



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 System Three conducted polls in August and November to establish how the Scottish electorate would respond to the two options specified if such a referendum were to be held now. This poll was conducted in November 2007.

The results of this poll were published in the Sunday Herald on 16th December 2007.

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:

Sample size	983
Sampling points	42
Fieldwork dates	22 Nov – 2 Dec 2007
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 constituency vote MSP. Within each constituency, a quota sampling method is used for respondent selection.
Data weighting	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.
Questions	The electronic tables show the question wording in full.
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Table 1

Q1. THE SNP HAVE RECENTLY OUTLINED THEIR PLANS FOR A POSSIBLE REFERENDUM ON SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE IN FUTURE. IF SUCH A REFERENDUM WERE TO BE HELD TOMORROW, HOW WOULD YOU VOTE?

BASE: All aged 18+

	Total	SEX		AGE								SEG				
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted base	983	447	536	86	125	191	144	149	288	211	335	437	166	267	194	356
Weighted base	983	468	515	107	128	181	166	168	233	235	347	401	224	276	209	273
I AGREE that the Scottish Government should negotiate a settlement with the Government of the United Kingdom so that Scotland becomes an independent state	395 40%	218 47%	177 34%	51 47%	68 53%	75 42%	68 41%	63 38%	70 30%	119 51%	143 41%	133 33%	75 34%	99 36%	95 46%	126 46%
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	428 44%	203 43%	225 44%	35 32%	39 31%	74 41%	69 42%	79 47%	132 57%	74 32%	143 41%	211 53%	124 55%	128 46%	79 38%	97 36%
Don't know	160 16%	47 10%	113 22%	22 20%	20 16%	32 18%	29 17%	25 15%	31 13%	42 18%	61 18%	57 14%	25 11%	49 18%	35 17%	50 18%

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Fieldwork : 21st November 2007 - 2nd December 2007



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	Total	AREA							
		H & I	North East	Mid & Fife	Lothians	Central	Glasgow	West	South
Unweighted base	983	28	145	138	218	141	103	120	90
Weighted base	983	79	128	128	128	138	128	128	128
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