



# POLL ON SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE

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A poll was commissioned by the SNP to establish current levels of support or opposition to independence in Scotland. The results of this poll were released on 12 April 2005.

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<b>Sample size</b>	922
<b>Sampling points</b>	44
<b>Fieldwork dates</b>	31 March – 7 April 2005
<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>Questions</b>	The computer tables show question wording in full.
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**SCOTTISH OPINION SURVEY : MARCH 2005 - POLITICAL****A.2 Do you support or oppose Scotland becoming a country independent from the rest of the UK?****Base : All aged 18+**

	Total	SEX		AGE						CLASS						
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted base	922	429	493	105	131	200	148	129	209	236	348	338	170	277	188	287
Weighted base	922	442	480	111	163	174	168	129	177	274	342	306	186	258	194	284
Support	422	200	222	59	93	88	84	47	50	153	172	97	58	110	97	156
	46%	45%	46%	53%	57%	51%	50%	37%	28%	56%	50%	32%	31%	43%	50%	55%
Oppose	357	181	176	33	35	59	64	64	102	68	123	166	103	104	71	80
	39%	41%	37%	30%	21%	34%	38%	50%	57%	25%	36%	54%	55%	40%	36%	28%
Don't know	143	61	82	19	35	26	20	17	26	54	46	43	25	44	26	48
	15%	14%	17%	17%	21%	15%	12%	13%	14%	20%	14%	14%	13%	17%	13%	17%

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	SCOTTISH REGION									WESTMINSTER PARTY SUPPORTED						
	Total	H&I	North East	Mid and Fife	Loth -ians	Cent -ral	Glas -gow	West	South	Cons	Lab -our	Lib Dem	SNP	SSP	Other	Uncomm itted
Unweighted base	922	69	105	124	143	124	115	98	144	98	330	95	155	16	13	215
Weighted base	922	74	120	120	120	129	120	120	120	96	317	97	161	15	13	222
Support	422	48	59	52	39	60	64	42	57	18	135	31	136	9	6	87
	46%	65%	49%	44%	33%	47%	54%	35%	47%	19%	43%	32%	84%	58%	45%	39%
Oppose	357	17	45	44	53	53	38	62	46	68	137	50	15	3	4	78
	39%	23%	38%	36%	44%	41%	32%	52%	39%	71%	43%	52%	9%	23%	33%	35%
Don't know	143	9	16	24	28	16	17	15	17	9	45	16	10	3	3	57
	15%	12%	14%	20%	23%	12%	14%	13%	14%	10%	14%	17%	6%	19%	22%	26%

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