

YouGov / The Scotsman Survey Results

Sample Size: 1135 Scottish Adults
Fieldwork: 13th - 15th April 2011

	Constituency voting				Regional voting				Gender		Age				Social Grade		
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	
Weighted Sample 1135	112	372	75	375	125	330	72	328	540	595	134	275	405	321	533	602	
Unweighted Sample	1135	112	349	65	385	124	303	64	328	519	616	67	294	430	344	630	505
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

On May 5th there will be elections to the Scottish Parliament and a referendum on whether Britain should change the electoral system from First Past the Post to the Alternative vote.

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means you will definitely not vote, and 10 means you definitely will vote, how likely are you to vote on May 5th?

0 - Certain NOT to vote	4	3	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	4	4	7	6	5	1	4	5
1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	5	1	0	1	3	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	1	2
3	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	1	1
4	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1
5	4	3	4	5	1	5	3	4	1	3	4	0	6	4	3	2	5
6	2	1	4	0	2	0	3	0	2	2	2	6	3	2	1	1	3
7	3	2	3	5	3	3	3	7	3	3	3	5	4	2	2	3	3
8	5	6	5	7	4	7	6	7	3	5	5	5	8	5	2	6	4
9	8	11	5	13	8	9	6	10	9	7	8	3	11	8	7	9	6
10 - Absolutely certain to vote	69	67	73	70	78	69	71	69	79	71	67	67	55	71	81	70	69
Don't know	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2

12-13 April**
13-15 April

And for the referendum...

The referendum question reads as follows:

At present, the UK uses the "first past the post" system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. Should the "alternative vote" system be used instead?

If this referendum were held tomorrow, how would you vote?

[Adjusted for likelihood to vote]

Yes	38	41	22	34	76	46	25	31	73	47	47	36	51	47	43	32	44	39
No	42	38	61	45	10	34	57	50	7	35	38	38	19	26	36	56	35	41
Don't know	19	20	17	20	14	19	18	19	20	18	14	25	29	26	20	12	20	19
Would not vote	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1

** GB Sample

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If this referendum were held tomorrow, how would you vote?

[Not adjusted for likelihood to vote]

Yes	38	20	33	74	45	24	31	68	46	44	33	45	41	40	31	41	36
No	36	58	42	10	34	55	45	7	34	36	35	17	25	34	55	33	38
Don't know	22	20	24	16	20	20	24	24	19	16	28	32	28	22	13	22	22
Would not vote	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	4	4	5	7	5	1	3	5

The cap on university tuition fees in England has been increased to £9,000. These fees will be payable by students from England, Scotland and Wales studying at English Universities. Students would not have to pay the fees upfront, but would instead pay them using student loans that they would have to pay back as graduates once they were earning £21,000. Wealthier graduates would have to pay a higher interest rate on their loans.

Do you support or oppose these proposals?

Support	44	66	34	41	47	67	36	42	48	45	43	28	46	44	49	44	44
Oppose	41	24	48	47	40	25	45	45	40	42	40	62	41	39	34	44	38
Don't know	15	9	17	12	12	8	20	12	12	13	17	11	13	17	17	12	18

It has been proposed that once Scottish students graduate from Scottish universities they should then make a contribution of up to £4,000 to the cost of their university education once they are earning over a certain amount.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?

Support	65	81	56	79	65	83	57	71	66	66	63	48	69	60	74	67	62
Oppose	24	15	30	21	26	14	29	22	26	25	24	35	21	26	19	25	24
Don't know	11	4	14	0	8	3	14	8	8	9	13	17	10	14	7	8	14

It has been said that once the higher rate of tuition fees are introduced in England, there will be a funding gap between the greater amount of revenue that English universities will have compared to Scottish universities. It is argued that in order to keep Scottish universities competitive with English universities, and to ensure similar standards in teaching and facilities, additional funding will need to be found.

Which of the following statements best reflects your views?

Additional funding for Scottish universities should be found and this should come from increased Scottish Government spending	33	17	41	38	35	15	40	47	34	37	30	37	31	36	30	33	33
Additional funding for Scottish universities should be found and this should come from student contributions	37	63	30	37	36	67	30	30	39	40	35	35	38	35	41	37	38
Neither	12	4	12	10	14	6	12	8	10	10	13	17	11	10	13	14	10
Don't know	17	16	17	15	15	12	18	14	17	13	21	11	20	19	17	16	18