

YouGov/SNP Survey Results

Sample Size: 1002 Scottish adults
Fieldwork: 10th - 12th October 2012

	Total
Weighted Sample	999
Unweighted Sample	1002
	%

In general, which government do you think is better at making decisions for Scotland?

The UK government	24
The Scottish government	64
Don't know	12

Which ONE of the following people do you think would be best at standing up for Scotland's interests?

Alex Salmond	43
Johann Lamont	6
Ruth Davidson	5
Willie Rennie	2
None of these	24
Don't know	21

The Scottish Labour Party leader has set up a commission which will look at the affordability of policies which the Scottish Parliament has delivered since 1999, using the budget given to it by Westminster, for example, Scotland having no tuition fees, free personal care for the elderly, no prescription charges, concessionary travel for the elderly, and keeping council tax lower with a council tax freeze. Under the Scottish Government, Scottish students studying at university in Scotland do not pay fees. In England, the UK Government has allowed universities to charge all students up to £9,000. If you thought it would help protect the current policy of no tuition fees in Scotland, would you be more or less likely to vote 'Yes' to an independent Scotland or would it make no difference?

More likely to vote 'Yes'	23
Less likely to vote 'Yes'	3
No difference - I would still vote 'Yes'	17
No difference - I would still vote 'No'	43
Wouldn't vote	3
Don't know	11

The Scottish Government has abolished prescription charges for medicines in Scotland. In England, prescription charges are £7.65 per person per prescription. If you thought it would help protect the current policy of no prescription charges in Scotland, would you be more or less likely to vote 'Yes' to an independent Scotland or would it make no difference?

More likely to vote 'Yes'	24
Less likely to vote 'Yes'	3
No difference - I would still vote 'Yes'	18
No difference - I would still vote 'No'	43
Wouldn't vote	3
Don't know	9

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Free personal care for the elderly was implemented in Scotland with the support of all political parties in the Scottish Parliament. This non-chargeable care is not available in England. If you thought it would help protect the current policy of free personal care for the elderly in Scotland, would you be more or less likely to vote 'Yes' to an independent Scotland or would it make no difference?

More likely to vote 'Yes'	30
Less likely to vote 'Yes'	2
No difference - I would still vote 'Yes'	18
No difference - I would still vote 'No'	40
Wouldn't vote	3
Don't know	8

The Council Tax has been frozen since 2007. In general, do you support or oppose the continuation of the freeze in Council Tax in Scotland?

Support	64
Oppose	16
Neither	12
Don't know	7

The 'Yes' campaign is deploying a series of arguments as part of their campaign to achieve a 'Yes' vote for an independent Scotland in the referendum in 2014 – for example they point to statistics showing that Scotland generates 9.6% of UK taxes, but receives just 9.3% of UK spending in return. If the 'Yes' campaign could persuade you that you and your family would be economically better off with Scottish independence, in these circumstances, how likely or unlikely would you be to vote 'Yes' for an independent Scotland in 2014?

Very likely	30
Fairly likely	15
TOTAL LIKELY	45
Neither likely nor unlikely	10
Fairly unlikely	9
Very unlikely	27
TOTAL UNLIKELY	36
Don't know	9

Do you think that the Scottish Parliament should have more powers so that it can bring about the removal of Trident nuclear weapons from Scottish waters?

Yes, I do	46
No, I don't	35
Don't know	19