

YouGov / Scotsman Survey Results

Sample Size: 1002 Scottish Adults
Fieldwork: 24th - 26th February 2010

	Westminster voting intention				Scottish constituency vote				Gender		Age			Social grade		
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Headline Westminster Voting Intention

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

Lab	35	0	100	0	0	3	96	9	12	36	35	33	42	31	32	38
SNP	24	0	0	0	100	1	0	8	77	24	24	17	22	30	24	24
Con	20	100	0	0	0	94	2	9	6	21	18	18	18	23	24	16
Lib Dem	15	0	0	100	0	2	1	71	5	14	16	24	13	11	16	14
Oth	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	6	6	8	6	5	5	7

Other Parties Westminster Voting Intention

Green	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	6	3	1	2	5
UKIP	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
BNP	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1

Westminster Non Voters

Would Not Vote	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	8	11	10	4	5	10
Don't know	10	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	3	5	15	12	8	11	10	10

Scottish Constituency Vote

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

Labour	31	4	85	3	0	0	100	0	0	33	29	28	38	27	29	33
SNP	30	9	10	10	92	0	0	0	100	29	31	19	30	38	33	28
Lib Dem	17	8	4	84	5	0	0	100	0	15	19	33	10	11	16	18
Conservative	16	78	1	2	0	100	0	0	0	16	15	11	15	20	18	14
Other	7	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	7	6	8	7	5	5	8

Scottish Constituency Non Voters

Wouldn't vote	8	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	8	10	11	4	4	11
Don't know	11	4	3	9	1	0	0	0	0	6	16	11	11	11	11	11

Scottish Regional Vote

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

Labour	29	1	79	7	0	1	87	6	3	29	29	26	34	25	27	30
SNP	28	10	9	8	86	1	2	8	84	27	28	19	25	36	29	26
Conservative	17	82	1	1	2	93	1	5	1	18	16	14	16	20	19	15
Lib Dem	14	4	5	73	3	2	4	72	2	14	15	25	10	11	15	14
Other	13	2	7	11	9	2	6	9	9	13	13	15	14	9	10	15

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Scottish Regional Vote: Others

Green	7	1	3	8	3	0	3	7	3	6	7	12	6	4	5	8
Scottish Socialist Party	3	0	1	3	6	0	1	3	6	3	3	1	5	3	3	4
Solidarity	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other	2	1	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	2	2	2	3	2	2	3

Scottish Regional Non Voters

Wouldn't vote	8	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	7	8	11	10	3	5	10
Don't know	11	4	4	8	3	1	3	3	3	5	17	11	11	11	12	10

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	11	13	23	77	6	10	19	71	29	28	24	29	32	31	27
I would vote NO (i.e. against Scottish independence)	53	81	73	62	12	84	76	68	17	57	50	54	51	56	58	49
Wouldn't vote	6	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	2	5	6	7	7	3	3	8
Don't know	13	8	13	15	11	9	12	12	10	10	15	15	13	10	9	16

Here is a list of problems facing the country. Could you say for each of them which political party you think would handle the problem best?

National Health Service (NHS)

Labour	35	10	82	23	16	6	84	19	23	41	30	31	42	33	35	36
Conservative	14	64	1	10	6	66	3	12	8	17	12	14	11	18	17	13
Scottish National Party	13	1	3	4	52	0	1	5	44	13	14	9	13	17	15	12
Liberal Democrat	9	4	2	43	7	4	1	43	7	9	10	14	8	7	11	7
Other	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
None	11	7	6	9	8	7	6	9	7	9	13	6	14	12	11	11
Don't know	16	12	6	11	11	15	6	12	12	11	21	26	13	12	11	20

Asylum and immigration

Conservative	27	75	19	21	22	78	20	22	26	30	25	22	28	31	30	26
Labour	18	0	49	7	7	0	48	14	11	18	18	18	20	17	21	16
Scottish National Party	11	2	1	3	46	0	1	2	36	12	9	8	9	14	12	9
Liberal Democrat	9	1	4	47	4	2	5	36	5	10	7	12	8	6	10	7
Other	4	6	2	0	0	5	2	4	1	5	3	7	3	4	2	6
None	15	7	13	12	13	6	13	10	13	13	17	9	18	16	13	17
Don't know	16	9	11	12	8	9	11	12	9	11	21	24	15	12	12	20

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Law and order

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Conservative	26	82	14	21	19	84	15	17	22	31	22	26	27	27	29	24
Labour	23	1	64	11	6	1	63	16	12	25	21	19	27	23	26	21
Scottish National Party	12	0	2	2	49	0	0	3	41	12	12	10	11	15	13	11
Liberal Democrat	9	4	3	42	6	2	4	42	5	9	8	13	6	7	9	8
Other	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
None	13	4	9	10	12	4	10	9	12	12	15	9	16	14	11	15
Don't know	15	9	8	15	7	9	9	11	8	9	20	22	14	11	11	19

Education and schools

Labour	33	7	79	14	15	3	79	22	19	36	30	31	36	31	31	34
Conservative	15	72	3	8	4	78	3	9	8	18	13	11	13	20	19	13
Scottish National Party	14	3	1	3	59	0	0	3	48	15	13	11	13	17	15	14
Liberal Democrat	10	3	5	52	3	1	5	46	5	11	10	15	11	7	13	8
Other	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
None	11	5	6	8	9	6	6	8	8	10	12	6	13	13	11	11
Don't know	16	11	6	14	10	12	6	12	11	9	22	24	14	12	12	19

Taxation

Labour	31	6	73	24	12	4	75	21	18	33	28	30	33	29	28	33
Conservative	16	70	3	5	6	71	3	9	11	19	13	11	16	19	19	14
Liberal Democrat	13	5	7	55	8	7	5	47	10	14	11	17	11	11	16	10
Scottish National Party	12	2	2	1	54	0	2	5	42	13	12	11	11	15	14	11
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
None	12	6	8	8	11	6	7	7	9	10	14	7	17	12	12	13
Don't know	16	11	8	7	9	12	8	12	10	10	22	25	13	13	12	20

Unemployment

Labour	33	9	78	16	15	8	78	21	20	40	26	33	35	30	34	32
Conservative	14	59	3	8	9	57	4	10	12	15	14	12	14	16	16	13
Scottish National Party	11	0	3	1	48	0	2	2	40	12	11	7	11	15	13	10
Liberal Democrat	8	4	1	42	5	3	2	38	5	7	8	12	5	7	10	6
Other	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	2
None	15	14	8	16	11	15	8	11	12	14	16	10	17	16	13	17
Don't know	18	15	7	17	12	17	7	16	12	12	23	25	17	14	14	21

Does the news of allegations about Gordon Brown's bullying behaviour towards his staff make you more or less likely to vote Labour, or does it make no difference?

Much more likely to vote Labour	5	1	12	4	1	2	11	3	4	6	5	6	5	5	4	6
A little more likely to vote Labour	4	1	6	7	2	3	4	5	5	5	3	5	5	2	3	4
TOTAL MORE LIKELY	9	2	18	11	3	4	14	8	8	11	7	11	9	7	7	10
A little less likely to vote Labour	6	3	2	10	5	0	2	11	6	5	6	10	5	3	4	7
Much less likely to vote Labour	4	7	1	0	5	7	1	1	5	5	3	3	4	5	4	4
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	10	9	3	10	10	7	3	12	11	10	9	13	8	7	7	11
It makes no difference – I would vote Labour anyway	29	3	77	15	9	4	79	20	14	29	29	27	34	25	30	28
It makes no difference – I would NOT vote Labour anyway	44	85	1	59	73	85	3	54	63	45	44	37	39	56	49	40
Don't know	8	1	2	4	6	1	1	6	4	5	11	11	9	5	6	10

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If the upcoming UK general election is won by the Conservative Party, would that make you more or less likely to vote for independence, or would it make no difference?

Much more likely to vote for independence	20	3	27	20	31	3	19	23	33	22	17	16	23	20	17	22
A little more likely to vote for independence	11	1	14	19	8	1	14	15	10	11	10	12	13	7	12	10
TOTAL MORE LIKELY	30	4	41	39	39	4	32	38	42	34	27	28	35	27	29	31
A little less likely to vote for independence	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1
Much less likely to vote for independence	1	4	0	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	2	5	1	5	2	4	2	3	3	3	2	4	2	2	3	2
It would make no difference – I would vote for independence anyway	13	6	4	7	45	2	4	5	40	14	13	8	12	19	16	12
It would make no difference – I would NOT vote for independence anyway	43	75	48	42	9	81	55	47	8	43	43	43	43	44	46	41
Don't know	11	10	7	8	5	9	7	8	6	7	15	18	8	9	6	15

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

SNP supporters shouldn't bother voting for the party in the forthcoming UK general election because the SNP will never form the government at Westminster	32	50	49	32	1	55	52	31	7	35	29	29	35	31	31	33
SNP supporters SHOULD vote for the SNP in the forthcoming UK general election because the more people who vote for them, the more influence the party will have over the next Westminster government	50	32	34	52	96	27	31	56	87	52	48	48	46	55	53	47
Don't know	19	19	17	16	3	18	17	13	6	14	23	24	20	14	17	21

Whoever wins the next election, most observers agree that the government will have to make sharp cuts in public spending to cut the country's deficit. There are different views on how soon the government should cut spending.

Which ONE of the following statements comes closest to your view?

The government should cut spending sooner rather than later: the longer they delay the worse it will get	38	66	26	39	44	67	28	39	41	36	40	35	35	45	41	36
The government should NOT cut spending too soon: it would risk putting the country back into recession	46	24	62	50	47	26	60	55	48	53	40	44	49	44	47	45
Neither	5	3	5	2	5	3	5	1	5	4	6	5	6	4	3	6
Don't know	11	7	8	8	4	5	8	4	6	7	14	15	10	8	9	13

Results have been re-weighted in line with our new March 2010 weighting scheme.

YouGov Scottish Weighting Data

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

	Unweighted	Weighted no.
Age and Gender		
Male 18 to 24	27	61
Male 25 to 39	102	121
Male 40 to 54	136	131
Male 55 +	258	162
Female 18 to 24	30	61
Female 25 to 39	120	121
Female 40 to 54	107	141
Female 55 +	222	202
Social Grade		
ABC1	641	451
C2DE	361	551
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	136	130
Sun / Star	112	150
Mirror / Record	132	200
Guardian / Independent	106	20
FT / Times / Telegraph	96	50
Other Paper	301	301
No Paper	119	150
Political Party Identification		
Labour Loyal	347	271
Labour Disloyal	76	60
Conservative	121	110
Liberal Democrat	72	100
Scottish National Party	152	170
Others	17	20
None	201	245
Don't know	16	25

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