



# 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 2007 and March 2008 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 March 2008.

The results of this poll were published in the Sunday Herald on 13th April 2008.

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>	977
<b>Sampling points</b>	44
<b>Fieldwork dates</b>	26 March – 4 April 2008
<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 electronic tables show the question wording in full.
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**SCOTTISH OPINION SURVEY - INDEPENDENCE : MARCH 2008 : J174937**

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	977	432	545	69	134	184	162	162	266	203	346	428	205	246	182	344
Weighted base	977	465	512	106	127	180	165	167	232	233	345	399	223	275	208	272
I AGREE that the Scottish Government should negotiate a settlement with the Government of the United Kingdom so that Scotland becomes an independent state	399 41%	215 46%	184 36%	43 40%	49 39%	85 47%	77 47%	73 44%	72 31%	92 39%	162 47%	145 36%	69 31%	108 39%	100 48%	122 45%
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	396 40%	180 39%	215 42%	34 32%	45 35%	60 33%	63 38%	73 44%	120 52%	79 34%	123 36%	194 49%	123 55%	122 45%	63 30%	87 32%
Don't know	182 19%	70 15%	112 22%	30 28%	33 26%	35 19%	25 15%	21 13%	39 17%	63 27%	60 17%	60 15%	31 14%	44 16%	45 22%	63 23%

Prepared by TNS System Three

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	Total	AREA							
		H & I	North East	Mid & Fife	Lothians	Central	Glasgow	West	South
Unweighted base	977	76	140	68	117	127	205	143	101
Weighted base	977	78	127	127	127	137	127	127	127
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