

## YouGov / Scottish Daily Mail Survey Results

Sample Size: 1078 Scottish Adults  
Fieldwork: 24th - 26th August 2009

	Total	Westminster voting intention				Scottish Constituency Vote				Gender		Age			Social Grade	
		Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Headline Westminster Voting Intention</b>																
Lab	33	0	100	0	0	0	92	12	8	34	32	34	39	27	29	36
SNP	25	0	0	0	100	0	2	3	75	25	25	20	19	34	24	27
Con	19	100	0	0	0	90	4	7	5	19	20	21	20	18	24	16
Lib Dem	16	0	0	100	0	7	2	74	8	16	16	19	15	15	18	14
Other	7	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	3	6	7	6	7	6	6	7
<b>Other Parties Westminster Voting Intention</b>																
UKIP	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	2	3	2	3	4	2	3
Green	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1
BNP	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	1	1	2
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Westminster Non Voters</b>																
Would Not Vote	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	7	8	12	7	4	4	10
Don't know	12	0	0	0	0	4	5	7	5	9	15	12	15	10	10	14
<b>Scottish Constituency Vote</b>																
SNP	33	9	8	16	95	0	0	0	100	33	33	26	28	41	34	31
Labour	31	6	86	4	2	0	100	0	0	33	29	35	34	24	26	35
Conservative	16	79	0	7	0	100	0	0	0	15	17	16	16	16	19	13
Lib Dem	16	6	6	71	2	0	0	100	0	15	17	18	16	14	16	16
Other	5	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	6	5	6	5
<b>Scottish Constituency Non Voters</b>																
Wouldn't vote	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	7	9	7	4	5	7
Don't know	11	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	14	12	11	9	9	12
<b>Scottish Regional Vote</b>																
Labour	28	4	82	3	2	0	88	7	1	30	27	33	32	23	23	33
SNP	27	7	10	17	78	2	3	8	78	28	27	22	24	35	26	28
Conservative	17	82	1	7	1	91	1	3	3	16	18	17	17	17	20	14
Lib Dem	15	6	4	67	1	4	2	78	3	13	16	16	14	14	16	13
Other	13	1	4	7	19	3	5	5	16	13	13	12	14	13	14	12
<b>Scottish Regional Vote: Others</b>																
Green	6	1	3	5	8	1	4	5	6	6	6	7	7	5	7	5
Scottish Socialist Party	3	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	8	3	3	2	3	5	3	3
Solidarity	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	1
Other	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	4	2	3	3	4	3	3
<b>Scottish Regional Non Voters</b>																
Wouldn't vote	6	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	7	7	7	4	5	7
Don't know	10	5	4	0	2	0	1	1	3	7	12	13	10	8	8	12

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**Which of the following do you believe would make the best Scottish First Minister?**

Alex Salmond the Scottish National Party leader	<b>32</b>	15	18	30	77	10	14	20	78	34	30	24	29	40	36	28
Iain Gray the Scottish Labour leader	<b>12</b>	2	37	4	2	0	42	2	1	13	11	16	12	9	10	14
Annabel Goldie the Scottish Conservative leader	<b>11</b>	37	3	9	3	45	4	6	3	11	11	8	8	15	13	9
Tavish Scott the Scottish Liberal Democrat leader	<b>6</b>	4	1	32	1	4	1	35	1	6	6	5	8	5	6	6
Patrick Harvie the Scottish Green leader	<b>1</b>	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
None of the above	<b>24</b>	29	29	17	11	27	27	25	10	27	20	23	28	20	22	25
Don't know	<b>16</b>	13	11	8	7	12	12	12	7	9	21	23	14	11	12	18

**If there is a referendum, the SNP government's planned referendum would ask voters whether they agree or disagree 'that the Scottish Government should negotiate a settlement with the Government of the United Kingdom so that Scotland becomes an independent state'.**

**How would you vote if such a referendum were held tomorrow?**

I would vote YES (i.e. for Scottish independence)	<b>28</b>	9	11	15	80	7	12	10	71	30	27	25	26	33	26	30
I would vote NO (i.e. against Scottish independence)	<b>57</b>	83	77	73	15	86	76	75	23	60	54	56	54	60	63	52
I would not vote	<b>5</b>	3	2	2	2	4	2	2	1	3	6	7	4	3	4	5
Don't know	<b>11</b>	5	10	10	4	3	9	13	5	7	13	11	16	5	7	14

**Abdelbasset Ali al-Megrahi was convicted for the Lockerbie bombings in 1988. He was sentenced to a life sentence of at least 27 years following his 2001 conviction for the bombing.**

**It was announced last week that Abdelbasset Ali al-Megrahi would be released on compassionate grounds in view of his diagnosis of advanced prostate cancer. He was subsequently flown back to his home country of Libya.**

**From what you know do you think releasing Abdelbasset al-Megrahi was the right or wrong decision to make?**

The right decision	<b>43</b>	30	39	57	59	28	34	51	59	43	42	37	37	53	50	37
The wrong decision	<b>51</b>	65	54	40	36	70	58	43	36	54	49	60	55	42	47	55
Don't know	<b>6</b>	5	7	2	5	2	8	6	5	3	9	3	9	5	4	8

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**Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?**

Kenny MacAskill was right to release the Lockerbie bomber and should remain in his post	<b>42</b>	29	39	56	58	28	34	50	58	42	42	34	36	53	49	36
Kenny MacAskill was wrong to release the Lockerbie bomber and should resign his post	<b>32</b>	43	32	21	18	51	39	21	14	35	29	38	36	23	27	35
Kenny MacAskill was wrong to release the Lockerbie bomber but should remain in his post	<b>20</b>	22	22	20	18	18	20	23	22	19	22	23	19	19	20	21
Don't know	<b>6</b>	6	8	3	6	2	8	6	6	4	8	5	9	5	4	8

**Thinking about the decision to release al-Megrahi do you think Scotland's reputation has...?**

Improved a lot	<b>5</b>	2	3	2	13	2	3	4	10	5	5	2	4	9	7	3
Improved a little	<b>5</b>	4	3	7	11	3	2	4	10	7	4	6	3	7	6	5
Stayed about the same	<b>17</b>	14	17	18	22	13	15	18	22	15	19	13	17	21	20	15
Diminished a little	<b>29</b>	26	28	34	29	23	26	36	32	28	29	35	28	25	27	30
Diminished a lot	<b>40</b>	52	44	37	21	57	51	37	21	41	38	42	43	34	37	42
Don't know	<b>5</b>	3	4	2	5	2	4	2	5	4	5	3	6	5	4	5

## YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
<b>Age and Gender</b>		
Male 18 to 24	<b>39</b>	<b>66</b>
Male 25 to 39	<b>132</b>	<b>130</b>
Male 40 to 54	<b>129</b>	<b>141</b>
Male 55 +	<b>233</b>	<b>175</b>
Female 18 to 24	<b>43</b>	<b>66</b>
Female 25 to 39	<b>166</b>	<b>130</b>
Female 40 to 54	<b>127</b>	<b>152</b>
Female 55 +	<b>209</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>Social Grade</b>		
ABC1	<b>636</b>	<b>485</b>
C2DE	<b>442</b>	<b>593</b>
<b>Newspaper Type</b>		
Express / Mail	<b>161</b>	<b>140</b>
Sun / Star	<b>136</b>	<b>162</b>
Mirror / Record	<b>157</b>	<b>216</b>
Guardian / Independent	<b>94</b>	<b>22</b>
FT / Times / Telegraph	<b>86</b>	<b>54</b>
Other Paper	<b>308</b>	<b>323</b>
No Paper	<b>136</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>Political Party Identification</b>		
Lab	<b>469</b>	<b>389</b>
Con	<b>130</b>	<b>119</b>
Lib Dem	<b>59</b>	<b>108</b>
Others	<b>166</b>	<b>172</b>
None	<b>227</b>	<b>263</b>
Don't know	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>

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