

Scottish Election Study 2007 – Post-election questionnaire

PAGE 1

BASE: All Scottish adults

How much interest do you generally have in what is going on in politics?

- A great deal
- Quite a lot
- Some
- Not very much
- None at all
- Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a supporter of any one political party?

- Yes [route page=4](#)
- No
- Don't know

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BASE: All except 'YES'

Do you think of yourself as a little closer to one political party than to the others?

- Yes
- No [route page=5](#)
- Don't know [route page=5](#)

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BASE: All who say 'YES'

Which one?

- Conservative
- Labour
- Liberal Democrat
- SNP
- Green Party
- Scottish Socialist Party
- Solidarity
- Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party
- Other
- Don't know

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All Scottish adults

How much you agree or disagree with the following statements? [\[Please tick one option on each horizontal row\]](#)

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Britain was wrong to go to war with Iraq

Taxes on businesses should be cut to strengthen Scotland's economy

Under no circumstances should any new nuclear power stations be built in Scotland

All people aged over 65 should get a reduction in their council tax

**Young people who cause trouble should be banned by law from going out at night
Nobody should have to pay prescription charges for medicine they need, even if they
can afford to do so**

BY

Agree strongly
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Disagree strongly
Don't know

END GRID

PAGE 6

BASE: All Scottish adults

**The UK government has decided to replace Trident, Britain's nuclear weapon system,
when it comes to the end of its current life. How much do you agree or disagree with
this decision?**

Agree strongly
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Disagree strongly
Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

**Here are two things that might be done to reduce congestion. Please say how much
you would be in favour of or against each one. [\[Please tick one option on each](#)**

[horizontal row\]](#)

START GRID

**Charging all motorists £2 each time they enter or drive through a city or town centre
at peak times**

Charging £1 for every 50 miles motorists travel on motorways

BY

Strongly in favour
In favour
Neither in favour nor against
Against
Strongly against
Can't choose

END GRID

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BASE: All Scottish adults

**Which of these do you think is the better way of raising the money needed by local
councils in Scotland?**

Tax people according to the value of the house or flat in which they live
Tax people according to how much income they have
Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

**As far as you are aware, which party or parties had ministers in the Scottish
Executive between 2003 and the election on May 3rd of this year? [Please tick all that
apply] [CLEARLAST] **MULTICODE****

Conservative
Labour
Liberal Democrat
SNP
Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Talking to people about the election to the Scottish Parliament on the 3rd of May, we have found that a lot of people *didn't* manage to vote. Which of these statements best describes what you did?

I did not vote in the Scottish Parliament election on May 3rd [routepage=20](#)

I thought about voting in the Scottish Parliament election but in the end I didn't
[routepage=20](#)

I usually vote but didn't this time [routepage=20](#)

I am sure I voted in the Scottish Parliament election on May 3rd

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BASE: All SP VOTERS (i.e. option 4 in the question above)

How did you vote?

In person at a polling station

By post

Someone voted on my behalf

[Show Graphic 1 about here] Here is a copy of the ballot paper that was used in the Scottish Parliament election. You will see there were two votes. One, on the left hand side of the ballot paper (coloured brown) was for a party list for your region. The other, on the right hand side (coloured lilac), was for an individual member of the Scottish Parliament – or MSP – for your constituency.

Thinking first of all about the REGIONAL vote on the left hand side, which party did you vote for?

Conservative
Labour
Liberal Democrat
SNP
Green Party
Scottish Socialist Party
Solidarity
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party
Other
Don't know

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All SP VOTERS

Still thinking about this REGIONAL 'party list' vote, which one of the following reasons comes closest to the main reason you voted for that party?

I always vote that way [routepage=14](#)

I thought it was the best party [routepage=14](#)

I really preferred another party but it had no chance of winning any party list seats in this region

Other reasons [routepage=14](#)

If you said 'Other reasons', please specify in the box below why you voted for that party, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All who 'prefer another party' (option 3 in the 'reasons for vote' question)

Which was the party you REALLY preferred?

[\(\[DISPLAY\] not \[P11Q3=1\]\)](#) Conservative

[\(\[DISPLAY\] not \[P11Q3=2\]\)](#) Labour

[\(\[DISPLAY\] not \[P11Q3=3\]\)](#) Liberal Democrat

[\(\[DISPLAY\] not \[P11Q3=4\]\)](#) SNP

[\(\[DISPLAY\] not \[P11Q3=5\]\)](#) Green Party

Other

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BASE: All SP VOTERS

[If possible, show Graphic 1 again about here] Now thinking of the vote on the right hand side of the ballot paper for an individual MSP for your CONSTITUENCY, which party's candidate did you vote for?

Conservative

Labour

Liberal Democrat

SNP

Other

Don't know

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All SP VOTERS

Still thinking about this CONSTITUENCY vote, which one of the following reasons comes closest to the main reason you voted for that party?

I always vote that way [routepage=17](#)

I thought it was the best party [routepage=17](#)

I really preferred another party but it had no chance of winning in this constituency

Other reasons [routepage=17](#)

If you said 'Other reasons', please specify in the box below why you voted for that party, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All who 'prefer another party' (option 3 in the 'reasons for vote' question)

Which was the party you really preferred?

[\(\[DISPLAY\] not \[P14Q1=1\]\)](#) Conservative

[\(\[DISPLAY\] not \[P14Q1=2\]\)](#) Labour

[\(\[DISPLAY\] not \[P14Q1=3\]\)](#) Liberal Democrat

[\(\[DISPLAY\] not \[P14Q1=4\]\)](#) SNP

[Green Party](#)

[Other](#)

PAGE 17**BASE: All SP VOTERS**

And again still thinking of this CONSTITUENCY vote, which of these statements comes closest to the way you voted?

- I voted for a party, regardless of the candidate
- I voted for a party only if I approved of the candidate
- I voted for a candidate, regardless of his or her party
- Don't know

Deleted: Conservative
Labour
Liberal Democrat
SNP
Green Party
Other

PAGE 18**BASE: All SP VOTERS**

When you were deciding how to vote in the Scottish Parliamentary election, did you vote...?

- Mostly** according to what was going on in Scotland
- Mostly** according to what was going on in Britain as a whole
- Other reasons
- Don't know

If you said 'Other reasons', please specify in the box below why you would vote for that party, otherwise leave it blank.

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PAGE 19**BASE: All SP VOTERS**

Thinking still about the elections to the Scottish Parliament, if you had been given a different kind of ballot paper that required you to give two votes IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE, which party would you have put as your FIRST choice?

- Conservative
- Labour
- Liberal Democrat
- SNP
- Green Party
- Scottish Socialist Party
- Solidarity
- Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party
- Other
- Don't know

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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And which would you have put as your SECOND choice?

- Conservative [route=21](#)
- Labour [route=21](#)
- Liberal Democrat [route=21](#)
- SNP [route=21](#)
- Green Party [route=21](#)
- Scottish Socialist Party [route=21](#)
- Solidarity [route=21](#)
- Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party [route=21](#)
- Other [route=21](#)
- Don't know [route=21](#)

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All SP NON-VOTERS (i.e. options 1-3 in the 'Talking to people...' question)

[Show Graphic 1 about here] Here is a copy of the ballot paper that was used in the Scottish Parliament election. You will see there were two votes. One, on the left hand side of the ballot paper (coloured brown) was for a party list for your region. The other, on the right hand side (coloured lilac), was for an individual member of the Scottish Parliament – or MSP – for your constituency.

If you had voted in the Scottish Parliament election, which party would you have voted for on the REGIONAL vote?

Conservative
Labour
Liberal Democrat
SNP
Green Party
Scottish Socialist Party
Solidarity
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party
Other
Don't know

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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[If possible, show Graphic 1 about here again] And which party would you have voted for in the vote for an individual MSP for your CONSTITUENCY?

Conservative
Labour
Liberal Democrat
SNP
Other
Don't know

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All Scottish adults

As well as the election to the Scottish Parliament there were also local elections on the 3rd of May. But a lot of people don't vote in local elections. How about you?

Which of the statements best describes what you did?

I did not vote in the local election on May 3rd [routepage=32](#)

I thought about voting in the local election but in the end I didn't [routepage=32](#)

I usually vote but didn't this time [routepage=32](#)

I am sure I voted in the local election

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BASE: All LOCAL VOTERS (i.e. option 4 in the question above)

In the local election you voted by putting candidates in order, marking them 1, 2, 3, etc. You were allowed to number as many or as few candidates on your ballot paper as you wish.

Thinking about your first preference vote, do you remember which party's candidate you put first?

Conservative
Labour
Liberal Democrat
SNP
Green Party
Independent candidate
Other
Don't know

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All LOCAL VOTERS

And thinking of your first preference vote in the local election, which one of these reasons comes closest to the main reason you voted for the party you chose?

I always vote that way [route=25](#)
I thought it was the best party [route=25](#)
I really preferred another party but it had no chance of winning in this ward
Other reasons [route=25](#)

If you said 'Other reasons', please specify in the box below why you voted for that party, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All who 'prefer another party' (option 3 in the 'reasons for local election vote' question)

Which was the party you REALLY preferred?

[not \[P22Q2=1\]](#) Conservative
[not \[P22Q2=2\]](#) Labour
[not \[P22Q2=3\]](#) Liberal Democrat
[not \[P22Q2=4\]](#) SNP
[not \[P22Q2=5\]](#) Green Party
Other

Deleted: Conservative
Labour
Liberal Democrat
SNP
Green Party

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BASE: All LOCAL VOTERS

Still thinking of your first preference vote in the local election, which of these statements comes closest to the way you voted?

I voted for a party, regardless of the candidate
I voted for a party only if I approved of the candidate
I voted for a candidate, regardless of his or her party
Don't know

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BASE: All LOCAL VOTERS

Thinking about the candidate you gave your first preference vote to, how often, if ever, have you spoken to the candidate?

- Often
- Occasionally
- Once or twice
- Never
- Don't know

If this candidate had been running for any of the other parties would you still have given a first preference vote to him/ her?

- Yes
- No
- Depends on the other party
- Don't know

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BASE: All LOCAL VOTERS

We'd like to know how much you liked or disliked the candidate that you put first. How would you rate that candidate on this scale, where 0 means you strongly dislike the candidate and 10 means you strongly like the candidate?

- 0 – Strongly dislike
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 – Strongly like
- Don't know

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BASE: All LOCAL VOTERS

Now thinking about your SECOND preference vote, do you happen to remember which party's candidate you put second?

- Didn't put a second preference [route page=30](#)
- Conservative
- Labour
- Liberal Democrat
- SNP
- Green Party
- Independent candidate
- Other
- Don't know

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All except 'Didn't put a second preference' at the question above

And using that same 0-10 scale, where 0 means you strongly dislike the candidate and 10 means you strongly like the candidate, how would you rate the candidate you put second?

0 – Strongly dislike

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 – Strongly like

Don't know

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BASE: All LOCAL VOTERS

Did the political party to which you gave your first preference vote in the election ask people in this area to vote for their candidates in a particular order?

Yes

No [route page=33](#)

Don't know [route page=33](#)

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BASE: If 'Yes' above

And did you vote for the candidates in that order?

Yes [route page=33](#)

No [route page=33](#)

Don't know [route page=33](#)

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BASE: All LOCAL NON-VOTERS (i.e. options 1-3 in the 'As well as...' question above)

In the local election you vote by putting candidates in order, marking them 1, 2, 3, etc.

If you had voted in the local election on May 3rd, which party's candidate do you think you would have put first?

Conservative

Labour

Liberal Democrat

SNP

Green Party

Independent candidate

Other

Don't know

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All Scottish adults

If there had been a general election to the UK House of Commons on the 3rd of May, do you think you would have voted in that election or do you think you would not have voted?

Would have voted
 Would not have voted [routepage=35](#)
 Don't know

PAGE 34**BASE: All except 'would not have voted' (i.e. options 1 and 3 above)****Which party do you think you would have voted for?**

Conservative
 Labour
 Liberal Democrat
 SNP
 Green Party
 Scottish Socialist Party
 Solidarity
 Other
 Don't know

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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PAGE 35**BASE: All Scottish adults****Which do you think would generally be better for Scotland nowadays...?**

To have a government in Edinburgh formed by one political party on its own
 To have government in Edinburgh formed by two political parties together – in coalition
 Don't know

If you had to choose, which of the following do you think would be better for Scotland?

To have a government in Edinburgh formed by Labour and the Liberal Democrats together,
 To have a government in Edinburgh formed by the SNP and the Liberal Democrats together?
 Don't know

PAGE 36**BASE: All Scottish adults**

Now, here are some questions about political leaders. Please rate each one on this scale where 0 means very bad and 10 means very good. If you come to a leader you haven't heard of or don't feel you know enough about, just choose 'don't know'.

First, how good or bad a job do you think Tony Blair has done as Prime Minister?

0 – Very bad
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9
 10 – Very good
 Don't know

Again on this scale from 0 to 10, how good or bad a job do you think Jack McConnell has done as First Minister?

- 0 – Very bad
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 – Very good
- Don't know

And again on this scale from 0 to 10, how good or bad a job do you think the following would do as First Minister? [\[Please tick one option on each horizontal row\]](#)

START GRID

Nicol Stephen
Alex Salmond
Annabel Goldie

BY

- 0 – Very bad
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 – Very good
- Don't know

END GRID

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Please say which of these statements comes closest to your view:

- Scotland should become independent, separate from the UK and the European Union
- Scotland should become independent, separate from the UK but part of the European Union
- Scotland should remain part of the UK, with its own elected parliament which has some taxation powers
- Scotland should remain part of the UK, with its own elected parliament which has no taxation powers
- Scotland should remain part of the UK without an elected parliament
- Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Thinking about the institutions below, which do you think ought to make most of the important decisions for Scotland about the following? [\[Please tick one option on each horizontal row\]](#)

START GRID

Levels of welfare benefits
 The National Health Service
 Schools
 Defence and foreign affairs

BY

The Scottish parliament
 The UK government at Westminster
 Local councils in Scotland
 The European Union
 Don't know

END GRID

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BASE: All Scottish adults

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Government ministers in the Scottish Executive should always stand up for what they think is best for Scotland, even if it means having serious rows with the UK Government at Westminster

Agree strongly
 Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Disagree strongly
 Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

On the whole, do you think that England's economy benefits more from having Scotland in the UK, or that Scotland's economy benefits more from being part of the UK, or is it about equal?

England benefits more
 Scotland benefits more
 About equal
 Don't know

Would you say that compared with other parts of the United Kingdom, Scotland gets pretty much its fair share of government spending, more than its fair share, or less than its fair share of government spending?

Much more than its fair share of government spending
 A little more than its fair share of government spending
 Pretty much its fair share of government spending
 A little less than its fair share of government spending
 Much less than its fair share of government spending
 Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Please say how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. [\[Please tick one option on each horizontal row\]](#)

START GRID

The Scottish parliament should be given more powers
 Now that Scotland has its own parliament, it should pay for its services out of taxes collected in Scotland

BY

Agree strongly
 Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Disagree strongly
 Don't know

END GRID

At the moment, most taxes in Scotland are decided by the UK government. Say that instead all taxes in Scotland were to be decided by the Scottish Parliament. Do you think as a result taxes in Scotland would be higher, lower or would it make no difference?

A lot higher
 A little higher
 Would make no difference
 A little lower
 A lot lower
 Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

From what you have seen and heard so far, do you think that having a Scottish Parliament is going to:

Make it more likely that Scotland eventually leaves the United Kingdom
 Make it more likely that Scotland stays in the United Kingdom
 Make no difference
 Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Thinking of Members of the Scottish Parliament, which one of these qualities would you say it is MOST important for MSPs to have?

To speak their own mind
 To speak up for the area they represent
 To help individual voters sort out their problems
 To be loyal to the party they represent
 Other
 Don't know

If you said 'Other', please type this quality into the box below, otherwise leave it blank.

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Now thinking of local councillors, which one of these qualities would you say it is most important for local councillors to have?

To speak their own mind
 To speak up for the area they represent
 To help individual voters sort out their problems
 To be loyal to the party they represent
 Other
 Don't know

If you said 'Other', please type this quality into the box below, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Which, if any, of the following best describes how you see yourself?

Scottish not British

More Scottish than British

Equally Scottish and British

More British than Scottish

British not Scottish

Other description

Don't know

If you said 'Other description', please type it in the box below, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Most people say they belong either to the middle class or the working class. If you had to make a choice, which would you say you belong to?

Middle class

Working class [route page = 47](#)

Don't know [route page = 48](#)

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BASE: 'Middle class'

Would you say that you had more in common with middle class English people or with working class Scottish people?

Middle class English [route page = 48](#)

Working class Scottish [route page = 48](#)

Don't know [route page = 48](#)

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BASE: 'Working class'

Would you say that you had more in common with working class English people or with middle class Scottish people?

Working class English

Middle class Scottish

Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Please tell us where you were born:

Scotland

England

Wales

Northern Ireland

Republic of Ireland

Other

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which country it was, otherwise leave it blank.

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PAGE 49**BASE: All Scottish adults**

Thinking back to the last general election – that is the one in 2005 – do you remember which party you voted for then, or perhaps you didn't vote in that election?

Did not vote/not eligible/too young to vote

Voted Conservative

Voted Labour

Voted Liberal Democrat

Voted SNP

Voted Green

Voted Scottish Socialist

Voted for Other party

Don't know/can't remember

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

TEXT unvalidated

PAGE 50**BASE: All Scottish adults**

Thinking about the last election to the Scottish Parliament – held four years ago in 2003 – you had two votes, one for an individual member of the parliament for your constituency and one for a regional party list. Do you remember which party you voted for on the CONSTITUENCY vote, or perhaps you didn't vote in that election?

Did not vote/not eligible/too young to vote

Voted Conservative

Voted Labour

Voted Liberal Democrat

Voted SNP

Voted Green

Voted Scottish Socialist

Voted for Other party

Don't know/can't remember

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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And what about the vote for a party list for your region? Do you remember which party you voted for?

Did not vote/not eligible/too young to vote

Voted Conservative

Voted Labour

Voted Liberal Democrat

Voted SNP

Voted Green

Voted Scottish Socialist

Voted for Other party

Don't know/can't remember

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank.

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BASE: All Scottish adults

How good or bad a job of running Britain do you think the UK Labour government has done in recent years?

Very good
Fairly good
Neither good nor bad
Fairly bad
Very bad
Don't know

And how good or bad a job of running Scotland do you think Labour ministers in the Scottish Executive have done in recent years?

Very good
Fairly good
Neither good nor bad
Fairly bad
Very bad
Don't know

And how good or bad a job of running Scotland do you think Liberal Democrat ministers in the Scottish Executive have done in recent years?

Very good
Fairly good
Neither good nor bad
Fairly bad
Very bad
Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

How much you agree or disagree with the following statements? [\[Please tick one option on each horizontal row\]](#)

START GRID

The UK should introduce proportional representation so that the number of MPs each party gets in the House of Commons matches more closely the number of votes each party gets?

**The Scottish Parliament should be elected using proportional representation
Local councils in Scotland should be elected using proportional representation**

BY

Agree strongly
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Disagree strongly
Don't know

END GRID

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BASE: All Scottish adults

We would like to know what you think about some of our political parties. Please rate each one on a scale 0 to 10, where 0 means you 'strongly dislike' that party and 10 means you 'strongly like' that party. If you come to a party you haven't heard of or

don't feel you know enough about, just choose 'don't know'. [\[Please tick one option on each horizontal row\]](#)

How do you feel about...?

START GRID

Conservative Party

Labour Party

Liberal Democrats

SNP

Green Party

Solidarity

BY

0 – Strongly dislike

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 – Strongly like

Don't know

END GRID

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Some people say that all political parties look after certain groups and are not so concerned about others. How closely do you think each of these parties look after the interests of Scottish people in general? [\[Please tick one option on each horizontal row\]](#)

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Labour Party in Scotland

SNP

Conservative Party in Scotland

Liberal Democrats in Scotland

BY

Very closely

Fairly closely

Not very closely

Not at all closely

Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement: Now that Scotland has its own parliament, Scottish MPs should no longer be allowed to vote in the UK House of Commons on laws that only affect England

Agree strongly

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

In the election to the Scottish Parliament on May 3rd there was one ballot paper on which there were two votes. One was for a party list for your region, the other for an individual Member of Parliament – or MSP – for your constituency. Some people say that filling in this ballot paper is very difficult. Others say that it is not at all difficult. How difficult do YOU think it is filling in the ballot paper for the Scottish Parliament election?

- Very difficult
- Fairly difficult
- Not very difficult
- Not at all difficult
- Can't choose

And in the local council elections on May 3rd voters were asked to put the candidates in order, marking them 1,2,3, etc. How difficult do you think it is filling in the ballot paper for the local council election?

- Very difficult
- Fairly difficult
- Not very difficult
- Not at all difficult
- Can't choose

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Some people say that it is difficult to understand how the number of seats a party wins is worked out under the voting system used in Scottish Parliament elections. Others say that it is not at all difficult. How difficult do YOU think it is to understand how the seats are worked out?

- Very difficult
- Fairly difficult
- Not very difficult
- Not at all difficult
- Can't choose

And now thinking of the voting system used in local council elections, how difficult do you think it is to understand how the seats are worked out?

- Very difficult
- Fairly difficult
- Not very difficult
- Not at all difficult
- Can't choose

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Now some questions about Scottish independence. Leaving aside your own views on whether or not Scotland should be independent, would you support or oppose a referendum being held on this issue?

- Support a referendum on independence
- Oppose a referendum on independence
- Don't know

If there were a referendum on whether to keep the present arrangements or to make Scotland an independent state, how would you vote?

- Keep the present arrangements
- Make Scotland an independent state
- Would not vote
- Don't know

If there were a referendum and there was an additional option of greater powers for the Scottish Parliament, how would you vote?

- Keep the Scottish Parliament with its existing powers
- Keep the Scottish Parliament but give it greater powers
- Make Scotland an independent state
- Would not vote
- Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

In these elections, what was your view of the connection between an SNP victory and independence?

- Would make independence inevitable
- Would make independence much more likely
- Would make independence a little more likely
- Would make no difference to the likelihood of independence
- Don't know

Rather than pledging to make Scotland independent straight away, the SNP is proposing a referendum on the issue. Again regardless of your actual vote, what effect did this referendum pledge have on your likelihood to support the SNP?

- Made me more likely to vote for them
- Made me less likely to vote for them
- Made no difference
- Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

During the election campaign, did a canvasser from any party visit your home to talk with you?

- Yes
- No [route page =62](#)
- Don't know [route page =62](#)

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BASE: 'Yes' at previous question

Which party or parties did they represent? [Please tick all that apply]

MULTICODE

- Conservatives
- Labour
- Liberal Democrats
- SNP
- Greens
- Other
- Don't know

Can you remember: were the visitors campaigning for the Scottish elections, the local elections or both?

Scottish elections

Local elections

Both

Can't remember

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Did you read an election leaflet that was put through your door?

Yes

No route page =64

No leaflets were received route page =64

Don't know route page =64

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BASE: 'Yes' at previous question

Which party or parties sent out the leaflet(s) that you read? [Please tick all that apply]

MULTICODE

Conservatives

Labour

Liberal Democrats

SNP

Greens

Other

Don't know

Can you remember: were the leaflets for the Scottish elections or the local elections (or both)?

Scottish elections

Local elections

Both

Can't remember

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Did anyone from a political party telephone to ask you how you might vote?

Yes

No route page =66

Don't know route page =66

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BASE: 'Yes' at previous question

Which party or parties did they represent? [Please tick all that apply] MULTICODE

Conservatives

Labour

Liberal Democrats

SNP

Greens

Other

Don't know

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Did you see any of the Party Election Broadcasts that were shown on television?

Yes
 No routepage =68
 Don't know routepage =68

PAGE 67**BASE: 'Yes' at previous question****Which parties' Election Broadcasts did you see? [Please tick all that apply]****MULTICODE**

Conservatives
 Labour
 Liberal Democrats
 SNP
 Greens
 Other
 Don't know

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Campaigning is said to be 'positive' when it involves putting forward your own policies and personalities. 'Negative' campaigning means criticising the policies and personalities of the other parties. How would you rate the campaigns of the following parties on a scale from 'very positive' to 'very negative'? [\[Please tick one option on each horizontal row\]](#)

START GRID

Conservatives
Labour
Liberal Democrats
SNP

BY

Very positive
 Fairly positive
 Neither positive nor negative
 Fairly negative
 Very negative
 Don't know

END GRID**PAGE 69****BASE: All Scottish adults**

Now here are some questions about issues. What was the single most important issue for you when deciding how to vote in the Scottish Parliament election? [Please write in the box below. If no issue was most important for you, please write 'NONE'; if you don't know, please write 'DK'.]

TEXTAREA**Which party is best able to handle this issue?**

Conservative
 Labour
 Liberal Democrat
 SNP
 Green Party
 Scottish Socialist Party
 Solidarity
 Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party

Other
 There were no important issues
 Don't know

If you said 'Other', please specify in the box below which party it is, otherwise leave it blank. TEXT unvalidated

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Now thinking about the economy, would you say that the economy is mainly the responsibility of the UK government at Westminster or the Scottish executive at Holyrood?

UK government at Westminster
 Scottish Executive at Holyrood
 Don't know

How well or badly would you say that the Scottish executive has handled the economy over the last four years?

Very well
 Fairly well
 Neither well nor badly
 Fairly badly
 Very badly
 Don't know

How well or badly do you think an SNP-led coalition WOULD have handled the economy?

Very well
 Fairly well
 Neither well nor badly
 Fairly badly
 Very badly
 Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Now thinking about transport, would you say that transport is mainly the responsibility of the UK government at Westminster or the Scottish executive at Holyrood?

UK government at Westminster
 Scottish Executive at Holyrood
 Don't know

How well or badly would you say that the Scottish executive has handled transport over the last four years?

Very well
 Fairly well
 Neither well nor badly
 Fairly badly
 Very badly
 Don't know

How well or badly do you think an SNP-led coalition WOULD have handled transport?

Very well
 Fairly well

Neither well nor badly
 Fairly badly
 Very badly
 Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

Now thinking about environmental issues, would you say that environmental issues are mainly the responsibility of the UK government at Westminster or the Scottish executive at Holyrood?

UK government at Westminster
 Scottish Executive at Holyrood
 Don't know

How well or badly would you say that the Scottish executive has handled environmental issues over the last four years?

Very well
 Fairly well
 Neither well nor badly
 Fairly badly
 Very badly
 Don't know

How well or badly do you think an SNP-led coalition WOULD have handled environmental issues?

Very well
 Fairly well
 Neither well nor badly
 Fairly badly
 Very badly
 Don't know

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BASE: All Scottish adults

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about voting and elections? [Please tick one option on each horizontal row]

START GRID

Most of my family and friends think voting is a waste of time

It was obvious who was going to win this election

It is every citizen's duty to vote

People are so busy that they don't have time to vote

I feel a sense of satisfaction when I vote

BY

Agree strongly
 Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Disagree strongly
 Don't know

END GRID

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BASE: All Scottish adults

How much of a difference do you think it makes who wins the following types of election? [Please tick one option on each horizontal row]

START GRID

**Elections to the Scottish Parliament
General elections to the UK House of Commons
Local council elections**

BY

A great deal
Quite a lot
Some
Not very much
None at all
Don't know

END GRID**PAGE 75****BASE: All Scottish adults**

Considering everything that the SNP and the Labour party stand for, how much difference would you say there is between them?

A great deal
Quite a lot
Some
Not very much
None at all
Don't know

PAGE 76**BASE: All Scottish adults**

To end, just a few more questions about systems for voting in Scotland. As you may know, Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) are elected by a different electoral system – known as the ‘additional member system’ – from the one used to elect MPs to Westminster.

How well would you say that you understand the voting system used in Scottish Parliament elections?

Very well
Quite well
Not very well
Not at all
Don't know

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Here are some statements that people have made about the Scottish Parliament electoral system. For each one, please could you say how true you think it is? [\[Please tick one option on each horizontal row\]](#)

START GRID

**You can't vote for the same party in both the constituency and the regional list votes
If you're going to vote for a small party, you're better off choosing it in the regional list vote than in the constituency vote**

**Where a party is very strong, there isn't much point voting for it on the regional list
The number of seats won by a party is decided by the number of constituency votes it gets**

BY

Definitely true
Probably true
Probably not true

Definitely not true
 Don't know
END GRID

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This year's council elections were run under a new electoral system, known as the 'single transferable vote'.

How well would you say that you understand the voting system used in this year's council elections?

Very well
 Quite well
 Not very well
 Not at all
 Don't know

And does the use of this new system make you more likely or less likely to vote in the council elections than if they were run under the old system, or doesn't it make any difference to you?

More likely to vote because of the new system
 Less likely to vote because of the new system
 Makes no difference
 Don't know

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Here are some statements that people have made about the new system for Scottish council elections. For each one, please could you say how true you think it is?

[\[Please tick one option on each horizontal row\]](#)

START GRID

You vote by ranking candidates rather than choosing just one

You can only rank candidates from one party

Each ward will be represented by 3 or 4 councillors

Only your first two preferences count in the calculations of who gets elected

BY

Definitely true
 Probably true
 Probably not true
 Definitely not true
 Don't know

END GRID