

YouGov / Sunday Times Scotland Survey Results

Sample Size: 1380

Fieldwork: 12th - 13th March 2009

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Headline Westminster Voting Intention

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

Lab	37
SNP	27
Con	20
Lib Dem	11
Other	4

Other Parties Westminster Voting Intention

Green	2
BNP	1
UKIP	1
Respect	0
Other	1

Westminster Non Voters

Would Not Vote	6
Don't know	11

Scottish Constituency Vote

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

SNP	35
Labour	34
Conservative	14
Lib Dem	12
Other	4

Scottish Constituency Non Voters

Wouldn't vote	5
Don't know	10

Scottish Regional Vote

Labour	32
SNP	30
Conservative	15
Lib Dem	11
Other	12

Scottish Regional Other Parties Vote

Green	5
Scottish Socialist Party	4
Solidarity	1
Other	2

Scottish Regional Non Voters

Wouldn't vote	6
Don't know	10

Headline European Voting Intention

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

Lab	36
SNP	29
Con	18
Lib Dem	11
Other	6

Other Parties European Voting Intention

Green	2
BNP	2
UKIP	1
Solidarity	1
Libertas	0
SSP	0
Other	0

European Non Voters

<i>Would Not Vote</i>	9
<i>Don't know</i>	15

Which of the following do you believe would make the best Scottish First Minister?

Alex Salmond, the Scottish National Party leader	36
Iain Gray, the Scottish Labour leader	17
Annabel Goldie, the Scottish Conservative leader	11
Tavish Scott, the Scottish Liberal Democrat leader	6
Patrick Harvie, the Scottish Green leader	1
None of the above	15
Don't know	14

Do you think you are more worried or less worried about losing your job than you were this time last year?

[Excluding those who are not worried, BASE, n=212]

More worried	89
Less worried	4
No difference	6
Not applicable – I didn't have a job this time last year	2
Don't know	0

Considering the current economic climate, do you think you are any LESS likely to do the following...? [Please tick all that apply.]

Move home	59
Buy a new car	56
Take a foreign holiday	44
Make a purchase of over £200	35
None of these	21
Don't know	4

The Governor of the Bank of England says Britain is in a deep recession.

How long do you believe it is likely to be until Britain pulls out of the recession?

One year	7
Two years	36
Three to five years	39
Six to 10 years	10
Not for at least 10 years	2
Don't know	7

Would you support or oppose the idea of holding a referendum on Scottish independence *in principle*?

Support holding a referendum	57
Oppose holding a referendum	29
Don't know	14

In view of the economic recession would you consider a referendum on Scottish independence being held next year...?

Appropriate	32
Inappropriate	53
Don't know	15

If there is a referendum, the SNP government's planned referendum would ask voters 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)	33
I would vote NO (i.e. against Scottish independence)	53
Would not vote	4
Don't know	10

Thinking about the banking crisis...

The former Royal Bank of Scotland Chief executive Sir Fred Goodwin has been given a pension of around £700,000 a year.

Do you support or oppose the government trying to find a legal way to stop him getting his pension?

Support	77
Oppose	18
Don't know	5

In your view, do you believe that Scotland is likely to become independent in the future?

Yes within five years	4
Yes within five to 10 years	15
Yes within 10 to 20 years	17
Yes but not for at least 20 years	13
No never	34
Don't know	17

As you may know the Scottish government intends to curb the sale of cheap alcohol by banning '2 for 1' offers and introducing a minimum price per unit.

Do you support or oppose this plan?

Support **40**
Oppose **55**
Don't know **6**

Under the same plan, the Scottish government intends to place a duty on local licensing boards to consider raising the age for buying alcohol over-the-counter from 18 to 21.

Do you support or oppose this plan?

Support **59**
Oppose **37**
Don't know **4**