

YouGov / Sunday Times Scotland Survey Results

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Headline Westminster Voting Intention

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

| | |
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| Lab | 37 |
| SNP | 27 |
| Con | 20 |
| Lib Dem | 12 |
| Other | 4 |

Other Parties Westminster Voting Intention

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

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|---------|---|
| Green | 2 |
| BNP | 1 |
| UKIP | 0 |
| Respect | 0 |
| Other | 1 |

Westminster Non Voters

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|----------------|----|
| Would Not Vote | 7 |
| Don't know | 14 |

Scottish Constituency Vote

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

| | |
|--------------|----|
| SNP | 38 |
| Labour | 32 |
| Conservative | 13 |
| Lib Dem | 12 |
| Other | 5 |

Scottish Constituency Non Voters

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| Wouldn't vote | 6 |
| Don't know | 12 |

Scottish Regional Vote

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

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|--------------|----|
| SNP | 34 |
| Labour | 28 |
| Conservative | 15 |
| Lib Dem | 11 |
| Other | 13 |

Scottish Regional Other Parties Vote

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

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|--------------------------|---|
| Green | 6 |
| Scottish Socialist Party | 4 |
| Solidarity | 1 |
| Other | 2 |

Scottish Regional Non Voters

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|---------------|----|
| Wouldn't vote | 6 |
| Don't know | 11 |

As you may be aware the SNP government's budget bill was voted down this week. Alex Salmond has threatened to resign as first minister if it is voted down again and has suggested there may have to be a new election for the Scottish parliament. If the budget bill is voted down again and Alex Salmond resigns as first minister, would you prefer to have the chance to vote in a new election for the Scottish parliament to determine which party runs the Scottish government, or would you prefer to leave it to the political parties to decide themselves whether Alex Salmond, Labour leader Iain Gray, Liberal Democrat leader Tavish Scott or Conservative leader Annabel Goldie should lead the Scottish government?

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| Would prefer to have chance to vote in a new election for the Scottish parliament | 79 |
| Would prefer to let political parties decide themselves which party should run Scottish government | 12 |
| Don't know | 9 |

The Scottish budget bill was defeated this week after Labour, the Liberal Democrats and the Greens voted against it. How would you rate the performance of each of the Scottish party leaders in relation to the recent budget process?

Alex Salmond, the Scottish National Party leader

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| Very good | 15 |
| Good | 22 |
| Average | 20 |
| Poor | 12 |
| Very poor | 14 |
| Don't know | 18 |

Iain Gray, the Scottish Labour leader

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|------------|-----------|
| Very good | 3 |
| Good | 12 |
| Average | 27 |
| Poor | 17 |
| Very poor | 15 |
| Don't know | 26 |

Tavish Scott, the Scottish Liberal Democrat leader

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|------------|-----------|
| Very good | 1 |
| Good | 10 |
| Average | 30 |
| Poor | 16 |
| Very poor | 14 |
| Don't know | 28 |

Annabel Goldie, the Scottish Conservative leader

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|------------|-----------|
| Very good | 5 |
| Good | 19 |
| Average | 24 |
| Poor | 16 |
| Very poor | 11 |
| Don't know | 26 |

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Patrick Harvie, the Scottish Green leader

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|------------|-----------|
| Very good | 2 |
| Good | 10 |
| Average | 18 |
| Poor | 19 |
| Very poor | 18 |
| Don't know | 33 |

Which of the following do you believe would make the best Scottish first minister?

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| Alex Salmond, the Scottish National Party leader | 35 |
| Iain Gray, the Scottish Labour leader | 15 |
| Tavish Scott, the Scottish Liberal Democrat leader | 5 |
| Annabel Goldie, the Scottish Conservative leader | 11 |
| Patrick Harvie, the Scottish Green leader | 2 |
| None of the above | 15 |
| Don't know | 19 |

Given the current economic downturn, who would you trust more to make the right decisions to help Scottish people in their everyday lives Alex Salmond or Gordon Brown?

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Alex Salmond | 33 |
| Gordon Brown | 33 |
| Would not trust either of them at all | 25 |
| Don't know | 9 |

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?

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| I would vote YES (i.e. for Scottish independence) | 29 |
| I would vote NO (i.e. against Scottish independence) | 55 |
| Don't know | 12 |
| Would not vote | 4 |