

YouGov / Scottish Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 1141 Scottish Adults
Fieldwork: 18th - 20th November 2009

	Westminster voting intention					Gender		Age			Social Grade		Referendum vote		Referendum should be held		Voting for SNP				
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Westminster Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes]

Lab	39	0	100	0	0	38	40	40	47	32	35	43	19	49	28	50	43	34	12	51
SNP	24	0	0	0	100	26	23	14	23	33	24	25	66	5	43	7	13	40	80	0
Con	18	100	0	0	0	16	20	19	16	19	20	16	8	24	15	22	20	6	6	27
Lib Dem	12	0	0	100	0	12	12	19	8	11	15	10	5	15	10	14	17	12	2	14
Other	6	0	0	0	0	7	6	7	6	6	6	6	2	8	5	7	7	9	0	8

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	7	0	0	0	0	7	8	14	6	4	5	10	8	4	6	4	6	11	3	6
Don't know	12	0	0	0	0	8	15	13	13	10	11	12	9	9	10	12	13	11	2	8

Scottish Constituency Vote

[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes]

Labour	33	5	84	2	1	32	34	36	38	27	30	36	13	43	22	45	34	20	7	49
SNP	32	13	9	14	95	35	30	25	31	38	31	33	76	9	53	11	26	66	87	0
Lib Dem	15	11	5	77	3	14	16	20	14	12	19	12	5	20	12	17	20	9	2	19
Conservative	14	71	0	5	0	12	16	13	12	17	14	13	2	21	8	21	14	0	3	24
Other	6	0	1	1	1	7	5	6	6	6	6	6	3	7	5	7	6	6	2	8

Scottish Constituency Non Voters

Wouldn't vote	7	1	2	0	0	6	8	12	6	5	5	9	6	5	5	5	5	7	1	8
Don't know	9	2	2	0	1	6	11	15	7	6	8	9	4	6	6	8	10	6	2	4

Scottish Regional Vote

[Excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes]

Labour	30	3	78	1	1	28	32	31	34	26	27	33	10	39	20	40	29	17	6	47
SNP	29	13	10	14	82	32	26	22	27	35	28	30	69	9	49	9	24	56	72	1
Lib Dem	14	12	7	66	3	14	14	16	14	12	16	11	5	18	12	16	16	7	2	20
Conservative	14	71	1	3	1	12	15	14	12	15	15	12	3	20	8	20	15	3	4	22
Other	14	1	4	16	14	14	14	17	14	13	14	14	14	13	11	16	16	18	15	10

Scottish Regional Vote: Others

Green	6	0	2	9	6	4	7	7	7	4	7	5	6	4	3	6	8	4	6	3
Scottish Socialist Party	3	1	1	3	8	3	3	4	2	3	3	3	6	2	4	2	2	4	7	1
Solidarity	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	5	0	0
Other	5	0	1	2	0	6	3	4	4	5	4	5	2	6	3	6	5	5	2	6

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Scottish Regional Non Voters

Wouldn't vote	8	2	2	1	0	7	9	12	7	5	5	10	6	5	5	6	4	5	1	10
Don't know	8	4	3	0	1	6	10	11	10	5	7	10	6	6	9	6	9	5	3	5

For the past two years, the Scottish Executive has been a Scottish National (SNP) Executive, but one without an overall majority in the Scottish Parliament.

Taking everything into account, do you approve of the Scottish Executive's record to date?

Approve	41	29	32	43	85	46	36	33	40	47	48	35	69	30	57	29	49	50	79	16
Disapprove	36	55	46	36	3	40	33	33	37	37	35	37	10	53	25	50	29	21	10	63
Don't know	24	16	22	21	12	14	32	34	23	16	17	29	21	17	18	22	22	30	12	20

Scotland and the Scottish people face a number of problems at the moment. To which TWO of the following do you think the Scottish Parliament should give the highest priority? (Please select up to TWO answer options.)

Reducing unemployment in Scotland	63	63	71	62	61	62	64	65	62	63	67	60	54	68	59	69	64	51	64	66
Tackling the problem of drug abuse in Scotland	36	37	39	44	27	36	36	36	35	36	35	36	28	41	34	39	44	23	30	35
Discouraging further immigration into Scotland	26	36	26	16	19	23	29	21	31	25	21	31	26	27	26	27	25	28	21	28
Improving the quality of Scottish housing	23	17	28	29	22	23	23	21	26	21	22	24	20	24	18	29	24	24	18	26
Restoring the position of Scotland's historic banks, such as RBS and the Bank of Scotland	16	19	14	18	17	17	15	13	14	20	19	14	18	15	19	14	17	15	22	16
Holding a referendum on Scottish independence	12	12	4	10	34	16	10	8	12	16	13	12	32	5	26	1	6	34	28	7
Dealing with the effects that climate change is bound to have on Scotland	11	7	9	16	14	10	11	14	6	13	13	9	11	11	9	12	12	6	13	9
None of these	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2
Don't know	3	0	3	0	1	2	4	6	3	2	2	5	3	1	2	2	1	5	1	2

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The SNP wishes to hold a referendum on Scottish independence in due course. Voters would be asked whether they agree or disagree 'that the Scottish government should negotiate a settlement with the Government of the United Kingdom so that Scotland becomes an independent state'.

How would you vote if such a referendum were held tomorrow?

I would vote YES (i.e. for Scottish independence)	29	13	14	12	80	30	27	19	32	33	28	29	100	0	55	6	13	71	75	8
I would vote NO (i.e. against Scottish independence)	57	82	76	77	11	59	55	61	53	57	60	54	0	100	35	86	76	20	18	82
Would not vote	4	1	2	1	0	3	4	7	3	2	2	5	0	0	2	1	1	5	1	4
Don't know	11	4	9	10	8	8	14	13	12	8	10	12	0	0	9	8	10	4	7	5

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

'There SHOULD be a referendum within the next two or three years on the independence issue, in order to settle the matter one way or the other'	45	38	33	40	82	48	42	33	48	51	44	46	87	28	100	0	38	72	77	30
'There SHOULD NOT be such a referendum in the next two or three years, as this would be a distraction from more urgent issues that need tackling'	47	59	62	57	13	46	47	53	45	44	49	45	9	70	0	100	59	20	19	64
Don't know	8	3	6	3	5	5	11	14	7	5	7	10	4	2	0	0	3	8	4	6

Suppose the SNP continued to defend and promote Scotland's national interests but abandoned its support for outright Scottish independence from the UK.

Would that make you . . . ?

More inclined to vote for the SNP	28	31	31	40	15	28	28	36	23	27	27	29	13	38	24	36	100	0	0	0
Less inclined to vote for the SNP	9	3	7	8	14	11	7	11	9	7	8	9	22	3	14	4	0	100	0	0
It would make no difference - I would vote SNP anyway	17	7	6	3	66	18	16	6	16	27	18	16	45	5	29	7	0	0	100	0
It would make no difference - I would NOT vote SNP anyway	36	56	50	45	0	37	36	32	41	35	38	35	11	52	24	50	0	0	0	100
Not sure	10	3	6	4	5	6	13	15	12	5	8	12	10	2	9	3	0	0	0	0

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Age and Gender		
Male 18 to 24	39	70
Male 25 to 39	122	138
Male 40 to 54	158	149
Male 55 +	260	185
Female 18 to 24	40	70
Female 25 to 39	163	138
Female 40 to 54	131	161
Female 55 +	228	230
Social Grade		
ABC1	685	513
C2DE	456	628
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	168	148
Sun / Star	134	171
Mirror / Record	176	228
Guardian / Independent	93	23
FT / Times / Telegraph	106	57
Other Paper	308	342
No Paper	156	171
Political Party Identification		
Lab	477	411
Con	154	126
Lib Dem	71	114
Others	171	183
None	236	280
Don't know	32	29

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