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## voting intention (westminster) - exci don't knows, would not vote

Lab	35	35	34	36	42	27	33	36	4	97	16	6	2	96	10	5
SNP	28	33	24	25	24	34	22	34	2	1	6	79	2	1	6	81
Con	16	16	16	10	16	21	20	13	91	1	9	7	96	0	4	7
Lib Dem	15	11	19	21	12	13	19	11	3	1	65	5	0	2	75	7
Other	6	5	7	8	6	5	6	6	1	1	4	4	0	1	5	1
Green	3	1	4	3	4	1	3	2	1	0	3	2	0	0	3	0
SSP	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solidarity	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	2	3	2	3	1	3	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Would Not Vote	6	5	7	8	8	2	3	8	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	3
Don't know	13	10	17	15	13	12	13	14	8	2	10	5	6	2	8	4

Elections for the Scottish Parliament will be held next May. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means you are 'certain NOT to vote' and 10 means you are absolutely 'certain you WILL vote', how likely are you to vote in these elections?

0 – certain NOT TO vote	4	4	5	5	6	2	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	3	2
2	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
3	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	0	3	1	1	4	2	1	1
4	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	2
5	6	6	5	7	5	4	4	7	3	5	3	4	3	4	5	4
6	3	3	4	5	3	2	3	4	7	4	2	2	6	3	5	2
7	5	3	7	8	6	2	4	6	5	5	4	3	5	8	5	2
8	9	8	9	9	8	8	8	9	8	8	14	8	5	12	15	7
9	6	5	7	6	5	7	7	5	9	5	8	4	8	5	9	4
10 – certain WILL vote	60	63	57	47	60	70	66	55	63	68	66	74	67	64	54	77
Don't know	2	2	2	4	2	1	1	3	2	0	2	1	1	0	3	0

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## Voting Intention (Local vote) - excl would not vote, don't know

SNP	35	42	29	30	34	40	29	41	0	0	0	100	7	3	12	89
Lab	29	31	26	31	33	22	28	29	0	100	0	0	1	86	6	1
Lib Dem	18	12	23	21	17	16	23	13	0	0	100	0	7	8	74	8
Con	13	10	16	11	11	16	15	10	100	0	0	0	85	1	4	0
Other	6	5	6	7	4	6	5	6	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	2
Green	2	1	4	2	2	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
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Solidarity	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	2	3	2	3	1	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1

## Voting Intention (Regional vote) - excl would not vote, don't know

SNP	32	37	27	24	30	39	28	35	1	2	15	81	0	0	0	100
Lab	30	29	31	31	36	25	29	31	3	91	14	3	0	100	0	0
Lib Dem	14	11	17	23	10	12	15	13	4	3	58	5	0	0	100	0
Con	14	12	15	9	12	18	17	10	89	0	5	3	100	0	0	0
Other	10	11	9	12	12	7	10	10	4	4	8	9	0	0	0	0
Green	5	5	6	6	8	3	6	5	3	3	7	5	0	0	0	0
SSP	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Do you think that since Scotland has had its own parliament, with responsibility for running Scotland's own public services, you have...?

More in common with the English than before	3	5	2	3	4	4	3	4	7	5	5	2	5	6	5	3
Less in common with the English than before	28	29	27	24	32	28	35	23	30	25	37	32	38	24	30	33
Just as much (or little) in common as before	58	60	57	54	58	63	56	60	60	62	48	62	53	61	58	59
Don't know	10	7	14	20	7	6	7	13	3	9	11	5	4	9	7	5

This year marks the 300th anniversary of the legislation that joined the governments of Scotland and England together to form the United Kingdom. Do you think the union between Scotland and England is or is not worth maintaining?

The union is worth maintaining	53	52	54	54	53	53	58	49	79	74	62	24	78	72	68	18
The union is not worth maintaining	33	39	28	27	36	36	31	36	13	15	30	67	12	17	23	74
Don't know	13	9	17	19	11	11	11	15	8	11	8	9	10	11	9	8

Do you think that, on balance, the Union currently gives Scotland a good deal or a raw deal?

The union gives Scotland a good deal	32	34	29	31	29	35	39	26	64	49	37	10	59	45	46	6
The union gives Scotland a raw deal	47	50	44	42	52	46	43	49	22	29	42	81	25	32	32	86
Don't know	22	16	27	27	19	20	18	25	14	22	21	9	16	22	22	8

Do you think that, on balance, the Union currently gives England a good deal or a raw deal?

The union gives England a good deal	70	74	66	64	74	72	71	69	64	71	74	81	63	70	73	84
The union gives England a raw deal	9	11	7	9	8	11	11	7	21	7	9	9	24	7	9	8
Don't know	21	15	26	27	19	18	18	23	16	22	17	10	13	23	18	8

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Thinking of the possibility of Scotland becoming an independent country, separate from the rest of the United Kingdom, which of the following statements do you tend to agree with? [Please tick all that apply]

Independence for Scotland is inevitable	17	21	14	16	15	20	15	19	3	11	11	35	3	9	12	39
Scotland is likely to become independent within 5 to 10 years	14	17	11	13	15	15	13	16	4	10	8	29	7	10	7	30
Scotland is likely to become independent within 10 to 20 years	17	20	15	17	19	17	16	19	16	13	21	26	18	13	20	24
Scotland is likely to become independent, but not within the next 20 years	11	9	14	16	9	10	11	11	8	10	13	11	9	11	18	9
Independence for Scotland is neither likely nor inevitable	37	34	38	31	38	40	45	30	57	49	41	15	54	50	40	12
None of these	3	3	2	2	4	2	2	3	4	5	2	1	5	4	1	2
Don't know	11	8	14	17	10	7	8	14	10	9	8	5	8	10	8	5

Which of the following statements do you tend to agree with?  
[Please tick all that apply]

Scots would be better off economically if Scotland was independent	35	43	28	33	35	37	31	38	13	16	26	72	14	19	26	75
Scots would be worse off economically if it was independent	32	30	34	30	33	33	39	26	64	43	40	7	60	40	39	8
Taxes would rise in Scotland if Scotland became independent	43	42	43	39	47	42	49	38	65	56	53	28	64	49	56	24
Scotland would be more vulnerable to a terrorist attack if it became independent	8	6	11	9	7	9	8	9	15	11	9	3	17	11	11	2
An independent Scotland would erect border posts at the border with England	10	7	13	11	10	10	10	10	19	13	6	5	18	12	8	5
None of these	8	8	7	6	9	7	8	7	1	6	11	8	2	7	12	6
Don't know	12	9	15	16	11	10	8	15	10	15	7	4	9	14	6	4

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Thinking of the qualities of English people which, if any, of the following statements do you tend to agree with? [Please tick all that apply]

English people tend to be more arrogant than Scots	42	46	37	41	43	41	40	43	32	41	39	55	36	42	36	57
English people tend to be less warm and friendly than Scots	39	40	38	42	42	34	35	43	26	40	32	49	28	40	32	50
English people tend to be less polite than Scots	29	32	26	28	30	27	25	32	22	30	28	34	27	31	26	35
English people tend to be more stuffy and uptight than Scots	28	29	26	29	29	25	25	29	22	26	20	35	18	28	23	38
English people tend to be more right-wing than Scots	25	33	18	29	21	26	27	23	17	25	28	32	20	21	24	37
English people tend to be more xenophobic than Scots	21	28	15	19	23	20	23	20	14	20	19	29	17	18	13	32
English people tend to be too afraid to cause offence	9	8	9	10	7	9	6	10	14	9	6	7	13	7	9	9
None of these	24	20	29	22	25	26	28	22	31	24	30	14	28	25	28	14
Don't know	6	6	7	11	4	4	5	8	6	5	4	3	3	5	6	3

Thinking about Scottish people, which, if any, of the following statements do you tend to agree with? [Please tick all that apply]

Scottish people get more than their fair share of public money at the expense of English taxpayers	11	13	9	11	10	12	12	10	30	11	10	6	31	10	14	4
Scottish people are too dependent on welfare	22	27	18	21	19	27	25	20	33	15	21	23	34	16	24	21
Scottish people tend to lack initiative	12	12	12	9	12	14	12	12	26	10	11	11	26	12	11	9
There are too many Scottish ministers at Westminster running Britain	12	15	9	10	9	15	13	11	26	8	9	14	27	8	8	15
Scottish people tend to be too left wing	15	21	10	11	13	20	18	13	41	8	9	16	44	8	14	14
None of these	46	41	50	43	53	42	48	45	23	54	55	44	24	50	48	51
Don't know	12	10	15	18	11	9	8	16	8	12	8	8	5	15	9	7

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Thinking about Scottish people, which, if any, of the following statements do you tend to agree with? [Please tick all that apply]

Scottish people tend to be warm and friendly	69	68	71	64	71	73	66	72	58	70	65	80	58	69	64	83
Too many Scots tend to be anti-English	46	46	45	44	46	47	47	45	58	45	52	38	58	44	59	34
Scottish people tend to drink too much	31	34	29	29	28	36	32	31	34	33	27	28	36	31	30	27
Too many Scottish people have a chip on their shoulder	26	27	25	23	27	28	30	23	40	24	32	21	45	20	34	19
Scottish people tend to complain more than English people	10	10	9	9	10	10	9	10	16	10	9	7	17	9	12	8
Scottish people are less tolerant than English people	8	8	8	7	11	7	9	7	18	10	7	5	15	8	11	6
Scottish people are tight-fisted	4	3	4	6	2	3	3	4	11	2	5	2	10	1	7	3
None of these	5	5	5	5	5	4	7	3	5	4	6	5	6	4	5	5
Don't know	4	5	3	7	3	2	3	5	2	3	4	1	0	4	3	2

Scotland currently receives more than 20% more per head than England in public spending. Do you think this is...?

Justified	58	65	51	46	62	63	62	54	56	63	56	63	56	60	59	69
Not justified	19	20	19	24	15	20	20	19	32	17	22	19	30	19	22	16
Don't know	23	15	31	30	24	18	19	27	12	21	21	18	15	21	20	15

Who do you tend to support when England are playing a foreign team, other than Scotland, at sport?

England	26	26	27	23	27	28	27	26	47	34	28	15	45	36	27	14
England's opponents	35	43	27	46	35	26	36	34	16	34	31	49	17	32	34	51
Not sure / don't care	39	32	46	31	38	47	38	40	37	33	42	36	38	32	38	35

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The Scottish National Party says Scotland can afford to become an independent country, separate from the rest of the UK without having to raise taxes. Some people say that there is a 'black hole' in the SNP's plans, and its sums do not add up. Do you think there is or is not a 'black hole' in the SNP's plans?

There is a black hole	45	43	47	40	47	47	50	41	76	60	57	20	72	61	61	15
There is not a black hole	20	26	15	21	18	22	19	21	8	9	12	50	8	8	11	53
Don't know	35	31	38	39	34	31	31	37	16	31	32	30	20	31	28	32

Which of these statements comes closest to your view?

I would support Scotland becoming an independent country separate from the rest of the UK even if this meant higher taxes or reduced public spending	18	25	12	17	19	18	19	17	0	10	9	44	0	8	8	48
I would support Scotland becoming an independent country as long as I was sure taxes would not need to rise and public spending would not need to be cut	36	34	38	40	36	32	28	42	24	27	38	45	27	33	40	40
I do not support Scotland becoming an independent country	36	34	38	29	34	44	44	29	72	53	41	8	70	50	42	9
Don't know	10	8	12	14	11	6	9	12	3	11	12	3	3	9	11	3

The United Kingdom currently consists of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. In the long run, which of these options would you prefer?

The UK continuing broadly as it is	47	41	52	48	46	47	48	46	75	62	50	19	74	62	50	16
Scotland becoming independent, but the rest of the UK remaining together	5	7	4	6	5	5	5	5	1	3	6	9	1	3	6	10
Northern Ireland joining the rest of Ireland, but England, Scotland and Wales remaining together	7	7	7	7	5	10	9	6	11	11	9	3	14	10	14	3
Scotland becoming independent, Northern Ireland joining the rest of Ireland, but England and Wales staying together	10	13	8	11	10	10	12	9	1	6	13	20	4	6	11	19
The end of the UK, and all four countries going their own way	20	21	18	16	22	21	15	24	7	9	11	44	4	9	9	47
Don't know	11	11	11	14	12	7	10	11	5	9	11	5	4	10	11	5