

# YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 24th - 28th April 2008

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## Local Voting Intention

*[excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes]*

Scottish National Party	36
Labour	31
Liberal Democrat	15
Conservative	13
Other	4

## Local Non Voters

Would Not Vote	9
Don't know	5

## Regional Voting Intention

*[excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes]*

Scottish National Party	37
Labour	28
Liberal Democrat	13
Conservative	13
Other	9

## Regional Non Voters

Would Not Vote	8
Don't know	5

## Westminster Voting Intention

*[excluding Don't Knows and Wouldn't Votes]*

Labour	34
Scottish National Party	30
Conservative	17
Liberal Democrat	14
Other	6

## Westminster Non Voters

Would Not Vote	8
Don't know	5

Since roughly this time last year, the Scottish Executive has been a Scottish National (SNP) Executive, but one without an overall majority in the Scottish Parliament.

Taking everything into account do you approve or disapprove of the Scottish Executive's record to date?

Approve	52
Disapprove	27
Don't know	21

Which of the following do you think would make the best Scottish First Minister?

Alex Salmond	43
Wendy Alexander	11
Annabel Goldie	9
Nicol Stephen	5
Don't know	31

<b>Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Alex Salmond as Scottish First Minister?</b>		
	Satisfied	<b>53</b>
	Dissatisfied	<b>33</b>
	Don't know	<b>14</b>
<b>Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Gordon Brown as UK Prime Minister?</b>		
	Satisfied	<b>26</b>
	Dissatisfied	<b>63</b>
	Don't know	<b>11</b>
<b>Do you think that John Swinney is doing a good job or a bad job as Scotland's Finance Secretary?</b>		
	A good job	<b>34</b>
	A bad job	<b>22</b>
	Don't know	<b>44</b>
<b>Do you think Wendy Alexander is or is not proving a good leader of the Scottish Labour Party?</b>		
	Yes she is	<b>21</b>
	No she isn't	<b>60</b>
	Don't know	<b>20</b>
<b>Do you think Nicol Stephen is or is not proving a good leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats?</b>		
	Yes he is	<b>27</b>
	No he isn't	<b>28</b>
	Don't know	<b>45</b>
<b>Do you think Annabel Goldie is or is not proving a good leader of the Scottish Conservatives?</b>		
	Yes she is	<b>41</b>
	No she isn't	<b>20</b>
	Don't know	<b>39</b>
<b>Does the fact that David Cameron is now leader of the UK Conservative Party make you more likely or less likely to vote for the Conservatives in a UK GENERAL election or does it not make any difference?</b>		
	More likely	<b>13</b>
	Less likely	<b>14</b>
	No difference – I would vote Conservative anyway	<b>11</b>
	No difference – I would NOT vote Conservative anyway	<b>53</b>
	Not sure	<b>9</b>
<b>Does the fact that Mr Cameron is now leader of the UK Conservative Party make you more likely or less likely to vote for the Conservatives in a SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT election or does it not make any difference?</b>		
	More likely	<b>5</b>
	Less likely	<b>12</b>
	No difference – I would vote Conservative anyway	<b>12</b>
	No difference – I would NOT vote Conservative anyway	<b>60</b>
	Not sure	<b>11</b>

**Which of these two views about the experience of the SNP Executive in Scotland so far comes closer to your own view?**

The experience so far suggests that Scotland's Executive has been able to operate effectively with the powers it has: it can have the best of both worlds by remaining part of the UK	<b>58</b>
The experience so far suggests that Scotland is perfectly capable of governing itself and no longer needs to remain part of the UK: it ought in due course to become formally independent	<b>29</b>
Not sure	<b>14</b>

**As you probably know, there are currently a lot of disagreements – some people call them ‘rows’ – between Alex Salmond’s Executive in Edinburgh and Gordon Brown’s Government in London.**

**As regards these rows which of these two statements comes closer to your view?**

The rows are essentially Alex Salmond’s fault: he is out to cause trouble so that he can persuade people that everything that goes wrong in Scotland is London’s fault and that Scotland should therefore declare its independence	<b>38</b>
The rows are essentially the fault of the Government in London: it does not really care about Scotland, does not provide Scotland with enough money and is insensitive to the needs of the Scottish people	<b>35</b>
Not sure	<b>27</b>

**Alex Salmond has accused Gordon Brown’s Government in London of ‘bullying’ the Scottish Executive and people.**

**Do you think Gordon Brown and his Government have or have not been ‘bullying’ the Scottish Executive and people?**

Yes they have bullying us	<b>35</b>
No they have not	<b>38</b>
Don’t know	<b>27</b>

**Alex Salmond and members of the Scottish Executive have blamed the UK Government for not providing the Scottish Executive with enough money to fund its spending plans.**

**However, the Executive has the power to raise more money itself by varying the basic rate of income tax in Scotland by up to 3p in the pound.**

**Do you think the Executive should...**

Raise the basic rate of income tax in Scotland in order to increase the amount it can spend	<b>13</b>
Leave the basic rate of income tax unchanged, and adjust its spending plans	<b>61</b>
Reduce the basic rate of income tax and reduce the amount it spends	<b>14</b>
Don’t know	<b>13</b>

**At the moment, the Scottish Parliament depends for almost all of its income on an annual grant from the UK Government.**

**Do you think the present arrangement is broadly satisfactory or do you think the Scottish Parliament should be required to levy taxes on the Scottish people in order raise most of its own income?**

The present arrangement is satisfactory	<b>54</b>
The Scottish Parliament should be required to levy taxes on	<b>20</b>
Not sure	<b>26</b>

**If there were a referendum on whether to retain the present 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	<b>59</b>
In favour of a completely separate state outside the UK	<b>25</b>
Would not vote	<b>6</b>
Don't know	<b>10</b>

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

In favour of retaining the Scottish Parliament with its existing powers	<b>34</b>
In favour of retaining the Scottish Parliament but giving it greater powers	<b>38</b>
In favour of a completely separate state outside the UK	<b>19</b>
Would not vote	<b>9</b>