



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 a poll to establish how the Scottish electorate would respond to the two options specified if such a referendum were to be held now.

The results of this poll were published in the Sunday Herald on 2nd September 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	969
Sampling points	43
Fieldwork dates	22 – 28 August 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 first-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.
Voting intentions	Two tables are supplied for the measure of voting intentions. The first of these is based on all respondents and shows the percentages 'uncommitted' – i.e. who are either undecided, refuse to state how they might vote, or say that they will not vote at all. The second table excludes this 'uncommitted' group and re-percentages party support based on all those naming a party. It is these latter figures which are published as the measure of voting intentions. Any additional questions to assess commitment to vote and to filter responses further based on such commitment are only used in pre-election polls.
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	969	454	515	103	130	171	166	156	243	233	337	399	214	268	175	312
Weighted base	969	461	508	106	126	178	164	166	230	232	342	395	221	272	206	269
I AGREE that the Scottish Government should negotiate a settlement with the Government of the United Kingdom so that Scotland becomes an independent state	343 35%	192 42%	151 30%	55 52%	44 35%	69 39%	58 35%	54 33%	64 28%	99 43%	126 37%	118 30%	61 28%	88 32%	84 41%	109 41%
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	484 50%	214 46%	270 53%	30 29%	67 53%	85 47%	82 50%	84 50%	136 59%	98 42%	166 49%	220 56%	139 63%	153 56%	81 39%	111 41%
Don't know	142 15%	56 12%	86 17%	21 19%	15 12%	25 14%	25 15%	28 17%	29 13%	35 15%	49 14%	57 15%	21 9%	31 11%	41 20%	49 18%



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	Total	AREA							
		H & I	North East	Mid & Fife	Lothians	Central	Glasgow	West	South
Unweighted base	969	70	171	118	98	103	133	138	138
Weighted base	969	78	126	126	126	136	126	126	126
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Don't know	142 15%	9 12%	25 20%	19 15%	26 21%	5 4%	18 14%	24 19%	15 12%



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