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Community cohesion

'Community cohesion' is a contested concept that emerged in Britain after the 2001 urban disturbances in Northern England. It was formulated by government and refers to the need to build strong social relationships between people from different ethnic backgrounds often with the aim of addressing social tensions. Initiatives to promote community cohesion are often developed at city wide and they usually try to emphasize a sense of 'belonging' by highlighting the commonalities rather than differences that exist between social groups.