own home but paying ridiculous rents to landlords who don't even live in the Isle of Man. Plus money being spent in schools on children who don't speak English, when there is not enough money/resources to be spent on locally born children with Special Education Needs. This is something that can stir up racist feelings among parents of children who are missing out. And long waits for hospital appointments - I waited over a year for physiotherapy, in the past I did not have to wait this long. Things like this make local people very angry - sort out problems such as these and then I am sure more people would be prepared to welcome a more multi-ethnic society. Thu, May 28, 2009 7:06 PM  [Find...](#)
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- 55.** I would request the residents not to generalize and have an open stance to a multi-cultural society. I would also like to state that those immigrants who have intentions to live on the island by illegal means, please do not corrupt the society and put a false 'tag' to certain ethnic groups. Thu, May 28, 2009 5:20 PM  [Find...](#)
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- 56.** might get a better curry and shops open till late in the evening Thu, May 28, 2009 4:57 PM  [Find...](#)
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- 57.** People clearly need to be correctly educated. those who hold racist views do not seem to register that the increase in more ethnic minorities on the island is because they are filling posts in jobs that we do not have the numbers of people already to do them such as doctors and nurses. we have been spoilt over here in that we can expect a half decent job when we leave school even though it is much more of a struggle in other countries and even in England. because of our rich employment levels in recent years it has been Thu, May 28, 2009 3:53 PM  [Find...](#)

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incredibly important to increase the population to cover our growing economy. these ethnic minority people who put up with racial hatred are people contributing to manx society like anyone else and as such should be treated with the same respect. I still find it so hard to believe that humans can be so ignorant and fearful about the colour of another human's skin.










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- 58.** If ethnic people didn't come over expecting to have things all their way then that would be fine, we couldn't go to their country and demand thing be our way, they wouldn't let us. Thu, May 28, 2009 3:50 PM  [Find...](#)
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- 59.** There is no such thing as "pure" Manx or anything else... we are all the sum of our parts, and the more parts, the better the mix. Thu, May 28, 2009 3:49 PM  [Find...](#)
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- 60.** Employment, housing living here is getting difficult enough encouraging immigration just for P.C sake is not the way forward. We need to welcome immigrants who accept our culture language and way of life Thu, May 28, 2009 3:42 PM  [Find...](#)
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- 61.** Have worked in East Midlands where there was a large immigrant community, and heard far fewer racist remarks there than here. Perhaps people in the IOM would be more tolerant if they had more contact with people of different ethnicity. Thu, May 28, 2009 3:34 PM  [Find...](#)
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- 62.** More multi-ethnic is not necessarily a bad thing, but it's a matter of making sure that at the same time we manage to retain the bits of Manx life which make it so special, and that we have the infra-structure (roads, houses, schools) to cope with the increased population, without having a negative impact on the fantastic quality of life over here. Thu, May 28, 2009 3:22 PM  [Find...](#)
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- 63.** The world is a multi-ethnic place, and people need to accept that. There is an ever increasing need to be more tolerant of difference, rather than fear the 'unknown'. I feel that it is extremely beneficial, particularly for children to learn that diversity is beautiful. In order to develop well rounded individuals, there needs to be a more accepting nature that currently does not appear to be wholly present on the island. As much as people want to encourage Manx culture and heritage, so should we be encouraging an understanding of different cultures from all around the world, and foster an interest in wanting to know more! Unfortunately, current world affairs distort vision, and instead lead some back to a 'shutting out of the other'. Thu, May 28, 2009 3:18 PM  [Find...](#)
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- 64.** Immigration is essential for the long term development of any country, Immigration to the UK has broadly been very positive. Also it's a two way thing with lots of Manx/British moving around the Thu, May 28, 2009 3:17 PM  [Find...](#)

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| 65. | but only if those from a multi-ethnic background fully integrated into Manx life - in terms of language, clothing etc. | Thu, May 28, 2009 3:16 PM |  Find... |
| 66. | I do agree but with an assurance that the people already here are educated and have a fair deal. people are not racist generally if they do feel so insecure and uninformed in themselves. | Thu, May 28, 2009 3:11 PM |  Find... |
| 67. | It is about people's contribution to society not where they come from or the colour of skin or anything else. Is there such a thing as Dolism? Hatred of the non-working, non-contributing takers? | Thu, May 28, 2009 2:55 PM |  Find... |
| 68. | The balance is about right now. Question 10 is particularly polarising and yet not specific enough to be able to answer. Polls like this can be misleading as the the questions reflect the prejudices of the questioner and are often not flexible enough to answer. I admit that I am a "damn stopover" and I love the banter and find it part of the fun side of this wonderful island. Everyone needs to lighten up and have some humour but I do find any human living in our society and hiding their face to be worrying and threatening and those people should show respect to the existing culture by striking a compromise. | Thu, May 28, 2009 2:55 PM |  Find... |
| 69. | There will be little choice over this. Key workers are often from other races. Employers are happy to take advantage of immigrant skills and labour. This has always been true in the Isle of Man | Thu, May 28, 2009 2:41 PM |  Find... |
| 70. | There is nothing wrong with a multi-ethnic society but I don't think it should be seen as a benefit. Societies thrive on the character of its members and not their skin colour. | Thu, May 28, 2009 2:21 PM |  Find... |
| 71. | I think the ethnic mix is quite diverse now but many Manx people need educating about what they bring to the country and not just listening to sound-bites about lost jobs and benefit scroungers. | Thu, May 28, 2009 2:10 PM |  Find... |
| 72. | they only use racist comments out of fear of change and the unknown. Most manx people enjoy tradition and want to keep their island as close to 'how things were' as possible. | Thu, May 28, 2009 2:01 PM |  Find... |
| 73. | I don't find it easy to complete any box because I feel that some ethnic groups have and will contribute very significantly to Manx society, and to British society generally - but this generalisation is tempered by the view that there are very many individuals stand outside these generalisations and in everyday life I attempt to deal with all | Thu, May 28, 2009 1:38 PM |  Find... |

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individuals on a fair basis.

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| 74. | I think the opinion of the racist minority is based upon the background of the races and not their actual skin colour. For example, an asian resident born on the island may be made to feel more welcome than one who has moved here as they may be perceived to have relocated to take advantage of benefits etc. (I hasten to add this is an assumption and not my personal opinion) | Thu, May 28, 2009 1:32 PM |  Find... |
| 75. | It already is a multi-ethnic society. The island started off with irish, scottish, english and the scope has just expanded out. | Thu, May 28, 2009 1:30 PM |  Find... |
| 76. | The more a country becomes multi ethnic the more the working class feels isolated and neglected. There are few countries without ethnic hostilities and race laws however the IOM does not have an anti immigrant political party | Thu, May 28, 2009 1:26 PM |  Find... |
| 77. | The Island is a very multi-ethnic society already. | Thu, May 28, 2009 1:23 PM |  Find... |
| 78. | The island is predominantly white although I do not feel that this affects peoples views. I believe that again a minority of people hold strong feelings against these social groups. | Thu, May 28, 2009 1:21 PM |  Find... |
| 79. | I preferred it when the indigenous population was not in the minority as it is now. | Thu, May 28, 2009 11:37 AM |  Find... |
| 80. | As long as the native language and culture is safeguarded and promoted then I see no problem with multi-ethnic immigrants. | Thu, May 28, 2009 11:13 AM |  Find... |
| 81. | This is stupid, of course the Island would develop from having a greater and more diverse population! As for the "How likely.." Q8. It is always possible! | Thu, May 28, 2009 10:57 AM |  Find... |
| 82. | We are already a multi-ethnic society - this question seems to suggest that someone has the power to make it "more" multi-ethnic, which is rather strange. The island always has had people coming and going - it's attitudes that need to change, not necessarily the make-up of the society. | Thu, May 28, 2009 10:39 AM |  Find... |
| 83. | but the benefits wouldn't be seen for tens of years until the real hardcore of racists had died out. | Thu, May 28, 2009 10:38 AM |  Find... |
| 84. | It's possible to be so whilst preserving Manx heritage | Thu, May 28, 2009 10:33 AM |  Find... |
| 85. | It's not that we necessarily need more nationalities or ethnic groups, simply more of an awareness about those we already have. | Thu, May 28, 2009 10:24 AM |  Find... |

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10. Which statements below do you agree with? (Tick one box or many). [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

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| Global terrorism means we should mistrust certain racial or cultural groups of people. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10.5% | 34 |
| The best way to combat global terrorism is to be more open to other cultures. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 54.2% | 176 |
| I don't want my nation's identity to be diluted by people from abroad. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 18.2% | 59 |
| I don't mind people coming here, but they should be allowed to become citizens. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 26.5% | 86 |
| I can be proud of my nation and still welcome those from other countries. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 75.7% | 246 |
| Britain and the Isle of Man have benefitted from hundreds of years of migration between countries. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 70.8% | 230 |
| We should protect Manx jobs for Manx workers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 34.2% | 111 |
| It's important that the most skilled applicant gets the job. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 73.2% | 238 |
| We should allow less immigration now because of the credit crunch. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 24.3% | 79 |
| I prefer those around me to be the same skin colour. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.0% | 13 |
| I'm happy when those around me come from a range of ethnic origins. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 59.4% | 193 |
| I mistrust people from different national or religious cultures because they think differently to me. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2.8% | 9 |
| I like to live alongside people from different cultures and learn about the way they see the world. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 61.8% | 201 |
| I mistrust people from certain racial backgrounds. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.9% | 16 |
| I recognise different races, but try not to let preconceptions influence the way I think. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 65.8% | 214 |
| I hold no racist views of any kind. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 32.9% | 107 |
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| I understand racist views and tend to agree with them. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5.2% | 17 |
| I understand racist views, but they make me uncomfortable. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 43.4% | 141 |
| I feel sorry for those who hold racist views. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 41.8% | 136 |
| I think racist views are wholly wrong. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 47.4% | 154 |
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