

Post-Independence Debate Poll: Policing

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

6th to 7th August 2014

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via online panel. Invitations to complete surveys were sent out to members of the panel. Differential response rates from different demographic groups were taken into account.

Population Sampled

All residents aged 16+ in Scotland

Sample Size

1,010

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all adults aged 16+. Data were weighted by age, sex, region and past vote. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office of National Statistics 2011 Census data and the 2011 Holyrood election results.

Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 1,010 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 3.1% from the sample result. Subsamples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from crossbreaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

Voting Intention

In order to assess voting intention, we first asked respondents how likely they would be to vote in the independence referendum on a scale of 0-10. This likelihood to vote for was then used to weight voters' responses, such that respondents replying "10" were weighted by a factor of 1.0, whilst those responding "9" were weighted by a factor of 0.9, and so on down to responses of "0" being excluded altogether.

Respondents were then asked how they would vote if the referendum were held today, with the responses "Yes", "No", and "Undecided" prompted in a randomising order.

Question presentation

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables. In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

Data were analysed and weighted by Survation and presented by Patrick Briône and Damian Lyons Lowe.

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Q25. The new national Police Scotland force has deployed specialist armed officers to be available on routine patrols across the country 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Do you agree or disagree with this decision?

Base : All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					2011 Holyrood Vote				ScotRegion							Referendum Vote			SEG						
		Male	Female	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Con	Lab	LD	SNP	Highlands and Islands	South Scotland	Central Scotland	Mid Scotland and Fife	Glasgow	West Scotland	Lothian	North East Scotland	Yes	No	Undecided	AB	C1	C2	DE	
Unweighted Total	1010	477	533	66	157	160	215	230	182	110	204	50	321	75	61	119	96	208	171	149	131	361	482	140	203	321	229	257	
Weighted Total	1010	490	520	145	155	169	182	155	205	99	225	56	323	90	123	123	129	130	131	137	145	357	487	137	202	331	225	252	
Strongly agree	175	91	84	17	31	31	37	32	28	11	45	6	64	7	25	27	20	26	22	25	23	79	73	15	36	53	43	43	
	17.3%	18.5%	16.2%	11.7%	19.9%	18.1%	20.4%	20.6%	13.6%	10.7%	20.1%	9.9%	19.9%	7.5%	20.4%	21.8%	15.6%	20.2%	16.4%	18.5%	15.7%	22.2%	15.0%	11.1%	17.6%	16.1%	19.2%	17.1%	
Somewhat agree	284	130	154	44	37	59	54	48	41	33	62	15	95	26	33	40	39	40	32	38	37	122	116	40	58	87	59	81	
	28.1%	26.6%	29.6%	30.3%	24.2%	35.1%	29.5%	31.3%	20.2%	33.0%	27.7%	26.4%	29.5%	29.0%	26.5%	32.1%	29.8%	30.6%	24.1%	27.9%	25.8%	34.2%	23.9%	29.1%	28.6%	26.2%	26.1%	32.0%	
Neither agree nor disagree	186	75	111	22	35	42	39	20	28	26	45	14	47	18	23	14	16	27	31	25	33	47	104	29	34	71	34	46	
	18.4%	15.4%	21.2%	15.3%	22.6%	24.6%	21.5%	13.0%	13.7%	26.7%	20.2%	24.5%	14.6%	19.5%	18.7%	11.1%	12.3%	20.6%	24.0%	18.0%	22.5%	13.1%	21.4%	21.3%	16.9%	21.4%	15.3%	18.4%	
Somewhat disagree	150	65	85	31	20	15	15	18	51	10	30	11	48	19	17	19	26	16	16	16	21	51	76	22	28	59	33	30	
	14.8%	13.3%	16.3%	21.6%	12.7%	8.7%	8.4%	11.6%	24.8%	10.1%	13.3%	19.8%	15.0%	20.8%	13.9%	15.2%	19.9%	12.6%	12.3%	11.3%	14.5%	14.3%	15.6%	16.4%	13.8%	17.9%	14.7%	11.7%	
Strongly disagree	166	110	56	11	19	14	33	33	56	16	38	10	63	15	24	17	19	17	21	28	26	54	97	13	40	51	41	34	
	16.5%	22.6%	10.8%	7.6%	12.2%	8.3%	18.1%	21.6%	27.4%	16.6%	16.9%	18.1%	19.6%	16.7%	19.2%	13.9%	14.9%	12.8%	16.0%	20.2%	17.8%	15.1%	20.0%	9.6%	20.0%	15.5%	18.3%	13.4%	
Don't know	49	18	31	20	13	9	4	3	1	3	4	1	5	6	2	7	10	4	9	6	5	4	20	17	6	10	15	18	
	4.8%	3.7%	5.9%	13.5%	8.5%	5.2%	2.2%	1.9%	0.3%	3.0%	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%	6.4%	1.3%	5.9%	7.5%	3.3%	7.1%	4.1%	3.8%	1.1%	4.1%	12.5%	3.1%	2.9%	6.5%	7.3%	
SIGMA	1010	490	520	145	155	169	182	155	205	99	225	56	323	90	123	123	129	130	131	137	145	357	487	137	202	331	225	252	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q26. Would you be happy or unhappy if an armed police officer attended a routine incident in your local community, instead of an unarmed police officer?
Base : All Respondents

	Gender		Age						2011 Holyrood Vote				ScotRegion							Referendum Vote			SEG						
	Male	Female	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Con	Lab	LD	SNP	Highlands and Islands	South Scotland	Central Scotland	Mid Scotland and Fife	Glasgow	West Scotland	Lothian	North East Scotland	Yes	No	Undecided	AB	C1	C2	DE		
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Happy	232	120	112	38	47	46	33	36	32	15	60	10	78	22	26	37	29	32	25	33	30	100	96	29	45	77	46	64	
	23.0%	24.6%	21.5%	25.9%	30.3%	27.4%	18.2%	23.4%	15.7%	15.5%	26.8%	17.5%	24.1%	24.5%	20.7%	29.8%	22.1%	24.2%	18.7%	24.0%	20.7%	28.1%	19.6%	20.9%	22.2%	23.3%	20.4%	25.4%	
Neither happy nor unhappy	360	175	185	53	55	71	67	48	65	48	68	19	113	27	46	50	42	47	55	42	51	129	169	51	75	117	81	87	
	35.6%	35.8%	35.5%	36.5%	35.6%	42.2%	37.0%	31.1%	31.7%	48.9%	30.1%	34.0%	34.9%	29.9%	37.1%	40.2%	32.4%	36.3%	42.1%	30.7%	35.1%	36.1%	34.7%	37.5%	36.9%	35.5%	35.8%	34.6%	
Unhappy	363	176	187	44	44	37	70	63	105	33	88	26	121	34	48	32	50	46	47	51	55	116	198	45	74	123	83	82	
	35.9%	35.9%	36.0%	30.4%	28.3%	22.1%	38.5%	40.6%	51.0%	33.6%	39.1%	46.3%	37.5%	37.4%	38.9%	25.9%	38.9%	35.1%	36.1%	36.9%	38.0%	32.4%	40.6%	32.6%	36.8%	37.3%	36.9%	32.5%	
Not sure	55	19	37	10	9	14	11	8	3	2	9	1	11	7	4	5	9	6	4	12	9	12	25	12	8	13	16	19	
	5.5%	3.8%	7.1%	7.2%	5.7%	8.2%	6.3%	4.9%	1.6%	2.0%	4.1%	2.2%	3.5%	8.2%	3.4%	4.1%	6.6%	4.4%	3.0%	8.4%	6.2%	3.4%	5.0%	9.1%	4.1%	3.9%	7.0%	7.5%	
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Q27. Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill claims it is for Police Scotland to make 'operational decisions' about where and when to deploy armed officers. Do you believe deploying armed officers is an operational decision for Police Scotland, or a political decision to be taken by the Scottish Government?
Base : All Respondents

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Decision is operational and should be taken by Police Scotland	637 63.1%	299 61.0%	338 65.0%	84 58.0%	87 56.2%	116 69.0%	126 69.3%	103 66.8%	120 58.6%	67 67.4%	153 67.9%	36 65.0%	214 66.2%	47 52.0%	72 58.3%	75 61.1%	88 67.8%	84 64.1%	89 67.5%	98 71.6%	85 58.4%	239 67.0%	305 62.7%	77 56.3%	132 65.3%	205 61.9%	143 63.7%	157 62.3%
Decision is political and should be taken by the Scottish Government	235 23.2%	143 29.1%	92 17.7%	25 16.9%	39 25.5%	28 16.8%	38 20.9%	42 27.5%	62 30.0%	19 19.7%	53 23.3%	16 28.4%	85 26.4%	30 33.4%	22 17.9%	32 25.8%	20 15.7%	30 23.2%	30 23.0%	30 21.5%	40 27.8%	89 24.9%	118 24.3%	24 17.8%	50 24.8%	89 27.1%	48 21.4%	47 18.6%
Don't know	138 13.7%	48 9.9%	90 17.3%	36 25.1%	28 18.3%	24 14.1%	18 9.8%	9 5.8%	23 11.3%	13 12.9%	20 8.8%	4 6.6%	24 7.4%	13 14.6%	29 23.8%	16 13.2%	21 16.5%	16 12.6%	12 9.5%	9 6.9%	20 13.9%	29 8.2%	64 13.0%	36 25.9%	20 9.9%	37 11.1%	34 14.9%	48 19.1%
SIGMA	1010 100.0%	490 100.0%	520 100.0%	145 100.0%	155 100.0%	169 100.0%	182 100.0%	155 100.0%	205 100.0%	99 100.0%	225 100.0%	56 100.0%	323 100.0%	90 100.0%	123 100.0%	123 100.0%	129 100.0%	130 100.0%	131 100.0%	137 100.0%	145 100.0%	357 100.0%	487 100.0%	137 100.0%	202 100.0%	331 100.0%	225 100.0%	252 100.0%