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	8-13 Aug	29 Aug - 3 Sep																
Scottish Independence Referendum Vote																		
<i>[Excluding those who would not vote, don't know, or refused]</i>																		
Yes	41	44	0	23	13	89	48	29	80	13	42	45	56	53	40	29	43	45
No	59	56	100	77	87	11	52	71	20	87	58	55	44	47	60	71	57	55
If there was a referendum tomorrow on Scotland's future and this was the question, how would you vote?																		
Should Scotland be an independent country?																		
Yes	34	37	0	20	12	82	41	28	70	11	36	38	39	42	36	27	37	37
No	49	47	97	69	79	10	45	67	18	79	49	46	31	37	54	66	49	46
Would not vote	6	5	2	1	2	1	3	1	3	2	6	5	14	7	2	3	4	7
Don't know	8	8	1	9	7	7	9	3	7	7	7	9	11	12	6	3	8	8
Refused	2	2	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	6	2	2	1	2	3

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No	59	56	61	61	62	52	48	65	50	48	0	100
If there was a referendum tomorrow on Scotland's future and this was the question, how would you vote?												
Should Scotland be an independent country?												
Yes	34	37	33	31	34	42	44	28	40	45	100	0
No	49	47	53	48	55	45	41	52	40	41	0	100
Would not vote	6	5	3	7	5	8	3	10	7	2	0	0
Don't know	8	8	8	10	5	3	11	10	11	8	0	0
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How strongly would you say you feel about whether or not Scotland should be an independent country?

Very strongly	48	77	45	45	58	50	62	51	55	51	45	27	40	55	63	48	47
Fairly strongly	25	10	29	24	28	26	21	29	19	22	28	32	27	21	22	26	24
TOTAL STRONGLY	73	87	74	69	86	76	83	80	74	73	73	59	67	76	85	74	71
Not very strongly	12	3	13	7	8	11	6	11	9	12	12	19	16	8	5	13	11
Not strongly at all	9	9	7	19	3	7	9	4	12	11	7	6	7	13	10	8	10
TOTAL NOT STRONGLY	21	12	20	26	11	18	15	15	21	23	19	25	23	21	15	21	21
Don't know	6	2	6	5	3	6	2	5	5	5	8	16	9	4	1	6	7

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In principle, do you think there should or should not be a referendum on Scottish independence...?																			
In the next year																			
Should be a referendum	18	18		1	9	6	37	20	11	28	7	18	17	21	21	15	14	17	19
Should not be a referendum	72	70		97	84	86	53	68	86	59	86	70	70	55	63	77	82	72	68
Don't know	10	12		2	6	8	10	12	3	12	7	11	13	24	16	8	4	11	13
In the next five years																			
Should be a referendum	39	37		1	23	17	77	40	25	64	14	37	38	49	43	34	25	39	36
Should not be a referendum	47	51		96	70	73	18	50	74	26	79	54	49	27	44	59	69	52	51
Don't know	13	11		3	8	10	5	10	1	10	7	9	13	24	14	7	6	10	13
In the next ten years																			
Should be a referendum	43			4	33	19	80	45	29	70	18	43	42	60	49	41	26	44	42
Should not be a referendum	40			85	54	59	13	38	59	16	66	41	39	17	29	49	60	39	41
Don't know	17			12	12	22	7	17	12	14	16	15	19	23	21	11	14	17	17

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Very strongly	48	52	52	53	48	39	52	35	49	55	57
Fairly strongly	25	21	14	27	27	27	18	35	30	35	21
TOTAL STRONGLY	73	73	66	80	75	66	70	70	79	90	78
Not very strongly	12	11	11	10	9	15	12	16	10	8	8
Not strongly at all	9	9	10	7	11	14	9	7	4	0	13
TOTAL NOT STRONGLY	21	20	21	17	20	29	21	23	14	8	21
Don't know	6	6	12	2	5	5	10	6	7	1	2

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In principle, do you think there should or should not be a referendum on Scottish independence...?												
In the next year												
Should be a referendum	18	18	18	19	19	16	21	15	14	22	42	2
Should not be a referendum	72	70	69	69	73	70	69	74	72	65	46	95
Don't know	10	12	13	12	9	13	10	12	14	13	13	3
In the next five years												
Should be a referendum	39	37	33	34	33	38	41	29	44	49	83	4
Should not be a referendum	47	51	56	50	59	52	52	53	46	42	10	92
Don't know	13	11	11	16	9	10	7	18	11	9	7	4
In the next ten years												
Should be a referendum	43	40	38	39	36	44	50	34	51	53	86	9
Should not be a referendum	40	41	41	42	50	43	37	44	30	33	4	78
Don't know	17	17	20	18	14	12	14	23	19	14	10	13

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How likely or unlikely do you think it is that
 Scotland will be an independent country...?
 In the next five years

Very likely	2	0	0	2	5	3	2	3	1	2	2	1	2	2	4	1	3
Somewhat likely	8	0	4	1	20	8	5	14	2	8	9	16	7	9	5	8	8
TOTAL LIKELY	10	0	4	3	25	11	7	17	3	10	11	17	9	11	9	9	11
Somewhat unlikely	25	10	26	22	37	27	21	31	20	23	27	29	25	26	23	25	26
Very unlikely	55	89	61	67	33	53	66	43	69	59	51	38	53	56	65	58	51
TOTAL UNLIKELY	80	99	87	89	70	80	87	74	89	82	78	67	78	82	88	83	77
Don't know	9	1	9	8	4	8	5	10	7	7	11	16	12	7	2	7	11

In the next twenty years

Very likely	12	0	6	4	30	13	9	20	5	11	13	14	9	14	13	12	12
Somewhat likely	22	9	20	8	36	22	15	31	10	19	24	33	25	18	14	22	21
TOTAL LIKELY	34	9	26	12	66	35	24	51	15	30	37	47	34	32	27	34	33
Somewhat unlikely	24	31	26	23	20	25	20	20	26	24	23	28	27	23	17	25	22
Very unlikely	27	56	31	43	7	24	42	16	40	33	21	9	21	31	42	29	25
TOTAL UNLIKELY	51	87	57	66	27	49	62	36	66	57	44	37	48	54	59	54	47
Don't know	16	3	16	22	7	16	14	13	19	12	19	17	18	13	14	12	20

In the next fifty years

Very likely	24	4	15	7	53	25	16	38	10	23	24	33	22	24	21	23	24
Somewhat likely	21	15	22	12	22	20	15	23	16	20	22	29	26	18	11	24	17
TOTAL LIKELY	45	19	37	19	75	45	31	61	26	43	46	62	48	42	32	47	41
Somewhat unlikely	14	21	19	16	12	15	14	11	16	14	14	11	14	16	14	13	15
Very unlikely	17	40	20	31	5	15	30	10	26	21	13	5	13	19	28	19	15
TOTAL UNLIKELY	31	61	39	47	17	30	44	21	42	35	27	16	27	35	42	32	30
Don't know	24	19	24	35	9	25	26	18	31	21	27	21	25	23	26	21	28

Thinking about the last decade in Scottish
 politics, do you think that the issue of whether
 Scotland should be an independent country has
 been given too much attention, too little
 attention or about the right amount of attention?

Too much attention	51	99	70	85	13	49	71	28	77	51	52	27	44	57	68	53	49
Too little attention	18	0	8	6	40	20	11	31	7	19	17	19	20	17	16	15	21
About the right amount of attention	23	1	18	4	42	24	15	35	10	22	23	30	27	21	15	26	20
Don't know	8	0	4	6	4	6	2	6	5	8	8	24	9	5	0	6	10

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How likely or unlikely do you think it is that Scotland will be an independent country...?
 In the next five years

Very likely	2	2	1	2	2	3	5	1	2	5	0
Somewhat likely	8	6	9	8	9	7	10	8	11	18	2
TOTAL LIKELY	10	8	10	10	11	10	15	9	13	23	2
Somewhat unlikely	25	22	20	25	28	33	19	27	29	37	16
Very unlikely	55	55	58	56	58	51	58	54	49	32	76
TOTAL UNLIKELY	80	77	78	81	86	84	77	81	78	69	92
Don't know	9	13	12	8	3	7	9	9	10	8	5

In the next twenty years

Very likely	12	8	11	12	14	10	14	15	15	28	2
Somewhat likely	22	21	17	17	24	27	24	22	23	36	9
TOTAL LIKELY	34	29	28	29	38	37	38	37	38	64	11
Somewhat unlikely	24	31	27	21	14	22	18	27	26	17	29
Very unlikely	27	23	24	35	41	30	24	17	22	8	46
TOTAL UNLIKELY	51	54	51	56	55	52	42	44	48	25	75
Don't know	16	17	21	15	8	11	20	19	14	11	14

In the next fifty years

Very likely	24	18	20	22	29	23	26	26	29	50	6
Somewhat likely	21	21	24	11	16	25	21	21	27	22	17
TOTAL LIKELY	45	39	44	33	45	48	47	47	56	72	23
Somewhat unlikely	14	13	13	19	15	15	10	14	13	8	19
Very unlikely	17	17	17	27	26	13	16	8	16	5	30
TOTAL UNLIKELY	31	30	30	46	41	28	26	22	29	13	49
Don't know	24	31	26	22	14	23	28	30	15	14	29

Thinking about the last decade in Scottish politics, do you think that the issue of whether Scotland should be an independent country has been given too much attention, too little attention or about the right amount of attention?

Too much attention	51	56	52	54	51	49	55	46	43	10	89
Too little attention	18	15	14	18	21	18	16	21	22	46	1
About the right amount of attention	23	17	23	26	22	26	18	26	28	39	6
Don't know	8	12	11	2	7	7	10	7	7	5	5

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Thinking back to 2014, in hindsight, do you think it was a good or bad idea to hold the independence referendum?

It was a good idea	52	41	47	42	80	56	51	77	37	57	47	46	56	58	43	53	51
It was a bad idea	33	52	40	45	14	32	43	16	49	31	35	28	26	35	47	33	34
Don't know	14	6	13	13	6	12	7	7	14	11	17	27	18	8	10	14	15

Would you support or oppose Scotland becoming an independent country if...

The cost of living in Scotland rose as a result?

		30 Sep - 4 Oct 22				29 Aug - 3 Sep												
Strongly support	12	10	3	4	2	26	13	8	21	3	11	9	7	10	11	9	11	9
Tend to support	18	16	1	8	9	36	18	13	27	8	17	15	13	17	19	12	14	18
TOTAL SUPPORT	30	26	4	12	11	62	31	21	48	11	28	24	20	27	30	21	25	27
Tend to oppose	12	20	13	25	23	19	20	16	23	16	20	20	24	21	20	16	20	19
Strongly oppose	46	45	82	56	56	11	39	57	22	64	41	48	42	39	43	58	48	41
TOTAL OPPOSE	58	65	95	81	79	30	59	73	45	80	61	68	66	60	63	74	68	60
Don't know	11	10	2	8	11	7	10	6	7	10	10	9	13	13	8	5	7	12

The cost of living in Scotland declined as a result?

Strongly support	25	27	6	13	15	54	27	18	44	8	26	27	38	37	20	13	29	25
Tend to support	19	23	8	23	17	28	28	11	26	21	24	22	25	27	25	15	24	23
TOTAL SUPPORT	44	50	14	36	32	82	55	29	70	29	50	49	63	64	45	28	53	48
Tend to oppose	9	10	16	13	15	7	10	12	9	11	10	10	12	8	10	13	10	11
Strongly oppose	35	29	62	42	40	5	24	51	14	47	30	27	11	16	35	51	29	28
TOTAL OPPOSE	44	39	78	55	55	12	34	63	23	58	40	37	23	24	45	64	39	39
Don't know	11	11	8	10	13	6	11	8	7	13	10	13	14	13	10	9	9	13

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It was a good idea	52	47	53	54	45	57	47	63	51	77	37
It was a bad idea	33	33	27	40	38	33	38	24	34	12	54
Don't know	14	20	21	6	17	10	15	13	15	11	9

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Would you support or oppose Scotland becoming an independent country if...												
The cost of living in Scotland rose as a result?												
Strongly support	12	10	6	10	7	15	12	9	10	14	24	2
Tend to support	18	16	18	9	18	9	22	12	15	21	34	4
TOTAL SUPPORT	30	26	24	19	25	24	34	21	25	35	58	6
Tend to oppose	12	20	15	19	21	29	20	13	22	23	26	13
Strongly oppose	46	45	50	52	48	34	41	57	39	34	9	73
TOTAL OPPOSE	58	65	65	71	69	63	61	70	61	57	35	86
Don't know	11	10	11	9	7	13	5	9	14	9	7	8
The cost of living in Scotland declined as a result?												
Strongly support	25	27	21	25	21	24	21	33	35	37	53	6
Tend to support	19	23	25	21	23	23	34	15	20	21	26	18
TOTAL SUPPORT	44	50	46	46	44	47	55	48	55	58	79	24
Tend to oppose	9	10	14	13	8	8	11	8	8	9	9	13
Strongly oppose	35	29	31	26	34	33	27	30	22	23	7	51
TOTAL OPPOSE	44	39	45	39	42	41	38	38	30	32	16	64
Don't know	11	11	9	14	14	11	7	13	14	10	6	11

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Scotland was unable to continue using the pound as a currency?

Strongly support	18	15	4	3	4	35	18	13	28	6	16	14	12	15	17	15	15	15
Tend to support	17	18	2	15	18	32	20	11	29	7	19	17	26	21	15	10	17	18
TOTAL SUPPORT	35	33	6	18	22	67	38	24	57	13	35	31	38	36	32	25	32	33
Tend to oppose	10	16	12	18	10	15	15	12	13	17	15	17	26	16	15	13	18	14
Strongly oppose	41	37	77	50	55	8	32	57	15	60	36	39	19	29	40	57	38	37
TOTAL OPPOSE	51	53	89	68	65	23	47	69	28	77	51	56	45	45	55	70	56	51
Don't know	14	14	4	14	14	11	14	7	14	10	14	14	16	19	12	5	11	16

Independence would mean Scotland rejoining the EU?

Strongly support	34	37	4	25	19	70	44	16	59	16	37	36	47	43	33	24	40	34
Tend to support	15	19	6	22	16	22	22	9	19	18	18	20	22	23	19	12	20	19
TOTAL SUPPORT	49	56	10	47	35	92	66	25	78	34	55	56	69	66	52	36	60	53
Tend to oppose	7	7	13	12	10	1	7	8	6	10	7	8	4	7	9	7	8	7
Strongly oppose	32	25	74	28	36	2	14	62	11	42	28	23	6	14	30	49	23	27
TOTAL OPPOSE	39	32	87	40	46	3	21	70	17	52	35	31	10	21	39	56	31	34
Don't know	11	12	3	13	19	5	12	5	6	14	10	14	21	14	9	7	10	14

There were new border checks imposed on the border between Scotland and England?

Strongly support	17	12	1	3	6	30	14	11	25	4	15	10	8	13	14	9	10	14
Tend to support	19	17	2	13	9	31	19	11	27	8	17	18	21	20	18	11	16	19
TOTAL SUPPORT	36	29	3	16	15	61	33	22	52	12	32	28	29	33	32	20	26	33
Tend to oppose	11	17	9	17	12	16	18	11	17	14	17	16	25	16	14	17	18	16
Strongly oppose	42	41	83	55	60	11	37	62	19	64	42	40	24	32	47	58	46	35
TOTAL OPPOSE	53	58	92	72	72	27	55	73	36	78	59	56	49	48	61	75	64	51
Don't know	11	13	4	11	13	12	12	4	11	10	10	16	23	18	8	5	10	16

Some large businesses moved their operations out of Scotland?

Strongly support	13	9	6	2	2	25	13	6	17	5	10	8	4	9	14	8	10	8
Tend to support	18	15	5	9	14	34	19	10	26	7	14	17	14	17	18	11	15	16
TOTAL SUPPORT	31	24	11	11	16	59	32	16	43	12	24	25	18	26	32	19	25	24
Tend to oppose	15	22	9	26	16	24	22	16	25	18	23	20	31	22	18	20	21	22
Strongly oppose	41	39	75	54	56	8	34	59	17	60	41	37	25	31	41	57	42	35
TOTAL OPPOSE	56	61	84	80	72	32	56	75	42	78	64	57	56	53	59	77	63	57
Don't know	14	15	5	10	12	9	12	9	15	10	12	18	25	22	8	5	11	19

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Unweighted Sample	1063	170	111	141	113	118	127	158	125	412	486
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Scotland was unable to continue using the pound as a currency?

Strongly support	18	15	11	10	11	18	21	17	18	16	36	2
Tend to support	17	18	12	18	21	15	17	17	19	25	33	6
TOTAL SUPPORT	35	33	23	28	32	33	38	34	37	41	69	8
Tend to oppose	10	16	16	25	17	12	17	11	15	18	13	13
Strongly oppose	41	37	45	39	39	40	36	39	31	25	8	68
TOTAL OPPOSE	51	53	61	64	56	52	53	50	46	43	21	81
Don't know	14	14	16	8	12	15	9	17	17	15	10	10

Independence would mean Scotland rejoining the EU?

Strongly support	34	37	29	36	32	43	32	31	48	47	76	8
Tend to support	15	19	15	17	19	20	24	20	17	23	16	19
TOTAL SUPPORT	49	56	44	53	51	63	56	51	65	70	92	27
Tend to oppose	7	7	9	4	7	2	16	4	7	5	3	12
Strongly oppose	32	25	30	28	31	24	20	34	15	15	3	49
TOTAL OPPOSE	39	32	39	32	38	26	36	38	22	20	6	61
Don't know	11	12	17	15	11	11	8	11	12	10	2	12

There were new border checks imposed on the border between Scotland and England?

Strongly support	17	12	10	14	8	15	12	13	11	13	27	3
Tend to support	19	17	15	14	23	19	22	11	14	21	38	3
TOTAL SUPPORT	36	29	25	28	31	34	34	24	25	34	65	6
Tend to oppose	11	17	13	11	17	15	22	15	21	20	16	13
Strongly oppose	42	41	45	43	44	38	40	48	36	31	8	72
TOTAL OPPOSE	53	58	58	54	61	53	62	63	57	51	24	85
Don't know	11	13	17	17	8	13	4	12	18	15	11	9

Some large businesses moved their operations out of Scotland?

Strongly support	13	9	7	11	8	13	6	9	9	13	21	3
Tend to support	18	15	13	9	14	12	21	14	18	21	35	3
TOTAL SUPPORT	31	24	20	20	22	25	27	23	27	34	56	6
Tend to oppose	15	22	16	21	23	19	24	20	27	26	25	17
Strongly oppose	41	39	47	41	46	43	36	38	29	28	6	70
TOTAL OPPOSE	56	61	63	62	69	62	60	58	56	54	31	87
Don't know	14	15	16	18	10	14	13	19	16	12	13	7

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	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Remain	Leave	Yes	No	Male	Female	16-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE
Weighted Sample	1063	95	265	73	225	538	264	373	462	509	554	130	415	269	250	553	510
Unweighted Sample	1063	92	277	87	266	524	252	334	410	473	590	179	358	250	276	640	423
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

	22-27 Jan '20	29 Aug - 3 Sep																
Do you think Scotland would be economically better or worse off if it became an independent country, or would it make no difference?																		
Better off	34	28	0	15	6	67	32	22	54	9	29	27	26	33	27	22	27	29
Worse off	42	48	97	65	73	9	44	67	17	76	50	46	37	37	54	64	51	45
No difference	9	10	2	8	8	16	11	7	15	6	10	10	10	13	8	9	9	11
Don't know	15	14	1	12	13	8	14	4	13	10	10	17	27	17	11	4	13	15

And do you think you personally would be economically better or worse off if Scotland became an independent country, or would it make no difference?																		
Better off	19		0	15	1	44	21	14	35	6	20	18	21	23	15	15	17	21
Worse off	42		88	56	69	8	38	62	18	66	44	41	29	34	50	55	45	40
No difference	21		12	14	11	32	24	15	28	14	20	22	16	22	20	22	22	20
Don't know	18		0	15	19	16	17	10	19	13	16	20	33	21	15	8	17	19

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Better off	34	28	24	34	27	28	32	22	30	34	71	2
Worse off	42	48	55	43	53	50	45	54	38	41	4	89
No difference	9	10	11	6	9	11	10	12	11	11	15	4
Don't know	15	14	10	17	11	12	12	12	21	15	10	5

And do you think you personally would be economically better or worse off if Scotland became an independent country, or would it make no difference?												
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Worse off	42	50	38	46	41	39	49	39	31	6	78	
No difference	21	22	14	14	24	24	21	18	28	31	12	
Don't know	18	16	27	16	15	13	13	28	17	16	9	

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