

**Scottish Election Study 2007 – Pre-election questionnaire**

**PAGE 1**

**BASE: All Scottish adults**

**How interested are you in the Scottish Parliament election that will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> this year?**

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not very interested
- Not at all interested
- Don't know

**And how interested are you in the local council elections that will also be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>?**

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not very interested
- Not at all interested
- Don't know

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

**MULTICODE**

- Conservative
- Labour
- Liberal Democrat
- SNP
- Don't know

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

- Yes [routepage=3](#)
- No
- Don't know [routepage=4](#)

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**BASE: All who say 'NO'**

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

- Yes [routepage=3](#)
- No [routepage=4](#)
- Don't know [routepage=4](#)

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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.**

**TEXT unvalidated**

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**BASE: All Scottish adults**

**On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means 'very unlikely' and 10 means 'very likely', how likely is it that you will vote in the SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT election?**

0 – Very unlikely [route=9](#)

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10 – Very likely

Don't know

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**BASE: All except 'Will not vote'**

**If you do vote in the Scottish Parliament election, have you decided which party you will vote for, or haven't you decided yet?**

Yes, have decided

No, have not decided yet

Will not vote [route=9](#)

Don't know [route=9](#)

**There will be one ballot paper for the Scottish Parliament election, but you will have two votes. One, on the left hand side of the ballot paper, is for a party list for your REGION. The other, on the right hand side, is for an individual member of the Scottish Parliament – or MSP – for your CONSTITUENCY.**

**Thinking first about the REGIONAL vote, which party are you most likely to vote for?**

Conservative [route=7](#)

Labour [route=7](#)

Liberal Democrat [route=7](#)

SNP [route=7](#)

Green Party [route=7](#)

Scottish Socialist Party      [route=7](#)  
 Solidarity                      [route=7](#)  
 Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party      [route=7](#)  
 Other  
 Don't know                      [route=7](#)

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

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**Still thinking about this REGIONAL 'party list' vote...**

**Which one of the following reasons comes closest to the main reason you will vote for that party?**

I always vote that way

I thought it was the best party

It's my second preference; I vote for my first-preference party in the constituency vote

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

Other reasons

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

**TEXTAREA unvalidated**

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**BASE: All who 'prefer another party'**

**Which party do you really prefer?**

Conservative

Labour

Liberal Democrat

SNP

Green Party

Other

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

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**BASE: All except 'Will not vote'**

**Now thinking of the vote on the right hand side of the ballot paper for an individual MSP for your CONSTITUENCY, which party are you most likely to vote for? (Note that not all of the parties are putting up candidates for the constituency seats.)**

Conservative                      [route=9](#)

Labour                              [route=9](#)

Liberal Democrat              [route=9](#)

SNP                                 [route=9](#)

Other

Don't know                      [route=9](#)

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

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Still thinking about this 'CONSTITUENCY vote'...

Which one of the following reasons comes closest to the main reason you will vote for that party?

I always vote that way

I thought it was the best party

It's my second preference; I vote for my first-preference party in the regional list vote

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

Other reasons

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

TEXT unvalidated

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BASE: All who 'prefer another party'

Which party do you really prefer?

Conservative

Labour

Liberal Democrat

SNP

Green Party

Scottish Socialist Party

Solidarity

Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party

Other

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

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means 'very unlikely' and 10 means 'very likely', how likely is it that you will vote in the COUNCIL election on May 3<sup>rd</sup>?

0 – Very unlikely

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10 – Very likely

Don't know

**Does the fact that they will be held on the same day as the Scottish Parliament elections make you more likely or less likely to vote in the council elections, or it doesn't make any difference?**

More likely to vote in the council elections

Less likely to vote in the council elections

Makes no difference

**If you do vote in the council election, have you decided which party or candidate you will vote for, or you haven't decided yet?**

Yes, I have decided

No, I have not decided yet [routepage=11](#)Will not vote [routepage=11](#)Don't know [routepage=11](#)

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### **BASE: All who will vote**

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

**Thinking about your first preference vote, which party's candidate are you most likely to vote for?**

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.**

**TEXT unvalidated**

**And still thinking about your first preference vote...**

**Which of the following statements comes closest to the way you will vote?**

I will vote for a party, regardless of the candidate

I will vote for a party only if I approve of the candidate

I will vote for a candidate, regardless of his or her party

Don't know

**PAGE 11****BASE: All Scottish adults**

Now, some questions about the 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'.

How do you feel about...?

**START GRID**

Conservative Party

Labour Party

Liberal Democrats

SNP

Green Party

Scottish Socialist Party

**BY**

0 – Strongly dislike

1

2

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4

5

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

**END GRID****PAGE 12****BASE: All Scottish adults**

Some people say that political parties look after certain groups and are not so concerned about others.

Which one of the following parties do you think MOST closely looks after the interests of...?

**working class people**

Conservatives

Labour

Liberal Democrats

SNP

Don't know

**middle class people**

Conservatives

Labour

Liberal Democrats  
 SNP  
 Don't know

**pensioners**

Conservatives  
 Labour  
 Liberal Democrats  
 SNP  
 Don't know

**people running businesses**

Conservatives  
 Labour  
 Liberal Democrats  
 SNP  
 Don't know

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**BASE: All Scottish adults**

**Which one of the following parties do you think SECOND most closely looks after the interests of...?**

**working class people**

([DISPLAY] not [P12Q2=1]) Conservatives  
 ([DISPLAY] not [P12Q2=2]) Labour  
 ([DISPLAY] not [P12Q2=3]) Liberal Democrats  
 ([DISPLAY] not [P12Q2=4]) SNP  
 Don't know

**middle class people**

([DISPLAY] not [P12Q3=1]) Conservatives  
 ([DISPLAY] not [P12Q3=2]) Labour  
 ([DISPLAY] not [P12Q3=3]) Liberal Democrats  
 ([DISPLAY] not [P12Q3=4]) SNP  
 Don't know

**pensioners**

([DISPLAY] not [P12Q4=1]) Conservatives  
 ([DISPLAY] not [P12Q4=2]) Labour  
 ([DISPLAY] not [P12Q4=3]) Liberal Democrats  
 ([DISPLAY] not [P12Q4=4]) SNP  
 Don't know

**people running businesses**

([DISPLAY] not [P12Q5=1]) Conservatives  
 ([DISPLAY] not [P12Q5=2]) Labour  
 ([DISPLAY] not [P12Q5=3]) Liberal Democrats  
 ([DISPLAY] not [P12Q5=4]) SNP  
 Don't know

**PAGE 14****BASE: All Scottish adults**

Now, here are some questions on other issues...

**What will be 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 will be most important for you, please write 'NONE'; if you don't know, please write 'DK'.]**

TEXTAREA validated

**PAGE 15****BASE: All Scottish adults****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 are 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**

**PAGE 16****BASE: All Scottish adults****Thinking about the issue of LAW and ORDER...**

**Would you say that law and order 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 law and order 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 law and order?**

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 the issue of HEALTH...**

**Would you say that health 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 health 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 health?**

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 the issue of EDUCATION...**

**Would you say that education is mainly the responsibility of the British 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 education 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 education?**

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

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**BASE: All Scottish adults**

**Now a few questions about economic conditions...**

**How do you think the general economic situation in Scotland has changed over the last 12 months?**

Got a lot worse  
Got a little worse  
Stayed the same  
Got a little better  
Got a lot better  
Don't know

**How do you think the general economic situation in Scotland will change over the next 12 months?**

Get a lot worse  
Get a little worse  
Stay the same  
Get a little better  
Get a lot better  
Don't know

**How much do you think the Westminster government's policies influence the overall performance of Scotland's economy?**

A great deal  
Quite a lot  
Not very much  
Not at all  
Don't know

**How much do you think the Scottish Executive's policies influence the overall performance of Scotland's economy?**

A great deal  
Quite a lot  
Not very much  
Not at all  
Don't know

**PAGE 20****BASE: All Scottish adults**

**More generally, 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

**PAGE 21****BASE: All Scottish adults**

**Here are some statements about politics in Scotland. For each one, please could you say how true you think it is?**

**START GRID**

**The SNP has promised to hold a referendum on independence if it wins power**

**Spending on the NHS in Scotland has gone down since 2003**

**After the election, the new Scottish Executive will have to decide whether to renew the Trident nuclear weapon system**

**The Scottish Liberal Democrats are committed to replacing the council tax with a local income tax**

**BY**

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

**END GRID**

**PAGE 22****BASE: All Scottish adults****Now, some questions on a different topic...**

**If the election on May 3<sup>rd</sup> were a general election to the UK House of Commons, would you be more likely to vote, less likely to vote, or wouldn't it make any difference?**

More likely

Less likely

routepage=24

Wouldn't make any difference

routepage=25

**PAGE 23****BASE: All who are more likely to vote**

**Do any of the following reasons explain why you would be more likely to vote in a general election? [Please tick all that apply] [CLEARLAST] MULTICODE**

The Westminster Parliament has more influence over our lives than the Scottish Parliament

There's more difference between the parties at the Westminster level

It's obvious who's going to win in the Scottish elections

I prefer the voting system for Westminster elections

I don't approve of the Scottish Parliament

None of these

Don't know

**PAGE 24****BASE: All who are less likely to vote****IF [P22Q2=1] then routepage=25;**

**Do any of the following reasons explain why you would be less likely to vote in a general election? [Please tick all that apply] [CLEARLAST] MULTICODE**

The Westminster Parliament has less influence over our lives than the Scottish Parliament

There's less difference between the parties at the Westminster level

It's less obvious who will win in the Scottish elections

I prefer the voting system for Scottish elections

I don't approve of the Westminster Parliament

None of these

Don't know

**PAGE 25****BASE: All who said other party****If [P5Q3=10] then routepage=28;****VAR1=[GETOPTION P7Q1];****IF [P7Q1=1] THEN VAR1="the Conservative Party";****IF [P7Q1=2] THEN VAR1="the Labour Party";****IF [P7Q1=3] THEN VAR1="the Liberal Democrat Party";****IF [P7Q1=4] THEN VAR1="SNP";****IF [P7Q1=5] THEN VAR1="an 'Other' party";**

Earlier you mentioned that you are most likely to vote for **[DISPLAY][VAR1]** in the constituency vote for the Scottish Parliament elections...

If the election on May 3<sup>rd</sup> were a general election to the UK House of Commons instead, would you...?

Would vote for the same party

Would vote for a different party [route=27](#)

Wouldn't vote [route=28](#)

Don't know [route=28](#)

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**BASE: All who would vote for the same party**

Do any of the following reasons explain why you would vote for the same party in a general election? [Please tick all that apply] [CLEARLAST] **MULTICODE**

I always vote for that party

At the moment that party has the best policies both for Scotland and the UK

The party I really prefer has no chance of winning in my Holyrood or my Westminster constituency

None of these

Don't know

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**BASE: All who would vote for a different party**

If not [P25Q2=1] then [route=28](#);

Do any of the following reasons explain why you would vote for a different party in a general election? [Please tick all that apply] [CLEARLAST] **MULTICODE**

I really prefer a smaller party but it has no chance of winning in my Westminster constituency

I really prefer a Scottish party but it has no chance of forming a government at Westminster

At the moment no single party has the best policies both for Scotland and the UK

I will use the Holyrood elections to send a message to London

None of these

Don't know

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**BASE: All Scottish adults**

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements

**Britain was wrong to go to war with Iraq**

Agree strongly

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

Don't know

**Young people who cause trouble should be banned by law from going out at night**

Agree strongly

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

Don't know

**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

**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

**PAGE 29****BASE: All Scottish adults****Now, some questions about where parties and voters stand on some political issues...**

**On the scale 0 to 10, where 0 means that 'government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services' and 10 means that 'government should raise taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services', where would you place the following on this scale?**

**START GRID**

Yourself

Conservative Party

Labour Party

Liberal Democrats

SNP

**BY**

0 - government should cut taxes a lot and spend much less on health and social services

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10 - government should raise taxes a lot and spend much more on health and social services

Don't know

**END GRID**

**Some people think that it is most important to be tough on criminals. Others think it is most important to be tough on the causes of crime. On the scale 0 to 10, 0 means 'tough on criminals' and 10 means' tough on the causes of crime, where would you place the following parties on this grid?**

**START GRID**

Your own view

Conservative Party

Labour Party

Liberal Democrats

SNP

**BY**

0 – tough on criminals

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3

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10 – tough on the causes of crime

Don't know

**END GRID**

**Finally about the future of Scotland and the union...**

**On the scale 0 to 10, 0 means 'abolishing the Scottish Parliament and returning to pre-devolution arrangements', and 10 means 'independence for Scotland', where would you place the following parties on this scale?**

**START GRID**

Your own view

Conservative Party

Labour Party

Liberal Democrats

SNP

**BY**

0 – abolishing the Scottish Parliament and returning to pre-devolution arrangements

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10 – independence for Scotland

Don't know

**END GRID****PAGE 30****BASE: All Scottish adults****Here are various options for governing Scotland...****Which one of the following is/ are your preference/s? [Please tick up to three options][CLEARLAST] RESTRICTED MULTICODE**

The Scottish Parliament should be abolished and all Scottish laws passed by Westminster again

There should be no change to the present arrangements: Scotland should have a devolved

Parliament with limited powers

The Scottish Parliament's powers should be increased and it should raise more of its own taxes

Scotland should be independent within the European Union

Scotland should be independent outside the European Union

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

**And how much do you agree or disagree with this statement...****Now that Scotland has its own parliament, it should pay for its services out of taxes collected in Scotland**

Agree strongly

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Disagree strongly

Don't know

**Now, some questions about where you vote...****Do you know the name of your Scottish election constituency? [Please write in the box below. If you don't know, please write DK.]****TEXT AREA validated**

And do you know the name of your local authority area? [Please write in the box below. If you don't know, please write DK.]

**TEXT AREA validated**

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means 'very unlikely' and 10 means 'very likely', how likely is it that the ... will win the election in your constituency?

**START GRID**

Conservatives

Labour Party

Liberal Democrats

SNP

**BY**

0 – very unlikely

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10 – very likely

Don't know

**END GRID**

And, on the same scale from 0 to 10, how likely is it that the ... will win most seats overall in the Scottish Parliament elections?

**START GRID**

Conservatives

Labour Party

Liberal Democrats

SNP

**BY**

0 – very unlikely

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2

3

4

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10 – very likely

Don't know

**END GRID**

**Now, some questions about possible governments for Scotland...**

**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 a coalition government in Edinburgh formed by two political parties together

To have a coalition government in Edinburgh formed by three or more political parties

Don't know

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**BASE: All Scottish adults**

**Here is a list of possible coalitions that might be formed after the elections...**

**Which of the following coalitions are your most preferred coalitions? [Please tick three coalitions] [CLEARLAST] RESTRICTED MULTICODE**

Labour/ Liberal Democrat

SNP/ Liberal Democrat

Labour/ Conservative

SNP/ Conservative

Labour/ SNP

Labour/ Liberal Democrat/ Green

SNP/ Liberal Democrat/ Green

Labour/ Liberal Democrat/ Scottish Socialists

SNP/ Liberal Democrat/ Scottish Socialists

Don't know

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**BASE: All Scottish adults**

**And now think about which coalitions are actually MOST LIKELY to be formed...**

**Below is a list of coalitions that may be entered into. Please say which of these coalitions you think would be the MOST LIKELY to be formed? [Please tick three coalitions]**

**[CLEARLAST] RESTRICTED MULTICODE**

Labour/ Liberal Democrat

SNP/ Liberal Democrat

Labour/ Conservative

SNP/ Conservative

Labour/ SNP

Labour/ Liberal Democrat/ Green

SNP/ Liberal Democrat/ Green

Labour/ Liberal Democrat/ Scottish Socialists

SNP/ Liberal Democrat/ Scottish Socialists

Don't know

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**BASE: All Scottish adults**

**Now, some questions about what the PARTIES think about coalitions...**

**First thinking about the Conservative's preferred...**

**Below is a list of coalitions the Conservative Party may look to enter into. Please say which of these coalitions you think would be the CONSERVATIVE'S preferred coalitions? [Please tick up to three coalitions] [CLEARLAST] RESTRICTED MULTICODE**

Conservative/ Labour  
 Conservative/ SNP  
 Conservative/ Labour/ Green  
 Conservative/ SNP/ Green  
 Don't know

**Now thinking about the Labour Party's preferred coalitions...**

**Below is a list of coalitions the Labour Party may look to enter into. Please say which of these coalitions you think would be the LABOUR PARTY'S preferred coalitions? [Please tick up to three coalitions] [CLEARLAST] RESTRICTED MULTICODE**

Labour/ Liberal Democrat  
 Labour/ SNP  
 Labour/ Conservative  
 Labour/ Liberal Democrat/ Green  
 Labour/ Liberal Democrat/ Scottish Socialists  
 Labour/ Liberal Democrat/ Solidarity  
 Don't know

**Now thinking about the Liberal Democrats' preferred coalitions...**

**Below is a list of coalitions the Liberal Democrats may look to enter into. Please say which of these coalitions you think would be the LIBERAL DEMOCRATS' preferred coalitions? [Please tick up to three coalitions] [CLEARLAST] RESTRICTED MULTICODE**

Liberal Democrat/ Labour  
 Liberal Democrat/ SNP  
 Liberal Democrat/ Labour/ Green  
 Liberal Democrat/ SNP/ Green  
 Liberal Democrat/ Labour/ Scottish Socialists  
 Don't know

**And finally, thinking about the SNP's preferred coalitions...**

**Below is a list of coalitions the SNP may look to enter into. Please say which of these coalitions you think would be the SNP'S preferred coalitions? [Please tick up to three coalitions] [CLEARLAST] RESTRICTED MULTICODE**

SNP/ Liberal Democrat  
 SNP/ Labour  
 SNP/ Conservative  
 SNP/ Liberal Democrat/ Green  
 Don't know

**PAGE 34****BASE: All Scottish adults**

Now we'd like to know how you feel about some politicians...

On a scale 0 TO 10, where 0 means 'strongly dislike' and 10 means 'strongly like', please tell us how you feel about the following politicians...

**START GRID**

Tony Blair

David Cameron

Gordon Brown

Jack McConnell

Alex Salmond

Nicol Stephen

Annabel Goldie

Tommy Sheridan

**BY**

0 – Strongly dislike

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10 – Strongly like

Don't know

**END GRID****PAGE 35****BASE: All Scottish adults**

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

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

More likely to vote because of the different system

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

**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?**

**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**

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

**Have you heard about this change of system?**

I know about the change of system  
 I've heard something about it but don't know any details  
 I've heard nothing about it  
 Don't know

**How well would you say that you understand the voting system to be 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

**PAGE 36****BASE: All Scottish adults**

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?

**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****PAGE 37****BASE: All Scottish adults**

Finally, a few questions about yourself and your background...

How often do you read a daily morning newspaper?

Every day

Sometimes

Not at all

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**PAGE 38****BASE: All who read a daily morning newspaper every day or sometimes**

Which daily morning newspaper do you read most often?

Scottish Daily Express

Scottish Daily Mail

Scottish Daily Mirror

Daily Star

Scottish Sun

Daily Record

Daily Telegraph

Financial Times

Guardian

Independent

Times

Scotsman

(Glasgow) Herald

(Aberdeen) Press and Journal

Courier/ Dundee Courier

Other

None of these

Don't know

**PAGE 39****BASE: All Scottish adults****What is your marital status?**

- Married
- In civil partnership
- Living with a partner (but not married)
- Separated (after being married)
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Single (never married)

**PAGE 40****BASE: All Scottish adults****Which one of the following words BEST describes the way you think of yourself?**

- British
- Scottish
- English
- European
- Irish
- Northern Irish
- Ulster
- Welsh
- Other
- Don't know

If you said you think of yourself as having an 'other' national identity, please write in the box below, otherwise leave it blank.

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**PAGE 41****BASE: All Scottish adults****Which of following groups do you consider you belong to?**

- Black: of African origin
- Black: of Caribbean origin
- Black: of other origin
- Asian: of Indian origin
- Asian: of Pakistani origin
- Asian: of Bangladeshi origin
- Asian: of Chinese origin
- Asian: of other origin
- White: of any European origin
- White: of other origin
- Mixed origin
- Other
- Don't know

If you said you consider yourself to belong to 'other' ethnic background, then please say what it is in the box below, otherwise leave it blank. **TEXT unvalidated**

**Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion?**

Yes

No [route page=44](#)

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**BASE: All who say 'yes'**

**Which religion or denomination do you belong to?**

Church of England/ Anglican/ Episcopal

Roman Catholic

Presbyterian/ Church of Scotland

Methodist

Baptist

United Reformed Church

Free Presbyterian

Brethren

Jewish

Hindu

Islam/ Muslim

Sikh

Buddhist

Other

No religion

Don't know

**If you said you belong to 'other' religion, then please say what it is in the box below, otherwise leave it blank.**

**TEXT unvalidated**

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**BASE: All who regard belonging to any particular religion**

**If ([P42Q1=14] or [P42Q1=15] or [P42Q1=16]) then route page=44;**

**Apart from such special occasions as weddings, funerals and baptisms and so on, nowadays, how often do you attend services or meetings connected with your religion?**

Once a week or more

At least once in two weeks

At least once a month

At least twice a year

At least once a year

Less often

Never or practically never

Varies too much to say

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**BASE: All Scottish adults**

**Which of the following best describes the sort of work you do? (If you aren't working now, please tell me what you did in your last job.)**

Professional or higher technical work (work that requires at least degree-level qualifications, e.g. doctor)

Accountant, school teacher, university lecturer, social worker, systems analyst

Manager or senior administrator (e.g. company director, finance manager, personnel manager, senior sales manager, senior local government officer)

Clerical (e.g. clerk, secretary)

Sales or services (e.g. commercial traveller, shop assistant, nursery nurse, care assistant, paramedic)

Small business owner (e.g. shop owner, small builder, restaurant owner)

Foreman or supervisor of other workers (e.g. building site foreman, supervisor of cleaning workers)

Skilled Manual Work (e.g. plumber, electrician, fitter, train driver, cook, hairdresser)

Semi-skilled or unskilled manual work (e.g. machine operator, assembler, postman, waitress, cleaner, labourer, driver, bar-worker, call-centre worker)

Other

Never worked

**If you said you do/ did 'other' sort of work, then please say what it is in the box below, otherwise leave it blank.**

**TEXT unvalidated**

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**BASE: ALL who are married, in civil partnership or living with a partner**

**If not ([P39Q1=1] or [P39Q1=2] or [P39Q1=3]) then routepage=46;**

**And, which of the following best describes the sort of work your husband, wife or partner (as applicable) does/ did?**

Professional or higher technical work (work that requires at least degree-level qualifications, e.g. doctor)

Accountant, school teacher, university lecturer, social worker, systems analyst

Manager or senior administrator (e.g. company director, finance manager, personnel manager, senior sales manager, senior local government officer)

Clerical (e.g. clerk, secretary)

Sales or services (e.g. commercial traveller, shop assistant, nursery nurse, care assistant, paramedic)

Small business owner (e.g. shop owner, small builder, restaurant owner)

Foreman or supervisor of other workers (e.g. building site foreman, supervisor of cleaning workers)

Skilled manual work (e.g. plumber, electrician, fitter, train driver, cook, hairdresser)

Semi-skilled or unskilled manual work (e.g. machine operator, assembler, postman, waitress, cleaner)

Labourer, driver, bar-worker, call-centre worker)

Other

Never worked

**If you said your spouse or partner does/ did 'other' sort of work, then please say what it is in the box below, otherwise leave it blank.**

**TEXT unvalidated**

**PAGE 46****BASE: All Scottish adults****Which type of the following organisations do/ did you work for?**

Private sector firm or company (e.g. limited company, PLC, small business)

Nationalised industry or public corporation (e.g. post office, BBC)

Other public sector employer (e.g. central government, Civil Service, LEA, NHS, Police, armed forces)

Charity/voluntary sector (e.g. charitable companies, churches, trade unions)

Other

Never worked

**PAGE 47****BASE: All who work****If not ([P45Q1=1] or [P45Q1=2] or [P45Q1=3]) then routepage=48;****Which type of the following organisations does/ did your spouse or partner (as applicable) work for?**

Private sector firm or company (e.g. limited company, PLC, small business)

Nationalised industry or public corporation (e.g. post office, BBC)

Other public sector employer (e.g. central government, Civil Service, LEA, NHS, Police, armed forces)

Charity/voluntary sector (e.g. charitable companies, churches, trade unions)

Other

Never worked

**PAGE 48****BASE: All Scottish adults****Which of the following is the main source of income for you (if in a relationship your spouse/ partner) at present?**

Earnings from employment (own or spouse/ partner's)

Occupational pension(s) – from previous employer(s)

State retirement or widow's/ widower's pension(s)

Jobseeker's Allowance/ Unemployment benefit

Income Support or family credit

Invalidity, sickness or disabled pension or benefit(s)

Other state benefit

Interest from savings or investments

Student grant or loan

Dependent on parents/ other relatives

Other main source

Don't know

**If you said you/ your spouse/ partner had 'other' main source of income, then please say what it is in the box below, otherwise leave it blank.****TEXT unvalidated****And, which of the following represents the total income of your household from all sources before tax – including benefits, saving and so on?**

Less than £5,000  
 £5,000 to £10,000  
 £10,001 to £15,000  
 £15,001 to £20,000  
 £20,001 to- £25,000  
 £25,001 to £30,000  
 £30,001 to £35,000  
 £35,001 to £40,000  
 £40,001 to £45,000  
 £45,001 to £50,000  
 £50,001 to £60,000  
 £60,001 to £70,000  
 £70,001 and more  
 Don't know

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##### **BASE: All Scottish adults**

#### **At what age did you finish full-time education?**

15 or younger  
 16  
 17  
 18  
 19 or older  
 Still at school in full-time education  
 Still at university in full-time education

#### **Do you have any educational or work-related qualifications?**

Yes  
 No [routepage=0](#)

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##### **BASE: All who said have educational or work-related qualifications**

#### **What is the highest qualification you have?**

Postgraduate degree  
 University or CNAA first degree, e.g. BA, BSc  
 University or CNAA diploma  
 Teaching qualification (not degree)  
 Nursing qualification (e.g. SEN, SRC, SCM, RGC)  
 Higher National Certificate (HNC) or Higher National Diploma (HND), City & Guilds level 4 (Full Technological), NVQ4/ SVQ4 or NVQ5/ SVQ5  
 Scottish Higher/Higher Still Grades, Scottish SLC/ SUPE at Higher Grade, Scottish Higher School Certificate  
 GCE A level, S level, A2 level, AS level, International Baccalaureate  
 Ordinary National Certificate (ONC) or Diploma (OND), City & Guilds level 3 (Advanced/ Final), NVQ/ SVQ level 3  
 Scottish Ordinary Bands A-C or pass, Scottish Standard Grades 1-3 or Pass/ Lower Certificate  
 GCSE A\*-C, CSE grade 1, GCE O level grade A –C, School Certificate

GCSE grades D-G, CSE grades 2-5, GCE O level grade D –E, Short Course GCSE, Vocational GCSE

City & Guilds level 2 (Craft/ Intermediate/ Ordinary) or Scotvec Higher National Units or NVQ2/ SVQ2

City & Guilds level 1, Scotvec National Certificate Modules, NVQ1/ SVQ1

Clerical and commercial qualification (e.g. typing, shorthand, book-keeping)

Recognised trade apprenticeship completed

Youth training certificate, skill seekers

Other technical, professional or higher qualification

**If you said 'other' technical, professional or higher qualification, then please say what it is in the box below, otherwise leave it blank.**

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