



# WESTMINSTER VOTING INTENTIONS POLL

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A poll was commissioned by the SNP to establish current voting intentions in Scotland in relation to the Westminster Parliament.

The results of this poll were published in the Sunday Herald on 13 February 2005.

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>	982
<b>Sampling points</b>	41
<b>Fieldwork dates</b>	27 January – 2 February 2005
<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>Voting intentions</b>	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.
<b>Questions</b>	The data tables show the question wording in full.
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**SCOTTISH OPINION SURVEY : JANUARY 2005 - POLITICAL****A.1 If there were a General Election for the Westminster Parliament tomorrow, which party would you vote for?****(Respondents initially stating "undecided/ refused" then asked: Which party would you be most inclined to vote for?)****Base : All aged 18+**

	Total	SEX		AGE							CLASS					
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted base	982	470	512	71	181	200	170	135	225	252	370	360	173	293	205	311
Weighted base	982	471	511	119	174	185	179	137	188	292	364	326	198	275	206	302
Conservative	112 11%	62 13%	50 10%	5 4%	7 4%	20 11%	16 9%	21 15%	43 23%	11 4%	36 10%	64 20%	41 21%	30 11%	24 12%	16 5%
Labour	317 32%	151 32%	166 32%	27 23%	47 27%	60 33%	64 36%	52 38%	67 36%	74 25%	125 34%	119 36%	36 18%	91 33%	68 33%	121 40%
Liberal Democrat	120 12%	68 14%	52 10%	10 8%	18 10%	20 11%	25 14%	17 13%	30 16%	27 9%	45 12%	47 15%	46 23%	34 12%	23 11%	17 6%
S.N.P.	167 17%	81 17%	86 17%	35 30%	33 19%	24 13%	37 21%	16 12%	22 12%	68 23%	61 17%	38 12%	31 16%	42 15%	43 21%	50 17%
Scottish Socialist Party	18 2%	7 1%	12 2%	- -	6 4%	6 3%	6 3%	1 *	- -	6 2%	11 3%	1 *	4 2%	5 2%	1 *	9 3%
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Undecided	92 9%	27 6%	65 13%	20 17%	17 10%	21 11%	16 9%	8 6%	9 5%	38 13%	37 10%	17 5%	21 11%	25 9%	18 8%	27 9%
Refused	29 3%	14 3%	16 3%	1 1%	4 2%	4 2%	3 1%	10 7%	8 4%	5 2%	6 2%	18 5%	9 5%	9 3%	1 *	9 3%
Would not vote	100 10%	46 10%	54 11%	19 16%	35 20%	21 11%	11 6%	5 4%	8 4%	55 19%	32 9%	13 4%	3 2%	28 10%	21 10%	48 16%

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Unweighted base	982	71	89	166	123	85	142	118	188	125	318	113	171	18	27	210
Weighted base	982	79	128	128	128	137	128	128	128	112	317	120	167	18	27	220
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