

HB Ireland is ready for reunification

1. Brendan McGrath, Oriel,
Librarian - Elect

4. - Nationalism is young and chic

- Good Friday agreement is stuck in the past
- crude solution to impossible problem

- sectarian division paralyses the North

- Stormont is empty, decisions made in Westminster where no one cares

- NO Britain deals \Rightarrow so hard border

- NI did not consent to leave, but NI is paying the bill

2. Conleth Burrows

- I believe in United Ireland, but not today

1. NI remains divided on re-unification

2. Value to giving time to people to think about re-unification

3. Measures needed to take to make Union ready

- old political leadership needed to integrate communities ready for reunification

- irresponsible to say Sec. of State is ready for referendum on re-unification

- I believe Ireland will one day reunify

- in 5 years, 3 years to ready for reunification

- Ireland needs an inclusive national identity

- I am from Armagh, mixed community

- bringing people together is hard work

- we will unite people of Ireland but not today

3. Thomas Burrows

- Was once to say that home rule was Rome rule

- Progress has been made since 70s on a more progressive, multicultural society

- In our referendum, we have independently informed voters

- core reason ~~have~~ for partition have faded away

- People deserve better than being governed by Westminster

- Most important point of re-unification is a genuine reconciliation of North and South

- Republic of Ireland offers structures to heal divisions

- viable path towards reunification set out by Good Friday agreement

4. Mike Nesbitt

- change is an inevitable part of life

- in a few years time it looks like Irish nationalism will be position of majority of NI

- Britain not just about border, but identity

- Good Friday agreement says people should define their own identity, Britain has taken this away

- PFI and San Filipo have not yet achieved mutual respect necessary to unite communities
- Border Poll tomorrow would be same mistake as Orsini making decision with no idea of result
- I am a unionist but impressed by PFI
- we should start by everyone calmly making the case, then after time make a decision

5. Column Eastwood

- Lots of people in NI don't like what they're hearing about Orsini
- Parts of Western NI are economically unproductive made worse by Orsini
- New, reconciled Ireland can only be built by recognising changing communities
- New Ireland can't be guided by historic wrongs
- we need New Ireland Forum - more party can work this out, we need to work out a plan first
- A changing context needs a changed political response
- Unionists need to know that nationalists need a voice on NI government
- I disagree with Brendan
- Protection of minority in it need to remain in a United Ireland

6. Claire Sugden

- Prop suggests answer to sectarian division should be constitutional
- motion suggests a settlement is less likely
- we must reconcile our people in our country
- Call for a border poll are appropriate
- In 2018 we are still without equal and secure rights in NI
- Until these issues are resolved we cannot expect to ever unify
- Dublin cannot provide NHS like
- Dublin cannot support state investment in NI
- 40% of those entitled to vote in NI don't do so, and a majority of these are Unionists
- will be for people of NI to decide when a majority is in favour, and then not now

Floor Speakers

1. Cora Steehan, Martin, 0922

- Expectations could not be lower how much British people know and care about NI
- NI is not high on agenda for the Party
- 96 years is long enough to see if a system has sailed, partition has sailed

2. William Atkinson, Christ Church

- Debate is predicated on assumption that re-unification is inevitable
- UK has forgotten NI

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- Boris Johnson has good claim as architect of re-unification
- English nationalism behind Brexit badly insensitive to concerns of other parts of UK now
- UK cannot offer long-term stability

~~sectarian division~~

view that there is an eventual Catholic nationalist majority of type of view

- In recent UK election, SF candidate declared Catholic majority in their constituency
- Good Friday agreement offers safe guards and road map for reunification
- Enthusiasm of zeal can destroy unity of people that Ireland needs

g. Justice Richard Humphrey

- Identity is no longer binary
- Question is not about re-unification is a good or bad thing but whether we are ready now
- 63% of MLAs are nationalist majority for border poll does not exist
- History may conclude that Brexit was a massive own goal
- Good Friday agreement is based on mutual respect of rights - sectarian headwinds argument of prop. only goes 1 way

- Something has to be done to make NI a functioning entity

- Idea of bringing change with no parliament and government is recipe for chaos

- To Brendan: Nobody has better solution than Good Friday agreement

- First step could be New Ireland Forum

NICK BROWN

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MAGDALEN COLLEGE
SECRETARYPrivate Business

Brendan McGrath's private business motion.

McGrath speaks in favour.

Lamming cedes chair to Brown

Lamming speaks against.

Lamming moves to count out.

McGrath accepts postponement.
Brown cedes chair to Lamming

Hugh Bellamy's PBM

Watson - move, accept amendment
- no opposition

Genet's Motion - move

- no speaker in opt

3. To assist voters, if necessary, by saying each 'ten' on the card.

2. To count all members passing their own side of the Barrier, except such as say "Neutral," or words to that effect, marking off

Chair of the Debate to send in their cards.

1. To be in their places at the conclusion of the second speech, until requested by the

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