

YouGov / Our Scottish Future Survey Results

Sample Size: 2587 Scottish Adults
Fieldwork: 7th - 14th February 2020

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	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Remain	Leave	Yes	No	Yes	No	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE
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Generally speaking, do you think Scotland is heading in the right or wrong direction?

Right direction	35	7	22	13	68	43	22	64	10	57	18	36	33	44	37	34	27	36	33
Wrong direction	37	79	47	63	10	32	54	11	67	19	57	43	32	26	29	41	54	39	35
Don't know	28	14	31	24	22	25	23	24	23	25	25	21	35	30	34	25	18	25	32

If another Scottish Independence Referendum were held today, how would you vote?

Yes to an independent Scotland	45	4	31	14	89	56	31	100	0	81	19	45	46	61	53	43	31	46	45
No to an independent Scotland	46	95	66	85	10	41	65	0	100	16	77	49	43	26	38	54	64	48	44
I will not vote	6	1	3	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	2	4	8	8	7	3	5	4	9
I am not registered to vote	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	5	2	0	0	3	2

What statement do you agree with the most?

Scotland is a united country	16	5	15	6	19	16	12	21	8	20	11	11	21	22	20	13	9	12	20
Scotland is broadly united	27	13	22	25	43	33	17	40	17	34	20	27	28	38	28	26	22	30	24
Scotland has some divisions	36	36	39	41	33	35	39	34	38	35	38	37	35	26	36	36	40	36	35
Scotland is deeply divided	21	46	24	28	5	16	32	6	37	10	31	25	16	14	16	25	29	21	20

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Generally speaking, do you think Scotland is heading in the right or wrong direction?

Right direction	35	33	29	31	33	32	32	40	37	69	59	10	8
Wrong direction	37	38	44	46	41	47	38	42	33	10	12	58	71
Don't know	28	29	28	23	26	21	30	19	31	21	29	33	21

If another Scottish Independence Referendum were held today, how would you vote?

Yes to an independent Scotland	45	47	38	39	44	41	42	46	52	100	100	0	0
No to an independent Scotland	46	47	53	57	52	55	49	51	35	0	0	100	100
I will not vote	6	5	8	3	1	4	8	3	9	0	0	0	0
I am not registered to vote	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0

What statement do you agree with the most?

Scotland is a united country	16	15	8	11	14	23	13	14	10	21	17	13	7
Scotland is broadly united	27	24	29	28	29	23	22	30	29	39	39	20	16
Scotland has some divisions	36	40	40	32	36	30	43	34	46	35	37	32	39
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Generally speaking, do you think Scotland is heading in the right or wrong direction?

Right direction	35	70	59	10	6	67	42	23	7
Wrong direction	37	10	12	64	75	11	33	50	74
Don't know	28	20	29	27	19	21	25	27	19

If another Scottish Independence Referendum were held today, how would you vote?

Yes to an independent Scotland	45	100	100	0	0	90	61	27	6
No to an independent Scotland	46	0	0	100	100	7	34	71	92
I will not vote	6	0	0	0	0	3	5	1	1
I am not registered to vote	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

What statement do you agree with the most?

Scotland is a united country	16	20	18	8	8	22	17	10	8
Scotland is broadly united	27	43	32	19	12	41	26	26	10
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Scotland is deeply divided	21	5	6	33	46	6	17	26	45

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Who is responsible for these divisions? (Please tick all that apply)

[Only asked to those who said Scotland was divided;
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SNP	50	83	56	76	12	49	60	12	75	21	70	57	43	35	43	53	63	56	43
Nicola Sturgeon	49	80	54	73	10	45	61	11	74	19	69	53	44	38	40	52	62	53	44
The prospect of a second Independence Referendum	41	59	48	64	21	43	46	19	57	24	54	43	39	32	31	46	55	46	36
Nationalists	35	55	42	48	14	35	41	15	49	17	48	42	28	29	28	34	48	41	29
Alex Salmond	34	56	38	58	9	32	43	8	52	11	50	39	28	25	31	36	41	40	28
The 2014 Scottish Referendum	33	40	38	57	22	37	32	22	41	20	41	35	30	37	33	29	33	37	28
Everyone bears some responsibility	26	14	29	32	41	32	18	41	19	34	22	25	27	30	26	26	24	28	24
Social Media	24	22	23	32	26	25	23	25	24	23	24	26	21	26	27	22	21	28	19
The 2016 European Referendum	24	18	29	36	30	31	18	28	24	26	25	28	21	31	23	24	26	28	21
Scottish politicians	21	28	22	31	12	21	25	11	28	14	26	25	17	19	21	18	26	24	18
Westminster politicians	18	5	17	14	36	23	14	36	10	31	13	20	16	19	17	21	18	20	17
Boris Johnson	16	5	19	22	32	24	8	30	10	26	13	18	15	23	17	15	15	20	12
Conservatives	15	2	17	14	35	20	9	33	7	27	10	17	14	19	14	17	13	16	15
All politicians	14	8	12	20	16	16	11	17	12	14	14	16	13	20	11	15	17	15	14
Unionists	13	3	14	11	29	18	8	30	5	23	9	17	9	21	15	12	10	15	11
The European Union	8	14	6	6	5	5	12	4	11	7	10	10	7	16	5	9	10	8	8
Labour	8	7	5	10	13	8	8	12	6	14	6	11	5	6	10	7	7	9	6
Ordinary English people	4	2	4	3	9	5	3	8	2	6	3	3	6	6	4	3	5	5	3
None of these	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	3	0	2	1	2	1	1	3	1	0	1	2
Don't know	10	2	9	2	8	6	8	10	3	11	4	6	14	22	14	5	3	8	12

How has division in Scottish society and politics over Brexit and Independence affected you?(Please tick all that apply)

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I am less likely to talk about my political views with strangers, colleagues, or acquaintances	34	44	30	52	28	38	33	27	40	25	39	33	34	24	33	34	38	38	28
I feel uncomfortable discussing politics with close friends and family members	21	24	21	37	15	23	19	16	25	13	25	18	24	21	23	16	24	24	17
I have fallen out with close friends and family members	8	11	9	12	7	9	8	6	10	5	10	9	6	5	9	8	7	9	7
I have less trust in our political system	44	45	46	53	47	46	45	47	46	46	44	48	39	53	42	46	44	46	42
I have less trust in politicians	44	49	42	53	47	44	48	46	46	43	46	47	41	50	35	48	53	47	41
I have less trust in my fellow citizens	19	23	20	24	19	23	15	21	20	18	20	23	13	29	21	15	18	22	15
It hasn't affected me	25	18	23	13	27	20	25	26	19	30	20	23	28	26	27	25	21	21	31

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SNP	50	53	56	53	57	64	48	53	38	9	18	60	78
Nicola Sturgeon	49	52	57	50	54	62	50	49	31	8	19	54	77
The prospect of a second Independence Referendum	41	43	45	43	41	42	47	48	33	16	25	45	59
Nationalists	35	39	39	37	43	43	29	38	33	12	26	35	52
Alex Salmond	34	40	36	38	40	37	35	37	22	6	16	29	56
The 2014 Scottish Referendum	33	36	30	29	45	23	30	41	22	19	30	23	44
Everyone bears some responsibility	26	27	27	25	28	24	24	23	30	42	42	15	18
Social Media	24	28	20	16	24	29	16	26	23	25	25	24	24
The 2016 European Referendum	24	28	23	21	29	15	27	31	27	26	38	28	23
Scottish politicians	21	23	20	24	15	29	17	23	16	10	15	30	28
Westminster politicians	18	19	13	12	19	18	17	14	22	38	29	10	10
Boris Johnson	16	19	15	13	18	16	13	12	13	32	28	10	10
Conservatives	15	16	9	11	11	15	17	10	19	34	28	7	7
All politicians	14	15	16	12	16	12	20	12	13	16	20	6	12
Unionists	13	14	10	7	12	16	17	10	15	31	29	5	5
The European Union	8	12	8	9	8	7	7	10	11	4	6	14	10
Labour	8	9	7	7	8	7	4	14	6	16	4	8	6
Ordinary English people	4	3	5	1	6	4	2	3	2	8	8	0	2
None of these	1	3	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	4	2	0
Don't know	10	6	9	10	6	5	10	6	13	10	6	11	2

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I am less likely to talk about my political views with strangers, colleagues, or acquaintances	34	36	36	36	24	41	39	40	26	26	28	28	41
I feel uncomfortable discussing politics with close friends and family members	21	23	23	20	17	22	20	22	20	13	24	17	25
I have fallen out with close friends and family members	8	6	8	5	8	14	10	7	5	6	10	4	11
I have less trust in our political system	44	52	43	47	42	45	44	41	38	49	41	45	45
I have less trust in politicians	44	51	45	45	39	49	47	37	39	45	44	43	48
I have less trust in my fellow citizens	19	22	20	14	15	18	13	24	23	20	25	15	21
It hasn't affected me	25	18	30	27	32	19	27	22	25	27	26	32	18

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The prospect of a second Independence Referendum	41	24	12	58	58	22	29	54	57
Nationalists	35	17	14	48	53	14	23	47	53
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Boris Johnson	16	34	19	17	4	33	14	20	4
Conservatives	15	35	30	10	4	34	17	13	4
All politicians	14	17	10	14	10	17	8	16	12
Unionists	13	34	24	7	3	31	15	13	4
The European Union	8	5	2	5	16	4	9	6	15
Labour	8	13	12	6	7	15	11	6	6
Ordinary English people	4	8	6	3	1	6	3	4	3
None of these	1	2	1	1	0	3	1	0	0
Don't know	10	4	16	5	2	4	16	5	1

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I feel uncomfortable discussing politics with close friends and family members	21	17	12	27	22	14	13	27	23
I have fallen out with close friends and family members	8	8	1	10	10	7	3	10	11
I have less trust in our political system	44	51	42	44	46	49	43	44	47
I have less trust in politicians	44	45	54	45	48	42	47	45	49
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Which of the following comes closest to your view?

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We've always had political disagreements in Scotland, division is nothing new	30	17	23	18	55	34	25	52	20	46	22	33	27	37	29	31	29	28	32
We are divided now, but it will blow over in time	8	10	9	10	8	7	10	7	9	10	7	8	9	10	10	5	8	10	6
The divisions in Scotland on independence and Brexit will last for a generation, and may never be healed	46	65	52	65	24	47	53	25	61	30	58	50	41	31	39	53	53	49	42
None of these	16	7	16	6	12	12	12	15	11	15	13	10	23	22	23	11	9	13	19

How long do you think it will take for Scotland to overcome the divisions caused by the Brexit and Independence debates?

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We will always be divided on these issues	47	50	51	42	42	43	51	41	52	45	50	47	46	32	49	51	44	44	50
Not until after a second independence referendum	11	3	6	5	26	16	7	28	3	22	5	11	11	13	14	10	8	10	12
In the next year	2	2	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	7	2	1	2	2	2
Sometime in the next five years	13	14	16	12	12	13	14	11	15	12	15	12	15	11	11	12	18	14	13
Not for ten years or more	22	29	24	39	14	24	22	13	26	15	26	25	18	27	18	22	25	25	18
We are not divided on the issue	5	2	2	0	5	3	3	6	2	4	3	2	8	11	7	3	3	4	7

Should the Scottish Parliament be able to unilaterally call a referendum on independence?

Yes – as long as there is a majority in the Scottish Parliament for a referendum it should be allowed	49	5	40	20	86	57	31	92	9	78	23	46	52	67	54	47	35	48	51
No – it's right that a referendum has to be called in conjunction with the UK Parliament	51	95	60	80	14	43	69	8	91	22	77	54	48	33	46	53	65	52	49

If there is a second Independence Referendum, when should it be held?

Immediately	17	3	12	5	32	19	14	35	2	29	8	18	17	21	21	17	10	15	20
In 2021 or 2022, after the next Scottish Election	23	4	21	16	37	28	13	40	6	32	13	24	22	30	23	22	19	25	21
Within the next five years	15	5	15	14	21	16	12	20	9	21	10	13	18	19	16	14	14	15	16
Within the next twenty years	17	30	23	29	7	16	23	3	31	10	25	20	14	15	15	18	20	19	15
Never	27	58	29	37	3	21	39	2	51	7	44	26	28	15	24	29	37	26	28

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We are divided now, but it will blow over in time	8	14	7	6	1	7	4	7	10	9	3	10	8
The divisions in Scotland on independence and Brexit will last for a generation, and may never be healed	46	45	48	50	56	50	43	53	38	23	29	48	64
None of these	16	7	18	18	16	12	17	13	12	14	19	15	10

How long do you think it will take for Scotland to overcome the divisions caused by the Brexit and Independence debates?

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We will always be divided on these issues	47	46	47	49	47	52	60	43	34	43	36	53	52
Not until after a second independence referendum	11	9	11	13	15	7	11	12	14	29	23	5	3
In the next year	2	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	2
Sometime in the next five years	13	15	13	10	15	11	11	13	12	11	14	15	15
Not for ten years or more	22	28	25	22	18	26	15	27	28	12	19	24	27
We are not divided on the issue	5	0	3	6	4	1	2	5	10	4	7	3	1

Should the Scottish Parliament be able to unilaterally call a referendum on independence?

Yes – as long as there is a majority in the Scottish Parliament for a referendum it should be allowed	49	49	46	38	46	43	46	47	57	91	91	17	6
No – it's right that a referendum has to be called in conjunction with the UK Parliament	51	51	54	62	54	57	54	53	43	9	9	83	94

If there is a second Independence Referendum, when should it be held?

Immediately	17	17	15	14	18	20	18	17	17	36	32	2	2
In 2021 or 2022, after the next Scottish Election	23	23	21	18	19	19	18	25	25	38	44	6	6
Within the next five years	15	14	14	14	16	10	10	16	16	21	19	19	7
Within the next twenty years	17	19	20	20	15	17	21	22	17	4	2	41	30
Never	27	28	30	35	33	34	32	20	25	1	3	32	56

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We are divided now, but it will blow over in time	8	8	9	7	10	9	12	6	9
The divisions in Scotland on independence and Brexit will last for a generation, and may never be healed	46	28	22	62	63	30	33	56	65
None of these	16	12	10	10	11	10	11	11	10

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Sometime in the next five years	13	11	14	15	16	13	12	14	16
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We are not divided on the issue	5	4	4	2	1	3	2	3	2

Should the Scottish Parliament be able to unilaterally call a referendum on independence?

Yes – as long as there is a majority in the Scottish Parliament for a referendum it should be allowed	49	94	85	10	5	89	60	31	7
No – it's right that a referendum has to be called in conjunction with the UK Parliament	51	6	15	90	95	11	40	69	93

If there is a second Independence Referendum, when should it be held?

Immediately	17	34	39	2	2	31	26	10	4
In 2021 or 2022, after the next Scottish Election	23	43	33	9	4	40	22	18	6
Within the next five years	15	20	22	10	6	22	20	12	4
Within the next twenty years	17	3	4	32	32	6	19	24	28
Never	27	1	1	48	56	2	14	37	58