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Voting Intention (Westminster)

Lab	36	38	34	39	47	24	38	34	0	100	0	0	3	96	9	10	2	95	17	10
SNP	25	27	22	13	20	37	20	29	0	0	0	100	0	0	5	76	3	2	12	74
Con	18	17	19	20	14	20	23	14	100	0	0	0	91	1	7	4	87	0	5	5
Lib Dem	16	12	19	23	11	14	15	16	0	0	100	0	4	2	76	7	4	2	63	8
Other	6	5	7	6	8	5	5	7	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	2
Green	2	2	3	3	3	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	0
SSP	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solidarity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	3	3	3	2	4	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	1	0	2
Would Not Vote	5	5	6	8	6	2	4	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0
Don't know	14	9	19	13	17	12	13	15	0	0	0	0	6	5	8	7	6	2	8	4

Voting Intention (Local vote)

SNP	32	35	29	24	24	45	27	37	7	9	16	96	0	0	0	100	8	7	17	82
Lab	32	35	29	36	44	19	34	30	2	84	3	1	0	100	0	0	2	85	19	6
Con	15	14	16	16	13	17	17	13	81	1	4	0	100	0	0	0	80	1	4	3
Lib Dem	15	12	18	21	13	12	16	14	6	4	72	3	0	0	100	0	5	5	55	7
Other	6	5	8	4	6	8	6	6	3	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	5	2
Green	4	2	5	3	4	4	4	4	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	2
SSP	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solidarity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1
Would Not Vote	5	3	6	6	6	3	4	6	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	15	11	19	18	20	8	14	17	11	5	7	3	0	0	0	0	8	2	5	1

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Voting Intention (Regional vote)

Lab	29	30	27	29	41	18	28	29	0	77	4	3	2	78	11	6	0	100	0	0
SNP	28	32	24	19	22	39	24	31	9	8	15	83	6	5	14	73	0	0	0	100
Con	17	15	19	19	13	19	19	15	81	1	5	2	84	1	6	4	100	0	0	0
Lib Dem	15	13	17	20	11	14	17	12	4	7	61	7	4	9	56	8	0	0	100	0
Other	12	11	14	13	13	11	11	14	6	7	14	6	4	7	13	9	0	0	0	0
Green	8	6	9	9	9	6	7	8	3	5	11	4	1	5	9	7	0	0	0	0
SSP	2	2	2	3	3	0	1	3	0	1	3	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solidarity	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Other	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Would Not Vote	5	3	7	6	7	3	4	7	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Don't know	17	13	20	20	20	10	12	20	7	7	12	3	4	6	11	6	0	0	0	0

Which of the following would make you more likely to vote Labour at the Scottish Parliament elections next May?

If Gordon Brown were Prime Minister by then	16	18	14	16	22	10	17	15	5	22	15	13	3	22	15	15	6	19	16	15
If Tony Blair were still Prime Minister	5	4	6	5	7	4	6	5	3	10	2	4	1	11	3	5	1	10	4	6
I will vote Labour in any case	18	21	14	18	21	14	18	17	2	58	1	1	3	60	4	3	2	65	10	2
I will not vote Labour in any case	47	48	47	38	37	65	47	48	88	3	67	73	90	1	64	67	87	1	57	69
Don't know	14	9	19	23	13	8	12	16	2	7	15	10	3	6	14	10	4	5	14	8

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	50	49	50	51	48	51	56	45	64	68	66	14	67	69	75	19	66	69	74	19
In favour of a completely separate state outside the UK	31	37	25	24	30	37	27	34	14	18	24	77	11	19	13	72	13	17	18	72
Would not vote	5	5	6	6	6	4	5	6	10	2	2	2	11	3	3	1	10	3	1	2
Don't know	14	9	19	18	17	7	12	15	11	11	8	7	11	10	9	8	11	10	7	8

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

Approve	35	40	31	39	38	29	42	30	21	55	43	27	13	58	47	31	16	59	44	28
Disapprove	41	46	36	25	37	58	41	40	63	23	30	56	73	21	31	49	66	19	31	57
Don't know	24	14	34	37	25	14	18	30	15	22	27	17	14	22	22	20	18	21	26	16

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

Approve	42	46	38	46	44	37	48	37	29	60	46	45	25	60	48	47	26	64	44	45
Disapprove	39	42	36	25	37	51	38	39	62	25	28	46	67	23	34	41	62	21	34	45
Don't know	19	12	26	29	19	11	14	23	10	15	26	10	8	17	18	12	12	15	22	10

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

Satisfied	31	33	30	40	35	21	35	29	18	54	38	17	14	57	35	22	15	57	39	19
Dissatisfied	48	52	44	32	45	63	49	46	74	27	42	69	79	24	44	63	76	22	47	68
Don't know	21	15	27	28	20	16	16	26	9	20	20	14	7	20	21	15	10	21	14	13

Which of the following would make the best First Minister?

Annabel Goldie	6	5	6	4	4	9	6	5	26	2	3	2	30	2	2	2	27	2	3	2
Nicol Stephen	4	5	3	6	3	4	6	2	4	3	15	1	2	3	17	2	1	2	16	3
Jack McConnell	16	19	14	17	21	12	19	14	6	38	11	3	6	40	17	5	7	43	18	3
Alex Salmond	31	36	26	21	28	42	30	31	15	20	30	74	19	18	19	69	17	15	25	74
Tommy Sheridan	5	4	5	5	6	3	5	5	0	4	3	7	0	4	3	6	1	4	2	5
Don't know	39	31	45	48	39	31	34	42	49	33	38	15	43	34	42	17	48	34	36	14

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	4	4	3	4	5	3	5	2	2	6	9	0	0	6	9	2	0	5	9	1
Fairly well	41	43	40	47	42	37	49	35	28	60	57	32	25	64	58	35	27	61	59	33
Not very well	27	29	25	19	25	36	23	31	34	19	21	42	38	17	18	38	36	19	20	41
Not at all well	13	14	11	6	11	20	12	13	27	3	1	19	29	2	4	18	27	1	3	19
Don't know	15	10	21	25	17	5	12	19	10	13	13	7	8	11	11	8	10	13	9	7

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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	41	46	36	42	43	38	48	35	25	49	48	53	21	50	51	51	22	49	43	51
A worse place in which to live	12	12	11	11	9	15	12	12	30	8	6	8	31	7	5	7	28	6	9	10
Devolution has not made much difference either way	38	37	39	30	39	43	33	42	41	36	36	34	46	35	37	38	46	38	42	35
Don't know	10	5	14	17	9	4	7	12	4	7	10	5	2	7	7	5	5	7	7	4

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	62	65	59	64	66	56	58	65	37	61	61	92	35	64	57	90	35	61	55	88
No, it shouldn't	25	26	24	19	22	33	28	22	53	26	24	6	59	25	31	6	57	27	28	9
Don't know	13	9	17	17	12	12	13	13	10	13	14	3	6	11	12	5	8	12	17	4

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	16	17	15	15	16	16	18	14	8	18	16	25	8	17	17	22	4	16	17	22
Lower the rate by up to 3p and reduce spending	26	23	28	26	28	24	24	27	33	18	19	24	40	20	19	25	38	20	18	24
Leave the rate as it is	48	53	44	45	46	53	51	46	51	57	48	43	47	58	53	44	51	56	53	47
Don't know	11	7	14	15	10	7	8	13	8	7	17	8	6	5	11	10	7	8	13	7

As you may know, next year, 2007, marks the 300th anniversary of the 1707 Act of Union between Scotland and England. Do you think that the Scottish Parliament should...?

Organise a major celebration of the anniversary, including the Queen	24	26	22	26	20	26	28	21	44	27	30	10	42	27	34	16	39	27	30	15
Organise a low-key celebration of the anniversary, without involving the Queen	17	17	16	19	16	15	18	15	10	22	15	9	12	22	19	11	13	20	19	11
Not take any action to mark the anniversary	27	26	28	25	27	29	28	27	31	28	35	23	34	27	31	24	34	30	31	26
Organise a wake to mourn 300 years Scotland's lack of indepe	19	22	17	13	20	24	15	23	8	10	9	52	6	11	6	42	9	9	9	42
Don't know	14	10	17	17	18	7	12	15	7	13	11	6	5	13	10	7	6	14	10	5

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Tony Blair has indicated he will stand down as Prime Minister next year. Which of the following would you most like to see succeed him as the new leader of the Labour Party?

Gordon Brown	45	51	39	47	49	39	47	42	27	71	51	37	30	72	49	40	31	69	57	42
John Reid	14	15	13	12	12	17	16	12	18	12	17	15	14	11	20	15	15	13	10	17
John McDonnell	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	0	3	3	2	0	0	4	2	0	2	2
None of the above	24	24	24	17	23	31	23	25	38	9	17	34	40	8	16	30	39	9	19	30
Don't know	16	8	23	22	14	13	12	20	16	8	13	11	14	9	14	11	14	9	13	10

Here are some arguments that have been advanced in favour of Scotland becoming a completely separate state outside the UK. Please indicate for each whether you think it is a strong argument or a weak one.

If Scotland were independent, it could decide for itself whether or not to send Scottish troops to places such as Iraq and Afghanistan

A very strong argument	34	32	37	29	33	40	31	37	22	25	26	64	23	26	22	58	22	24	25	58
A fairly strong argument	27	26	28	32	26	23	27	27	22	24	36	26	20	24	35	27	24	26	31	25
A fairly weak argument	18	19	18	15	20	19	19	18	21	28	25	4	18	27	28	7	18	28	26	10
A very weak argument	14	19	10	12	17	14	18	12	29	18	9	5	34	18	14	7	30	18	14	6
Don't know	6	4	8	13	3	4	5	7	6	5	4	1	5	5	2	1	6	5	4	1

Scotland on its own would be able to boost the Scottish economy by, for example, cutting taxes on business in the way that Ireland has

A very strong argument	31	30	32	27	29	36	29	33	21	18	23	66	17	20	18	61	19	17	17	63
A fairly strong argument	36	41	32	38	39	31	39	33	32	42	41	30	33	40	44	30	33	42	44	29
A fairly weak argument	14	13	15	12	14	16	14	14	21	21	14	1	23	21	17	4	23	20	17	5
A very weak argument	9	11	8	8	10	10	11	8	21	11	7	1	21	12	10	2	19	12	12	2
Don't know	10	6	13	15	8	7	7	12	6	8	15	2	6	7	11	3	6	9	10	2

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An independent Scotland would no longer have to provide a base for Trident nuclear submarines

A very strong argument	27	24	29	20	26	34	25	28	13	20	18	56	10	18	16	51	10	18	19	50
A fairly strong argument	24	23	24	22	27	22	20	27	11	24	34	22	14	26	32	22	14	26	30	22
A fairly weak argument	22	23	22	23	23	22	27	19	27	28	28	13	24	28	31	16	27	27	27	19
A very weak argument	17	25	10	18	17	16	20	15	42	18	13	6	46	18	17	9	40	19	19	7
Don't know	11	6	15	17	8	7	9	12	7	10	7	3	7	10	5	4	8	11	5	3

An independent Scottish government would be able to keep all the revenues from North Sea Oil

A very strong argument	40	40	40	38	42	41	34	45	28	33	28	73	23	33	28	68	25	31	31	69
A fairly strong argument	23	21	24	21	23	23	25	21	22	21	30	18	20	20	33	19	22	24	28	18
A fairly weak argument	15	16	15	15	16	15	17	14	16	20	23	7	19	21	19	8	18	19	23	8
A very weak argument	14	18	11	13	13	17	18	11	29	19	14	1	34	18	19	3	30	18	15	3
Don't know	8	5	10	13	7	5	7	9	5	8	5	2	5	8	1	2	5	9	3	2

Scotland on its own could have an immigration policy separate from that of the rest of the UK

A very strong argument	34	34	35	33	32	38	29	38	25	25	25	65	21	25	24	58	27	25	26	59
A fairly strong argument	28	27	28	29	29	25	27	28	22	32	32	23	18	31	29	25	20	30	34	24
A fairly weak argument	15	16	15	11	18	16	19	12	19	18	17	7	23	20	18	10	18	18	22	9
A very weak argument	16	18	13	15	14	18	19	13	30	19	21	4	34	17	26	7	30	19	14	6
Don't know	7	5	9	13	6	4	6	8	5	7	4	2	4	7	3	2	4	8	4	2

As things stand, the Scottish Parliament is not powerful enough to make a difference to the lives of ordinary people: a fully independent Scottish government would be able to do more to make Scotland a better country in which to live

A very strong argument	31	31	31	24	30	38	29	33	23	18	18	70	19	19	17	61	22	20	15	63
A fairly strong argument	26	27	25	32	25	21	23	28	17	28	34	19	15	28	27	25	18	26	31	22
A fairly weak argument	17	17	17	15	18	17	19	15	20	25	20	7	21	23	24	8	20	25	22	9
A very weak argument	16	19	13	14	16	18	20	13	35	19	17	1	40	19	22	3	35	20	23	2
Don't know	10	6	14	15	10	6	9	11	6	11	11	3	5	10	9	3	6	10	9	4

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Here are some arguments that have been advanced in opposition to Scotland becoming a completely separate state outside the UK. Please indicate for each whether you think it is a strong argument or a weak one.

Now that Scotland has its own parliament, there is no need for independence: separating from the UK would just cause a lot of disruption

A very strong argument	18	18	18	14	16	22	21	15	34	21	18	4	36	21	24	7	38	21	21	7
A fairly strong argument	30	31	30	32	31	29	33	28	33	41	36	12	37	42	33	15	29	39	41	13
A fairly weak argument	22	22	22	24	23	18	19	23	17	22	24	21	13	21	23	25	16	21	20	25
A very weak argument	22	26	19	16	23	27	21	24	13	10	16	59	10	10	14	50	12	11	13	52
Don't know	8	4	12	14	8	4	6	10	5	7	6	4	5	6	6	3	5	8	5	4

An independent Scotland would have to increase taxes to pay for its own foreign embassies, armed forces, civil service and so forth

A very strong argument	25	24	26	28	21	28	27	24	44	25	28	9	46	26	37	12	45	26	33	10
A fairly strong argument	29	30	28	30	31	26	31	27	29	38	33	16	30	39	27	20	32	35	38	18
A fairly weak argument	21	21	21	16	22	23	21	20	15	19	22	30	13	17	26	29	13	20	15	30
A very weak argument	16	19	12	9	19	18	15	16	8	9	9	40	9	9	7	36	6	10	8	36
Don't know	10	6	14	18	8	6	7	13	4	9	8	5	4	10	4	4	5	10	6	4

Scottish people are perfectly able to keep their culture, identity and national sports teams without leaving the UK

A very strong argument	34	35	34	29	34	39	41	29	55	38	32	16	53	38	39	19	53	38	44	18
A fairly strong argument	30	30	31	37	31	24	30	30	27	37	39	20	31	35	36	27	28	37	29	26
A fairly weak argument	16	15	16	11	16	19	13	18	7	13	13	31	7	15	13	24	8	14	16	24
A very weak argument	13	16	9	11	12	15	11	14	7	6	14	29	5	7	10	27	6	6	9	29
Don't know	7	5	10	12	7	4	5	9	4	5	3	4	5	5	2	4	5	6	3	4

All Scotland Adults
Unweighted Sample

	Gender		Age			Social Grade		Voting Intention (Westminster)				Voting Intention (Local vote)				Voting Intention (Regional vote)			
Total	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP
1016	482	534	300	355	362	457	556	146	294	127	200	122	258	122	262	134	226	116	220
1016	482	534	307	295	414	600	413	185	268	121	210	145	239	126	269	164	197	125	234
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

An independent Scotland might be poorer, with different currencies, less foreign investment and some British businesses based in Scotland moving south of the border

A very strong argument	22	21	24	24	20	24	25	20	42	25	25	6	45	25	32	9	47	24	30	8
A fairly strong argument	26	26	26	25	28	24	29	23	28	32	28	15	26	31	31	16	26	31	30	16
A fairly weak argument	24	25	23	22	26	23	23	25	18	23	29	28	15	25	25	27	15	26	26	28
A very weak argument	18	23	14	13	18	23	17	19	7	13	11	47	9	14	8	43	6	12	11	44
Don't know	10	6	13	16	8	7	6	13	5	7	7	5	5	6	5	5	6	8	4	4

The Scottish people and Scotland can achieve more and have more influence in Europe and the wider world inside the UK than outside it

A very strong argument	22	21	23	20	20	25	26	18	26	21	23	16	29	19	32	17	29	21	27	17
A fairly strong argument	24	23	24	25	26	20	24	23	28	30	25	14	27	33	27	16	26	33	29	16
A fairly weak argument	24	26	21	23	22	25	25	22	24	23	29	26	25	24	26	25	26	23	27	27
A very weak argument	20	23	17	13	22	23	18	22	14	15	14	39	13	15	9	37	12	14	10	36
Don't know	12	7	16	19	10	7	7	15	7	11	8	5	7	10	7	6	8	10	7	5

Devolution has already been a disappointment and has not improved the lives of the Scottish people: going all the way to full independence would run the risk of making matters even worse

A very strong argument	18	16	19	14	18	22	20	16	38	17	9	7	42	15	20	8	42	16	18	8
A fairly strong argument	18	18	18	17	18	19	18	18	22	20	22	9	22	19	17	13	22	20	24	11
A fairly weak argument	25	25	24	26	23	26	25	25	19	26	28	28	24	28	32	26	20	25	30	28
A very weak argument	27	33	23	24	30	28	29	26	15	25	27	51	8	26	22	49	11	26	21	50
Don't know	12	8	16	18	12	6	9	15	6	11	14	5	6	11	9	4	5	13	8	4

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%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Taking into account the arguments for and against independence, how would you vote if there were a referendum on whether to retain the Scottish Parliament and Executive or to establish Scotland as a completely separate state outside the United Kingdom but

In favour of retaining the present Scottish Parliament	49	50	48	51	47	49	54	45	65	68	62	14	71	69	70	20	68	70	70	18
In favour of a completely separate state outside the UK	34	37	30	28	32	39	30	37	15	19	29	78	12	19	20	73	14	18	18	76
Would not vote	5	4	5	4	6	3	5	4	10	2	1	0	10	2	1	0	9	1	3	0
Don't know	13	9	18	18	14	9	12	15	10	11	8	8	8	10	9	7	9	11	9	6