



VOTING INTENTIONS 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-BMRB 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 eighth in the series and was conducted between 25th November and 2nd December 2009.

The results of this poll were published in 'The Herald' on 7th December 2009.

TNS-BMRB 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	998
Sampling points	55
Fieldwork dates	25th November – 2nd December 2009
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, sampling points are selected to be representative of Scotland demographically and geographically. Within each sampling point, 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 data table.
Questions	The data tables show the question wording in full
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View main data set	Referendum on Scottish Independence (8)

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	998	484	514	92	117	182	180	187	240	209	362	427	186	257	215	340	397	339	262
Weighted base	998	475	523	109	130	184	169	171	237	239	352	407	228	280	213	277	419	340	240
I AGREE that the Scottish Government should negotiate a settlement with the Government of the United Kingdom so that Scotland becomes an independent state	310 31%	155 33%	155 30%	37 34%	47 36%	64 35%	47 28%	55 32%	61 26%	83 35%	111 32%	115 28%	48 21%	86 31%	72 34%	103 37%	132 31%	95 28%	83 35%
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	459 46%	225 47%	234 45%	39 35%	41 32%	76 41%	78 46%	93 54%	133 56%	80 33%	154 44%	226 55%	134 59%	130 46%	100 47%	96 34%	188 45%	162 48%	109 46%
Don't know	229 23%	95 20%	134 26%	33 31%	42 33%	44 24%	44 26%	23 14%	43 18%	76 32%	87 25%	66 16%	45 20%	64 23%	41 19%	79 28%	99 24%	83 24%	48 20%

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		H & I	North East	Mid & Fife	Lothians	Central	Glasgow	West	South
Unweighted base	998	100	130	133	131	138	119	124	123
Weighted base	998	80	130	130	130	140	130	130	130
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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	459 46%	40 50%	54 42%	47 36%	75 58%	55 39%	60 46%	63 48%	66 51%
Don't know	229 23%	18 22%	25 19%	36 28%	23 17%	50 36%	17 13%	34 26%	27 21%

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