



## 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 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 sixth in the series and was conducted in January-February 2009.

The results of this poll were published in the Sunday Herald on 8th February 2009.

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>	971
<b>Sampling points</b>	43
<b>Fieldwork dates</b>	28th January – 3rd February 2009
<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 data table.
<b>Questions</b>	The electronic tables show the question wording in full.
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<b>View main data set</b>	Referendum on Scottish Independence (6)

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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	971	411	560	82	145	178	154	165	247	227	332	412	217	242	207	305	431	267	273
Weighted base	971	462	509	106	126	179	164	166	230	232	343	396	221	273	207	270	437	311	223
I AGREE that the Scottish Government should negotiate a settlement with the Government of the United Kingdom so that Scotland becomes an independent state	374 38%	200 43%	173 34%	38 36%	42 33%	85 47%	73 45%	75 45%	60 26%	80 34%	158 46%	135 34%	74 34%	99 36%	94 45%	107 40%	162 37%	110 35%	102 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	392 40%	175 38%	217 43%	30 28%	46 37%	57 32%	66 40%	69 41%	123 54%	76 33%	123 36%	192 48%	109 49%	121 44%	74 36%	87 32%	179 41%	134 43%	79 35%
Don't know	206 21%	87 19%	119 23%	38 36%	38 30%	36 20%	25 15%	22 13%	47 20%	76 33%	61 18%	69 17%	38 17%	53 19%	39 19%	76 28%	97 22%	67 22%	42 19%

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BASE: All aged 18+

	Total	AREA							
		H & I	North East	Mid & Fife	Lothians	Central	Glasgow	West	South
Unweighted base	971	103	156	91	105	132	138	94	152
Weighted base	971	78	126	126	126	136	126	126	126
I AGREE that the Scottish Government should negotiate a settlement with the Government of the United Kingdom so that Scotland becomes an independent state	374 38%	37 48%	53 42%	58 46%	40 32%	57 42%	48 38%	43 34%	37 29%
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	392 40%	23 30%	50 40%	48 38%	55 44%	54 40%	59 47%	50 40%	53 42%
Don't know	206 21%	17 22%	24 19%	21 16%	31 25%	25 18%	19 15%	33 26%	36 29%

	Page	Table	Title	Base Description	Base
	1	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+	971