

# YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

## Scottish Elections

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**Sample Size: 916**

**Fieldwork: 2- 4 June 2004**

### General Election Voting Intention

	%
Lab	37
SNP	22
Con	17
Lib Dem	16
UKIP	5
Geen	2
BNP	1
Would Not Vote	1
Don't know	13

### Which of these issues do you think are the most important facing this country? [Please tick up to four]

Crime / law and order / police	60
Health / NHS / hospitals	55
Immigration / asylum	34
Pensions / social security / minimum wage / poverty in Britain	34
Iraq / war on terrorism	29
Income tax / VAT / National Insurance / Council Tax	27
Europe / EU constitution / the euro	22
The environment / pollution / global warming	21
Child care / nurseries / schools / universities	20
Economic growth / jobs / unemployment	19
Housing / house prices / interest rates	18
Prices / inflation / cost of living	18
Transport / bus and train fares / roads	16
Countryside / farming / GM crops / fox-hunting	4
International development / poverty	3
Northern Ireland	1
Don't know	1

### Which of these problems matter most to you and your family? [Please tick up to four]

Crime / law and order / police	52
Health / NHS / hospitals	50
Prices / inflation / cost of living	39
Income tax / VAT / National Insurance / Council Tax	38
Pensions / social security / minimum wage / poverty in Britain	38
Housing / house prices / interest rates	24
Child care / nurseries / schools / universities	23
The environment / pollution / global warming	19
Transport / bus and train fares / roads	17
Economic growth / jobs / unemployment	14
Immigration / asylum	12
Iraq / war on terrorism	12
Europe / EU constitution / the euro	10
Countryside / farming / GM crops / fox-hunting	5
International development / poverty	3
Northern Ireland	1
Don't know	1

As you may know, elections for the European Parliament are being held in the UK on June 10, with some people already able

Have already voted by post	3
0	8
1	2
2	2
3	2
4	3
5	7
6	5
7	5
8	7
9	9
10	47

How interested are you in the elections?

Very interested	17
Somewhat interested	48
Not very interested	24
Not at all interested	11
Don't know	0

If you vote in the elections, which party do you think you will vote for?

Labour	27
Scottish National Party	21
Liberal Democrat	13
Conservative	11
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	11
Green	6
Scottish Socialist	6
British National Party (BNP)	4
Other	1
Don't know	9
Won't vote	4

Irrespective of how you vote (if you vote) in the European elections, which political party best represents your own views on

Labour	22
Scottish National Party	14
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	12
Conservative	11
Liberal Democrat	11
Scottish Socialist	6
British National Party (BNP)	3
Green	2
Other	1
Don't know	15
Won't vote	2

If you vote (or have already voted) in the European elections, will you be voting (or did you vote) mainly...?

To influence the composition of the European Parliament	24
To express your views on the political scene here in Britain	28
To express your views on Britain's relations with the European Union	32
Don't know	10
Won't vote	7

Here is a list of reasons some people give for being enthusiastic about the European Union and Britain's membership of it.  
The EU has helped bring peace to a part of the world that used to be ravaged by war

Yes, sympathise with it	41
No, do not	42
Don't know	18

<b>Britain's membership of the EU increases Britain's influence in the world</b>	Yes, sympathise with it	35
	No, do not	53
	Don't know	12
<b>Membership of the EU gives Britain access to the world's largest free-trade area</b>	Yes, sympathise with it	52
	No, do not	31
	Don't know	16
<b>The existence of the EU strengthens Europe as a whole in its relations with the rest of the world</b>	Yes, sympathise with it	51
	No, do not	38
	Don't know	11
<b>The existence of the EU promotes prosperity throughout Europe</b>	Yes, sympathise with it	40
	No, do not	46
	Don't know	15
<b>Belonging to the EU will promote freedom and democracy in the new member countries of central and eastern Europe</b>	Yes, sympathise with it	54
	No, do not	29
	Don't know	17
<b>Here is a list of reasons some people give for being critical of the European Union and Britain's membership of it. Please</b>		
<b>There is too much corruption, mismanagement and cronyism in EU decision making and administration</b>		
	Yes, sympathise with it	73
	No, do not	11
	Don't know	16
<b>The EU's leaders are out of touch with the peoples of Europe</b>	Yes, sympathise with it	57
	No, do not	23
	Don't know	20
<b>The EU interferes too much in Britain's internal affairs</b>	Yes, sympathise with it	63
	No, do not	24
	Don't know	13
<b>The EU makes it too easy for people from other European countries to come to Britain</b>	Yes, sympathise with it	56
	No, do not	29
	Don't know	14
<b>Britain's membership of the EU tends to divide Britain from the United States</b>	Yes, sympathise with it	25
	No, do not	59
	Don't know	16
<b>EU officials and members of the European Parliament are paid too much and have too lavish expenses</b>	Yes, sympathise with it	75
	No, do not	6
	Don't know	18

**People hold different views about how they would like to see the European Union develop. Which of these alternatives comes closest to your own view?**

A fully integrated Europe with all major decisions taken by a European government	6
No European government, but a more integrated European Union than now, with a single currency and no frontier controls	27
The situation more or less as it is now	16
A less integrated Europe than now, with the European Union amounting to little more than a free trade area	25
Complete British withdrawal from the European Union	15
Don't know	11

**If you do vote in the European elections, which two of the following considerations, if any, will be most important in deciding how you vote?**

The European Union's harsh treatment of the Scottish fishing industry	29
The EU's excessive interference in the UK's internal affairs	25
The Blair Government's failure to protect Scotland's interests in the EU	24
The amount of money wasted on the new Scottish Parliament building	22
The war in Iraq and the Blair Government's handling of the current situation in Iraq	17
Approval of the Scottish Executive's record to date	9
Dislike and disapproval of the Scottish Labour Party	8
Approval of the record of Tony Blair's Government to date	8
None of these	9
Don't know	9

**Thinking specifically of issues affecting Scotland in the European elections, how important will the future of Scotland's fishing industry be in deciding how you vote?**

Very important	26
Somewhat important	34
Not very important	21
Not at all important	11
Don't know	6
Will not vote	3

**Which of these statements comes closest to your own view about the European Union and the Scottish fishing industry?**

It is a pity that the EU has had to impose such tight restrictions on Scotland's fishing industry, but they are essential if fish stocks are to be preserved	20
Some additional restrictions had to be imposed in order to preserve fish stocks, but they need not have been so tight	45
The threat to fish stocks is greatly exaggerated and there was no need to impose new restrictions	22
Don't know	13

**Do you think the UK Government has fought hard enough in Brussels to protect Scotland's fishing industry?**

Yes, it has	9
No, it has not	74
Don't know	17

**Do you believe the European Union has, or has not, put the interests of other countries' fishing fleets ahead of the interests of Scotland's fishing fleet?**

Yes, it has	65
No, it has not	14
Don't know	21

**Which of the following should control Scotland's fishing grounds?**

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)	10
The European Union	6
The United Kingdom Parliament and Government	22
The Scottish Parliament and Executive	48
None of these	4
Don't know	10

How important will the Iraq war and the current situation in Iraq be in deciding how you vote in the European elections?

Very important	18
Somewhat important	29
Not very important	22
Not at all important	21
Don't know	5
Will not vote	4

Taking everything into account, do you approve or disapprove of the role the UK Government played in the war in Iraq and is now playing in that country?

Approve	35
Disapprove	52
Don't know	13

The Scottish Executive is promoting a scheme to encourage people from other countries who have suitable professional and

In favour	45
Opposed	41
Don't know	13

Whether you are in favour of such a scheme or against it, do you think such a scheme could be made to work?

Yes, it could	55
No, it could not	30
Don't know	14

Here are some things people say about the Labour Party in Scotland. Please indicate for each whether you personally agree with it or disagree with it.

Labour in Scotland still does its best to protect the interests of ordinary working people

Agree	33
Disagree	57
Don't know	10

The Scottish Labour Party has remained more faithful to the party's traditional values than the Labour Party south of the border

Agree	43
Disagree	34
Don't know	23

Labour in Scotland is too dominated by Glasgow and the rest of the lowlands industrial belt

Agree	55
Disagree	28
Don't know	18

The Scottish Labour Party often behaves as though it owned Scotland

Agree	54
Disagree	32
Don't know	14

There is too much favouritism and corruption in the Scottish Labour Party

Agree	52
Disagree	21
Don't know	27

Labour, together with the Liberal Democrats, has done a good job of governing Scotland since the creation of the Scottish Parliament

Agree	35
Disagree	52
Don't know	13

**The Scottish Labour Party is too much under the thumb of the Labour Party in London**

Agree	<b>59</b>
Disagree	<b>22</b>
Don't know	<b>20</b>

**Jack McConnell provides the Labour Party in Scotland with impressive leadership**

Agree	<b>23</b>
Disagree	<b>57</b>
Don't know	<b>20</b>