

Issues Poll

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

8th – 15th May 2015

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 18+ in Great Britain. The sample was boosted to ensure the study included at least 1,000 Scottish residents and 2,000 BME residents.

Sample Size

3,977

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all Great British adults aged 18+, including region. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office for National Statistics data.

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 3,977 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 1.55% 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.

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.

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Table 1
Q1. Normal weightings
Q1. How likely do you think it is that Scotland becomes independent in the next five years?
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Region
		England
Unweighted Total	3977	2817
Weighted Total	3977	3435
Very likely	500	450
	12.6%	13.1%
Somewhat likely	1165	1042
	29.3%	30.3%
Somewhat unlikely	1222	1041
	30.7%	30.3%
Very unlikely	692	544
	17.4%	15.8%
Don't know	398	359
	10.0%	10.5%
SIGMA	3977	3435
	100%	100%

Table 2
Q2. Normal weightings
Q2. How likely do you think it is that Scotland becomes independent in the next ten years?
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Region
		England
Unweighted Total	3977	2817
Weighted Total	3977	3435
Very likely	984 24.7%	867 25.2%
Somewhat likely	1327 33.4%	1174 34.2%
Somewhat unlikely	842 21.2%	701 20.4%
Very unlikely	389 9.8%	304 8.9%
Don't know	434 10.9%	389 11.3%
SIGMA	3977 100%	3435 100%

Table 3
Q3. Normal weightings
Q3. How likely do you think it is that Scotland becomes independent in the next twenty-five years?
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Region
		England
Unweighted Total	3977	2817
Weighted Total	3977	3435
Very likely	1684 42.3%	1463 42.6%
Somewhat likely	1111 27.9%	957 27.8%
Somewhat unlikely	456 11.5%	392 11.4%
Very unlikely	205 5.2%	169 4.9%
Don't know	521 13.1%	455 13.3%
SIGMA	3977 100%	3435 100%

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Table 4

Q4. Normal weightings

Q4. Following the significant gains in Scotland for the Scottish National Party (SNP) in the general election, which of the following comes closer to your view of the implications for the distribution of powers across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland?

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Region
		England
Unweighted Total	3977	2817
Weighted Total	3977	3435
The new government should now come up with a new constitutional settlement for the UK that offers significant powers to the nations and regions of the UK	2028	1656
	51.0%	48.2%
The new government should not offer significant further powers to the nations and regions of the UK	989	896
	24.9%	26.1%
Don't know	959	883
	24.1%	25.7%
SIGMA	3977	3435
	100%	100%

Unweighted Total

Weighted Total

The new government should now come up with a new constitutional settlement for the UK that offers significant powers to the nations and regions of the UK

The new government should not offer significant further powers to the nations and regions of the UK

Don't know

SIGMA