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If it is possible, indicate your profession and your age, please. **Teacher, 30**

Questions:

1. Have you ever thought or heard about the Welsh language resurrection?

Yes

2. Do you know somebody who speaks Welsh?

Yes

3. How do you feel about the Welsh people?

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4. Why do you think the Welsh language should/should not be sustained?

It should be – it's a cultural and national heritage. People still speak it as a first language.

5. In what extent would you support the Welsh language? (Imagine there is a proposal to give 10 million pounds for Welsh schools teaching the Welsh language.)

I think it already is supported. I would not have a problem with it.

6. Why do you think that it is/it is not important to take care of a heritage as such an old language?

It is. To keep cultural diversity, understand literature.

7. Imagine you are a Welsh speaking person who moved to England. Should there be some schools providing education in the Welsh language?

No not by law. There would be about 2 students in the school.

8. Imagine you are an English person who moved to Wales. Should you be forced to learn the Welsh language?

No. Only if it was in a Welsh speaking part of Wales – Welsh is not spoken in all parts of Wales and by all Welsh people.

9. How do you feel about this statement below?

“The Welsh people should speak English and not bother with their own language.”

Disagree.

Scottish, England, 56.

Questions:

1. Have you ever thought or heard about the Welsh language resurrection?

Yes

2. Do you know somebody who speaks Welsh?

Yes

3. How do you feel about the Welsh people?

Great people

4. Why do you think the Welsh language should/should not be sustained?

Should not, the chosen language in the U.K. is English and my expectation is that anyone settling in the U.K. should speak this. It would be unreasonable and impractical to expect them to also learn Welsh as this could then lead to Scottish Gaelic, Irish Gaelic, Cornish etc.....

5. To what extent would you support the Welsh language? (Imagine there is a proposal to give 10 million pounds for Welsh schools teaching the Welsh language.)

Would not, See above.

6. Why do you think that it is/it is not important to take care of a heritage as such an old language?

Unreasonable to expect everyone to learn every language and it is Less important that effective communication.

7. Imagine you are a Welsh speaking person who moved to England. Should there be some schools providing education in the Welsh language?

No

8. Imagine you are an English person who moved to Wales. Should you be forced to learn the Welsh language?

No

9. How do you feel about this statement below?

“The Welsh people should speak English and not bother with their own language.”

It is not so much about not bothering but acknowledging the importance of effective communication and the impracticalities of everyone speaking in native or colloquial tongues on a relatively small island that has virtually got an established common language.

If it is possible, indicate your nationality, country and your age, please. **British; England; 64**

Questions:

1. Have you ever thought or heard about the Welsh language resurrection?

I've heard about it

2. Do you know somebody who speaks Welsh?

No

3. How do you feel about the Welsh people? No different to how I feel about any other nationality.

We all deserve to be treated with respect whatever our nationality or faith

4. Why do you think the Welsh language should/should not be sustained?

I have no particular views about this

5. In what extent would you support the Welsh language? (Imagine there is a proposal to give 10 million pounds for Welsh schools teaching the Welsh language.)

I don't believe this should be a priority in the current financial climate

6. Why do you think that it is/it is not important to take care of a heritage as such an old language?

Our heritage and history is what binds generations but I don't believe we should exclude others. We should all respect other peoples beliefs and heritage.

7. Imagine you are a Welsh speaking person who moved to England. Should there be some schools providing education in the Welsh language?

No, if people come to live in England they should be prepared to use English as their main language whatever their nationality. I also believe that English people should be prepared to learn other languages if they intend to live in another country.

8. Imagine you are an English person who moved to Wales. Should you be forced to learn the Welsh language?

Not forced. English has been the predominant language for many generations.

9. How do you feel about this statement below?

“The Welsh people should speak English and not bother with their own language.”

Welsh people should be free to decide themselves what language they use in their own country.

English, England, 35

Questions:

1. Have you ever thought or heard about the Welsh language resurrection?

No I have not

2. Do you know somebody who speaks Welsh?

No.

3. How do you feel about the Welsh people?

I think they are the same as English, Scottish etc.

4. Why do you think the Welsh language should/should not be sustained?

I think it should be as its part of their identity.

5. In what extent would you support the Welsh language? (Imagine there is a proposal to give 10 million pounds for Welsh schools teaching the Welsh language.)

I would give support in signing a petition.

6. Why do you think that it is/it is not important to take care of a heritage as such an old language?

It is important because it shows where you come from and it s part of your make up and culture.

7. Imagine you are a Welsh speaking person who moved to England. Should there be some schools providing education in the Welsh language?

There could be but it should not be compulsory.

8. Imagine you are an English person who moved to Wales. Should you be forced to learn the Welsh language?

Not forced but encouraged to learn the basics

9. How do you feel about this statement below?

“The Welsh people should speak English and not bother with their own language.”

I don't agree with it. They should speak both if they wish.

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If it is possible, indicate your profession and your age, please. Carpenter, 32

Questions:

1. Have you ever thought or heard about the Welsh language resurrection?

Yes, more and more Welsh people are wanting to speak their native language.

2. Do you know somebody who speaks Welsh?

No, although I know lots of Welsh people, none speak the language

3. How do you feel about Welsh people?

I like them, they are proud of their heritage and roots.

4. Why do you think the Welsh language should/should not be sustained?

No language should be lost, it plays a vital role in maintaining a nation's identity, so I think it should be sustained.

5. In what extent would you support the Welsh language? (Imagine there is a proposal to give 10 million pounds for Welsh schools teaching the Welsh language.)

This is a perfectly good idea, lots of money is spent in the UK teaching non native languages, so if a nation wants to teach its own language in its schools it should be supported

6. Why do you think that it is/it is not important to take care of a heritage as such an old language?

Why should a language "die out"? This is a language spoken for 1000's of years, it should continue to be spoken.

7. Imagine you are Welsh speaking person who moved to England. Should there be some schools providing education in Welsh language?

Only if demand is high enough.

8. Imagine you are English person who moved to Wales. Should you be enforced to learn the Welsh language?

No, Welsh is always going to be spoken alongside English, so there is no reason to enforce its teaching.

9. How do you feel about this statement below?

"Welsh people should speak English and not bother with their own language."

Wrong!

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Questions:

1. Have you ever thought or heard about the Welsh language resurrection?

Yes, I am aware. (It is similar to Ireland). They want to revive the language too. They see it as a way to preserve the culture.

2. Do you know somebody who speaks Welsh?

I worked with a Welsh person who was fluent. He was quite proud of this.

3. How do you feel about Welsh people?

They are aware of the differences in culture, but a lot of younger people are losing that identity.

4. Why do you think the Welsh language should/should not be sustained?

It should, as it's part of their identity as a country. You lose the essence if you lose the real language.

5. In what extent would you support the Welsh language? (Imagine there is a proposal to give 10 million pounds for Welsh schools teaching the Welsh language.)

Possibly, the EU should look at funding schools for young and old. Also TV radio stations in the language.

6. Why do you think that it is/it is not important to take care of a heritage as such an old language?

It's at the very roots of the culture.

7. Imagine you are Welsh speaking person who moved to England. Should there be some schools providing education in Welsh language?

Optional (specialized)

8. Imagine you are English person who moved to Wales. Should you be enforced to learn the Welsh language?

Not really.

9. How do you feel about this statement below?

"Welsh people should speak English and not bother with their own language."

See my answers above 😊

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Questions:

1. Have you ever thought or heard about the Welsh language resurrection?

No

2. Do you know somebody who speaks Welsh?

Yes

3. How do you feel about Welsh people?

They seem nice. Maybe a bit old fashioned and patriotic

4. Why do you think the Welsh language should/should not be sustained?

It should be sustained for the Welsh people only, as heritage

5. To what extent would you support the Welsh language? (Imagine there is a proposal to give 10 million pounds for Welsh schools teaching the Welsh language.)

I wouldn't

6. Why do you think that it is/it is not important to take care of a heritage as such an old language?

Because it would be nice to maintain tradition, but I don't think it's economically beneficial.

7. Imagine you are Welsh speaking person who moved to England. Should there be some schools providing education in Welsh language?

No

8. Imagine you are English person who moved to Wales. Should you be enforced to learn the Welsh language?

No

9. How do you feel about this statement below?

"Welsh people should speak English and not bother with their own language."

It would be a shame to enforce Welsh people to lose their traditions and unfair.

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Teacher of English as a Foreign Language, 29.

Questions:

1. Have you ever thought or heard about the Welsh language resurrection?

Yes

2. Do you know somebody who speaks Welsh?

No

3. How do you feel about Welsh people?

Positively.

4. Why do you think the Welsh language should/should not be sustained?

It's good for Welsh people to hold on to their culture.

5. In what extent would you support the Welsh language? (Imagine there is a proposal to give 10 million pounds for Welsh schools teaching the Welsh language.)

It sounds like a lot of money! (But I don't understand ~~to~~ ^{though many maybe don't want} political finance!) I think the Welsh themselves should decide. to!

6. Why do you think that it is/it is not important to take care of a heritage as such an old language?

It helps to stop us from being so narrow minded.

7. Imagine you are Welsh speaking person who moved to England. Should there be some schools providing education in Welsh language?

It depends on the demand.

8. Imagine you are English person who moved to Wales. Should you be ~~enforced~~ to learn the Welsh language?

It depends what the Welsh think! If they think I should, then it's only fair. I would be

9. How do you feel about this statement below?

"Welsh people should speak English and not bother with their own language."

It's none of my business!

a "guest" in their country.

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Questions:

1. Have you ever thought or heard about the Welsh language resurrection?

Yes, mostly on the Radio (Radio 4)

2. Do you know somebody who speaks Welsh?

No

3. How do you feel about the Welsh people?

Neutral

4. Why do you think the Welsh language should/should not be sustained?

Yes - all languages have enormous cultural significance

5. In what extent would you support the Welsh language? (Imagine there is a proposal to give 10 million pounds for Welsh schools teaching the Welsh language.)

Middle-range priority - climate change and social mobility

6. Why do you think that it is/it is not important to take care of a heritage as such an old language? *Just*

To give people a feeling of worth and belonging.

7. Imagine you are a Welsh speaking person who moved to England. Should there be some schools providing education in the Welsh language?

No.

8. Imagine you are an English person who moved to Wales. Should you be forced to learn the Welsh language?

Yes.

9. How do you feel about this statement below?

"The Welsh people should speak English and not bother with their own language."

Sounds disgustingly colonialist.

Lynne & David Hulcombe

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Sales Manager, now retired, age 68yrs.
Questions: Retired housewife age 65yrs

1. Have you ever thought or heard about the Welsh language resurrection?

I think that being English and having spent time in Wales, their language is now dated and used less and less.

2. Do you know somebody who speaks Welsh?

No.

3. How do you feel about Welsh people?

No problems, there appears to be very little problems between English & Welsh people.

4. Why do you think the Welsh language should/should not be sustained?

It is used less & less so to sustain it would seem pointless

5. In what extent would you support the Welsh language? (Imagine there is a proposal to give 10 million pounds for Welsh schools teaching the Welsh language.)

A waste of time and money.

6. Why do you think that it is/it is not important to take care of a heritage as such an old language?

It is a dying language, to sustain it would be pointless

7. Imagine you are Welsh speaking person who moved to England. Should there be some schools providing education in Welsh language?

No, a waste of time.

8. Imagine you are English person who moved to Wales. Should you be enforced to learn the Welsh language?

Once again, less & less Welsh people speak that language, so to learn it would be a waste of time.

9. How do you feel about this statement below?

"Welsh people should speak English and not bother with their own language."

It is a question of choice if they wish to preserve their heritage then so be it.