



Referendum for an independent Scotland poll

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In August 2007, the SNP published a white paper on Scotland's future, containing the bill which would authorise a referendum on Scottish independence and setting out the proposed ballot paper. Through the Scottish Opinion Survey, TNS-BMRB has conducted a series of periodic polls since then to establish how the Scottish electorate would respond to the two options specified if such a referendum were to be held now. This poll is the seventh in the series and was conducted between 27th May and 2nd June 2009.

The results of this poll were published in 'The Herald' on 9th June 2009.

TNS-BMRB 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:

Sample size	988
Sampling points	42
Fieldwork dates	27th May – 2nd June 2009
Interview method	Face-to-face, in-home
Population sampled	All adults aged 18+ in Scotland
Sampling method	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.
Data weighting	Data is 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 data table.
Questions	The electronic tables show the question wording in full.
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Table 1

**Q1. The SNP have outlined their plans for a possible referendum on Scottish independence in the future.
If such a referendum were to be held tomorrow, how would you vote?**

BASE: All aged 18+

	Total	SEX		AGE									SEG				AREA		
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	West	East/ South	North
Unweighted base	988	417	571	77	111	166	189	170	275	188	355	445	213	256	216	303	439	301	248
Weighted base	988	470	518	108	128	182	167	169	234	236	349	403	225	278	210	275	428	305	255
I AGREE that the Scottish Government should negotiate a settlement with the Government of the United Kingdom so that Scotland becomes an independent state	356 36%	180 38%	176 34%	43 39%	52 41%	76 42%	62 37%	54 32%	69 29%	95 40%	138 40%	123 31%	66 29%	99 36%	71 34%	120 44%	159 37%	112 37%	85 33%
I DO NOT AGREE that the Scottish Government should negotiate a settlement with the Government of the United Kingdom so that Scotland becomes an independent state	383 39%	182 39%	200 39%	22 20%	39 30%	58 32%	74 44%	74 44%	115 49%	61 26%	133 38%	189 47%	109 48%	114 41%	81 38%	79 29%	174 41%	111 37%	97 38%
Don't know	249 25%	108 23%	141 27%	43 40%	37 29%	48 26%	30 18%	41 24%	50 22%	80 34%	78 22%	91 23%	51 22%	65 23%	59 28%	75 27%	95 22%	82 27%	72 28%

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		H & I	North East	Mid & Fife	Lothians	Central	Glasgow	West	South
Unweighted base	988	105	116	70	147	137	162	94	157
Weighted base	988	79	128	128	128	138	128	128	128
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I DO NOT AGREE that the Scottish Government should negotiate a settlement with the Government of the United Kingdom so that Scotland becomes an independent state	383 39%	28 36%	44 34%	42 32%	54 42%	55 40%	47 37%	48 37%	65 50%
Don't know	249 25%	28 35%	28 22%	43 34%	35 28%	20 15%	27 21%	43 33%	24 19%

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