



# HOLYROOD VOTING INTENTIONS POLL

*August 2006*

A poll was run by TNS System Three to establish current voting intentions in Scotland in relation to the Holyrood Parliament.

The results of this poll were published on 5 September 2006.

TNS System Three is a member of the British Polling Council (BPC) and abides by its rules. We also operate within the Code of Conduct of the Market Research Society (MRS). In accordance with these rules the following information is provided:

<b>Sample size</b>	989
<b>Sampling points</b>	42
<b>Fieldwork dates</b>	24 – 29 August 2006
<b>Interview method</b>	Face-to-face, in-home.
<b>Population sampled</b>	All adults aged 18+ in Scotland.
<b>Sampling method</b>	The poll was conducted through our Omnibus, Scottish Opinion Survey. For this survey, a sample of constituencies is selected to be representative of Scotland geographically and by party of current first-vote MSP. Within each constituency, a quota sampling method is used for respondent selection.
<b>Data weighting</b>	Data are weighted to the profile of all adults aged 18+ in Scotland, based on population profile estimates from the National Readership Survey. Weighting is carried out in relation to working status within gender, age, social grade and electoral region.  Unweighted and weighted bases are shown at the top of each computer table.
<b>Voting intentions</b>	Two tables are supplied for each measure of voting intentions. The first of these is based on all respondents and shows the percentages 'uncommitted' – i.e. who are either undecided, refuse to state how they might vote, or say that they will not vote at all. The second table excludes this 'uncommitted' group and re-percentages party support based on all those naming a party. It is these latter figures which are published as the measure of voting intentions.  Any additional questions to assess commitment to vote and to filter responses further based on committed voters are only asked in pre-election polls.
<b>Questions</b>	The computer tables show question wording in full.
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Labour	241 24%	119 25%	122 24%	36 33%	30 19%	47 25%	46 26%	34 23%	48 23%	66 25%	93 25%	82 23%	29 14%	69 24%	51 25%	92 32%
Liberal Democrat	113 11%	50 11%	62 12%	10 9%	19 12%	20 11%	23 13%	24 16%	18 9%	28 11%	43 12%	42 12%	34 16%	41 14%	19 9%	18 6%
S.N.P.	187 19%	106 22%	81 16%	16 14%	36 23%	40 21%	33 19%	29 20%	33 16%	52 20%	73 20%	62 17%	44 20%	46 16%	44 21%	53 19%
Scottish Green Party	18 2%	6 1%	13 2%	2 2%	6 4%	4 2%	4 2%	2 1%	- -	8 3%	8 2%	2 1%	7 3%	9 3%	- -	2 1%
Scottish Socialist Party	24 2%	13 3%	11 2%	5 4%	4 3%	4 2%	5 3%	2 1%	4 2%	9 3%	10 3%	6 2%	2 1%	7 2%	6 3%	9 3%
Other candidate or party	3 *	2 *	2 *	- -	- -	1 *	1 1%	2 1%	- -	- -	2 1%	2 *	- -	1 *	1 *	2 1%
Undecided	178 18%	68 14%	109 21%	18 17%	30 19%	28 15%	30 17%	24 16%	48 23%	48 18%	57 16%	73 20%	42 20%	51 18%	44 22%	40 14%
Refused	20 2%	7 2%	13 2%	- -	2 1%	3 1%	5 3%	3 2%	8 4%	2 1%	7 2%	11 3%	1 *	9 3%	4 2%	6 2%
Would not vote	127 13%	57 12%	70 14%	19 18%	22 14%	29 15%	21 12%	12 8%	23 11%	42 16%	50 14%	36 10%	23 11%	29 10%	25 12%	50 18%

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Unweighted base	989	98	135	95	139	128	127	83	184	85	235	113	187	45	324
Weighted base	989	79	129	129	129	138	129	129	129	77	241	113	187	46	325
Conservative	77 8%	6 7%	16 12%	6 5%	11 8%	7 5%	5 4%	3 2%	25 19%	77 100%	-	-	-	-	-
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Weighted base	664	338	326	71	101	128	124	108	132	173	252	240	148	195	132	189
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Weighted base	664	58	80	79	87	103	90	82	86	77	241	113	187	46	-
Conservative	77	6	16	6	11	7	5	3	25	77	-	-	-	-	-
	12%	10%	20%	8%	12%	6%	5%	3%	29%	100%	-	-	-	-	-
Labour	241	11	16	21	22	49	47	48	27	-	241	-	-	-	-
	36%	20%	20%	26%	26%	48%	52%	58%	32%	-	100%	-	-	-	-
Liberal Democrat	113	17	23	21	25	5	4	8	9	-	-	113	-	-	-
	17%	30%	29%	27%	28%	5%	5%	9%	11%	-	-	100%	-	-	-
S.N.P.	187	19	21	23	20	35	24	22	23	-	-	-	187	-	-
	28%	33%	26%	30%	23%	34%	27%	26%	27%	-	-	-	100%	-	-
Scottish Green Party	18	3	1	3	4	2	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	18	-
	3%	5%	1%	4%	5%	2%	3%	2%	1%	-	-	-	-	40%	-
Scottish Socialist Party	24	1	2	5	5	4	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	24	-
	4%	1%	2%	6%	6%	4%	7%	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	53%	-
Other candidate or party	3	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
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Liberal Democrat	123 12%	61 13%	61 12%	15 14%	16 11%	21 11%	22 12%	23 15%	25 12%	31 12%	43 12%	48 13%	46 21%	36 13%	22 11%	19 7%
S.N.P.	176 18%	85 18%	91 18%	14 13%	26 17%	41 22%	35 20%	31 21%	29 14%	40 15%	76 21%	60 17%	27 13%	47 17%	43 21%	59 21%
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Would not vote	139 14%	67 14%	72 14%	23 21%	24 16%	30 16%	23 13%	13 9%	26 12%	48 18%	52 14%	39 11%	24 11%	38 13%	27 13%	51 18%

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