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		%
Local Vote	SNP	39
	Lab	30
	Lib	15
	Con	13
	Other	4
	<i>Will not vote</i>	8
	<i>Don't know</i>	9
Regional Vote	Scottish National Party	31
	Labour	27
	Conservative	13
	Liberal Democrat	11
	Green	9
	Senior Citizens Unity Party	3
	Solidarity	2
	Some other party	2
	Scottish Socialist Party	3
	<i>Don't know</i>	10
	<i>Will not vote</i>	7

The election system used to elect Scotland's Parliament means that it is unlikely that any single party can win a majority. If a coalition is formed, which of these alternatives do you think would be best for Scotland?

Labour / Liberal Democrat	24
SNP / Liberal Democrat	17
SNP / Liberal Democrat / Green	13
Labour / Liberal Democrat / Green	8
SNP / Conservative	8
Conservative / Labour / Liberal Democrat	5
Labour / Conservative	4
Don't know	21

Which two or three of the following should be the main priorities of the Scottish Executive and Parliament after May's elections? [Please tick up to three options]

Scrapping the early-release scheme for prisoners, so that everyone sent to jail serves the full sentence imposed at their trial	43
Keeping down income tax by NOT using the power to raise income tax by up to 3p in the pound	30
Deriving more energy from renewable sources	28
Helping to fight climate change by setting targets for Scotland to reduce its emissions of carbon dioxide, and giving help to families and companies that play their part by recycling, insulating etc.	28
Refusing to site in Scotland any new nuclear power stations, or any replacement of the Trident nuclear missile system	27
Making all school meals free to children, and all prescription charge free to NHS patients	26
Insisting on receiving all the income from the taxes from North Sea Oil off Scotland's coast	23
Scrapping the scheme giving heroin addicts methadone, and using the money to establish a full-scale drugs rehabilitation programme	23
Holding a referendum on whether Scotland should become completely independent	20
Giving parents more choice over which school to send their children	5
Don't know	7

Suppose that after the May elections the SNP emerges as the largest single party at Holyrood but without an overall majority. What would you personally like to see happen immediately afterwards?

As the largest party, the SNP should be given the first opportunity to see if it can create a coalition group with a majority in the new Scottish Parliament	58
The current Labour-Liberal Democrat coalition should be give the first opportunity to see if it can continue running the Scottish Executive	20
Don't know	22

Again supposing that after the May elections the SNP emerges as the largest single party at Holyrood but without an overall majority. Which of these eventual outcomes do you think would be best for Scotland?

The formation of a new Executive, with the SNP in a coalition with other parties	47
The present Labour-Liberal Democrat coalition continuing to form the Scottish	21
The installation of a purely SNP Executive, which would then have to rely in Parliament on the votes of other parties	10
Not sure	22

If the SNP were to lead or form some part of a coalition Executive, what line would you like to see the SNP take?

It should generally co-operate with the Government in London, but not co-operate at all on those policies where Scotland's interests are damaged	44
It should continue to cooperate with the Government in London in order to create stability and increase the chances of Scotland obtaining financial and other support from the Westminster Government	30
It should adopt a policy of outright opposition to the Government in London in order to obtain a better deal for Scotland and greater powers for the Scottish Parliament, with a view to separating Scotland from the UK as soon as possible	11
Don't know	15

There has been much debate on whether Scotland should be independent. The SNP has proposed calling a referendum on this issue. Leaving aside your own views on whether or not Scotland should be independent, would you support or oppose a referendum being held on this issue?

I support holding a referendum on independence	60
I oppose holding such a referendum	28
Don't know	12

Should any such referendum include an additional option calling for the Scottish Parliament to be given greater powers?

Yes, it should	55
No, it shouldn't	29
Don't know	16

If there were a referendum on whether to retain the Scottish Parliament and Executive in more or less their present form or to establish Scotland as a completely separate state outside the United Kingdom but inside the European Union, how would you vote?

In favour of retaining the present Scottish Parliament	53
In favour of a completely separate state outside the UK	25
Would not vote	4
Don't know	17

If there were a referendum and the following were the options, how would you vote?

In favour of retaining the Scottish Parliament but giving it greater powers	38
In favour of retaining the Scottish Parliament with its existing powers	25
In favour of a completely separate state outside the UK	23
Would not vote	4
Don't know	11

Jack McConnell maintains that separating Scotland from the UK would cost every family in Scotland approximately £5,000 a year. Alex Salmond adamantly denies this. Which of the two men are you more inclined to believe on this point?

Alex Salmond	30
Neither of them	32
Jack McConnell	27
Don't know	11

If Scotland remains part of the United Kingdom, should the Queen continue to be Head of State?

Yes, she should	62
No, she shouldn't	26
Don't know	12

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

If Scotland were to become a separate state outside the UK, should the Queen continue to be Scotland's own Head of State?

Yes, she should	38
No, she shouldn't	47
Don't know	15

Do you approve or disapprove of the Scottish Executive's record to date?

Approve	32
Disapprove	41
Don't know	27

Do you approve or disapprove of the record to date of the Scottish Parliament as a whole?

Approve	36
Disapprove	40
Don't know	24

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Jack McConnell as Scotland's First Minister?

Satisfied	30
Dissatisfied	49
Don't know	22

Which of the following would make the best First Minister?

Alex Salmond	30
Jack McConnell	21
Annabel Goldie	9
Nicol Stephen	7
Tommy Sheridan	4
Don't know	29

Leaving aside your views on who would make the best First Minister, which of these do you regard as generally trustworthy? [Please tick all that apply]

Annabel Goldie	30
Alex Salmond	30
Jack McConnell	26
Nicol Stephen	25
Tommy Sheridan	12
Don't know	31

And which do you consider to be generally untrustworthy? [Please tick all that apply]

Tommy Sheridan	56
Jack McConnell	37
Alex Salmond	30
Annabel Goldie	18
Nicol Stephen	16
Don't know	22

Taking everything into account, how well do you think having a coalition Executive, involving people from both the Labour and the Liberal Democrat parties, has worked?

Very well	7
Fairly well	43
Not very well	26
Not at all well	10
Don't know	15

On balance, do you think that because of devolution Scotland is a better place or a worse place in which to live than it would have been if we had not had devolution?

A better place in which to live	39
A worse place in which to live	9
Devolution has not made much difference either way	39
Don't know	13

Should the Scottish Parliament have more powers? For instance, should the Scottish Parliament be given greater power to raise its own revenues?

Yes, it should	60
No, it shouldn't	27
Don't know	14

As you probably know, the Scottish Parliament already has the power, although it has not yet used it, to raise or lower the basic rate of income tax by 3p. What do you think the Scottish Parliament should do?

Raise the rate by up to 3p and increase spending	13
Lower the rate by up to 3p and reduce spending	20
Leave the rate as it is	53
Don't know	14

If Scotland were to become independent, taxes would have to rise, or public spending would have to be cut, or both things would happen

Agree **55**
 Disagree **26**
 Don't know **19**

The Council Tax should be scrapped, and replaced by a local income tax (which would be additional to normal income tax)

Agree **58**
 Disagree **24**
 Don't know **19**

Scotland should allow new nuclear power stations to be built within the country, in order to help tackle climate change

Agree **37**
 Disagree **43**
 Don't know **19**

Scotland should refuse to allow any successor to the Trident nuclear missile system to be based in Scotland

Agree **54**
 Disagree **27**
 Don't know **19**

Leaving aside your own view on whether you support or oppose the ambition of independence for Scotland, which of these statements comes closer to your view?

Scotland's economy is bound up so closely with that of the rest of the United Kingdom, that it would face serious problems if it became independent **46**

Plenty of countries smaller than Scotland survive perfectly well on their own; Scotland's economy would prosper if the country were independent **42**

Don't know **13**

And which of these statements comes closer to your view?

The tax revenues from North Sea Oil belong to Scotland; when these are taken into account, Scotland subsidises the rest of the UK **48**

At the moment, Scotland's public spending is subsidised by English taxpayers **23**

Don't know **29**