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Universe: Adults resident in Scotland

Methodology: Online panel

Sample size: 1012

Fieldwork dates: 29 January - 06 February 2014

Weighting: All the results were weighted by age, sex, household tenure and SEG, and filtered on 8-10 likely to vote in the referendum / an election tomorrow. Respondents who voted in the 2011 Holyrood election were weighted back to the actual election result.

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Base: 1012		Total	Gender x Age						Social Grading		Should Scotland be an independent country?			
			Male x 16-34	Male x 35-54	Male x 55+	Female x 16-34	Female x 35-54	Female x 55+	ABC1	C2DE	Yes	No	Undecided	Would not vote
Total		1012	131	165	189	170	180	176	461	551	346	469	175	22
		(1012)	(97)	(183)	(173)	(173)	(218)	(168)	(716)	(296)	(348)	(469)	(182)	(13)
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
As you may know, the Scottish government intends to hold a referendum this year on Scotland becoming a country independent from the rest of the United Kingdom. The question on the ballot is expected to be as below. How would you vote in this referendum? **Should Scotland be an independent country?**	**Base:**	**885**	**84**	**148**	**179**	**139**	**168**	**168**	**428**	**457**	**327**	**430**	**128**	**0**
		(901)	**(75)**	**(165)**	**(167)**	**(137)**	**(198)**	**(159)**	**(649)**	**(252)**	**(329)**	**(438)**	**(134)**	**(0)**
	Yes	327	43	72	79	34	53	46	142	185	327	0	0	0
		37%	51%	49%	44%	24%	32%	27%	33%	41%	100%	0	0	0
	No	430	29	55	92	81	75	98	223	207	0	430	0	0
		49%	34%	37%	51%	58%	45%	59%	52%	45%	0	100%	0	0
	Undecided	128	12	21	8	24	39	24	64	64	0	0	128	0
		14%	14%	14%	5%	17%	23%	14%	15%	14%	0	0	100%	0
If you did vote, who would you vote for with your constituency vote?	**Base:**	**810**	**84**	**133**	**174**	**108**	**152**	**159**	**401**	**410**	**324**	**376**	**110**	**0**
		(835)	**(73)**	**(150)**	**(163)**	**(113)**	**(186)**	**(150)**	**(605)**	**(230)**	**(324)**	**(395)**	**(116)**	**(0)**
	SNP	312	33	62	83	33	45	57	140	172	249	32	31	0
		39%	39%	47%	48%	30%	30%	36%	35%	42%	77%	9%	28%	0
	Labour	231	23	46	30	38	44	50	121	109	39	153	39	0
		28%	27%	35%	17%	35%	29%	32%	30%	27%	12%	41%	35%	0
	Conservative	99	13	8	29	4	20	24	52	46	1	94	4	0
		12%	16%	6%	17%	4%	13%	15%	13%	11%	<1%	25%	4%	0
	Liberal Democrats	40	6	2	14	6	7	6	18	22	6	28	6	0
		5%	7%	2%	8%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	7%	6%	0
	UKIP	24	1	4	10	4	1	4	16	8	4	20	0	0
		3%	1%	3%	6%	3%	<1%	3%	4%	2%	1%	5%	0	0
	Greens	16	1	3	1	4	6	2	10	6	7	9	1	0
		2%	1%	2%	<1%	4%	4%	<1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0
	Other	5	2	1	1	0	2	0	4	2	2	3	1	0
		<1%	2%	<1%	<1%	0	1%	0	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	0
	Will not vote	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
		<1%	0	0	0	<1%	<1%	0	<1%	<1%	0	<1%	<1%	0
	Undecided / don't know	82	6	6	7	19	28	16	38	44	16	39	27	0
		10%	7%	5%	4%	18%	18%	10%	9%	11%	5%	10%	24%	0

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Total		1012	131	165	189	170	180	176	461	551	346	469	175	22
		(1012)	(97)	(183)	(173)	(173)	(218)	(168)	(716)	(296)	(348)	(469)	(182)	(13)
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
And who would you vote for with your regional vote?	**Base:**	**810**	**84**	**133**	**174**	**108**	**152**	**159**	**401**	**410**	**324**	**376**	**110**	**0**
		(835)	**(73)**	**(150)**	**(163)**	**(113)**	**(186)**	**(150)**	**(605)**	**(230)**	**(324)**	**(395)**	**(116)**	**(0)**
	SNP	321	44	53	85	36	51	53	142	179	251	32	37	0
		40%	**52%**	**40%**	**49%**	**33%**	**33%**	**33%**	**35%**	**44%**	**77%**	**9%**	**34%**	**0**
	Labour	199	12	39	29	37	34	48	97	102	31	142	26	0
		25%	**14%**	**29%**	**17%**	**34%**	**22%**	**30%**	**24%**	**25%**	**10%**	**38%**	**24%**	**0**
	Conservative	96	15	9	29	3	16	25	53	43	1	91	3	0
		12%	**17%**	**7%**	**16%**	**3%**	**11%**	**15%**	**13%**	**10%**	**<1%**	**24%**	**3%**	**0**
	Greens	47	6	13	2	4	16	7	34	13	16	18	13	0
		6%	**7%**	**10%**	**<1%**	**4%**	**11%**	**4%**	**9%**	**3%**	**5%**	**5%**	**12%**	**0**
	Liberal Democrats	33	2	3	11	4	7	5	17	16	6	25	2	0
		4%	**3%**	**2%**	**6%**	**4%**	**5%**	**3%**	**4%**	**4%**	**2%**	**7%**	**2%**	**0**
	UKIP	26	1	6	7	4	1	7	14	12	2	24	0	0
		3%	**1%**	**5%**	**4%**	**3%**	**<1%**	**5%**	**4%**	**3%**	**<1%**	**6%**	**0**	**0**
	Other	6	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	4	3	3	0	0
		<1%	**2%**	**1%**	**<1%**	**<1%**	**1%**	**0**	**<1%**	**1%**	**<1%**	**<1%**	**0**	**0**
	Will not vote	8	0	1	6	1	0	0	3	5	0	6	2	0
		<1%	**0**	**<1%**	**3%**	**<1%**	**0**	**0**	**<1%**	**1%**	**0**	**2%**	**2%**	**0**
	Undecided / don't know	75	3	9	5	19	24	15	38	37	14	35	25	0
		9%	**4%**	**6%**	**3%**	**17%**	**16%**	**9%**	**10%**	**9%**	**4%**	**9%**	**23%**	**0**
Thinking of the Scottish economy in the year ahead, do you expect things to get better or worse?	**Base:**	**1012**	**131**	**165**	**189**	**170**	**180**	**176**	**461**	**551**	**346**	**469**	**175**	**22**
		(1012)	**(97)**	**(183)**	**(173)**	**(173)**	**(218)**	**(168)**	**(716)**	**(296)**	**(348)**	**(469)**	**(182)**	**(13)**
	5 - Much better	44	9	15	3	6	8	3	15	29	39	3	1	0
		4%	**7%**	**9%**	**2%**	**4%**	**4%**	**1%**	**3%**	**5%**	**11%**	**<1%**	**<1%**	**0**
	4 - Slightly better	345	73	44	77	55	43	53	158	187	148	132	60	5
		34%	**56%**	**27%**	**41%**	**32%**	**24%**	**30%**	**34%**	**34%**	**43%**	**28%**	**34%**	**25%**
	3 - No better or worse	319	28	58	51	47	63	71	159	160	100	163	52	4
		31%	**21%**	**35%**	**27%**	**28%**	**35%**	**40%**	**34%**	**29%**	**29%**	**35%**	**30%**	**18%**
	2 - Slightly worse	171	5	25	46	16	41	38	84	87	33	114	22	2
		17%	**4%**	**15%**	**24%**	**9%**	**23%**	**22%**	**18%**	**16%**	**9%**	**24%**	**12%**	**9%**
	1 - Much worse	44	2	12	6	11	9	3	14	30	15	18	11	0
		4%	**2%**	**7%**	**3%**	**6%**	**5%**	**2%**	**3%**	**5%**	**4%**	**4%**	**6%**	**0**
	Don't know	90	15	11	5	35	16	8	32	58	12	37	30	10
		9%	**11%**	**6%**	**3%**	**21%**	**9%**	**5%**	**7%**	**11%**	**3%**	**8%**	**17%**	**48%**
	Mean score	3.2	3.7	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.3

Base: 1012		Total	Gender x Age						Social Grading		Should Scotland be an independent country?			
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Total		1012	131	165	189	170	180	176	461	551	346	469	175	22
		(1012)	(97)	(183)	(173)	(173)	(218)	(168)	(716)	(296)	(348)	(469)	(182)	(13)
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
In 2014 do you anticipate spending on any of the following	Base:	1012	131	165	189	170	180	176	461	551	346	469	175	22
		(1012)	(97)	(183)	(173)	(173)	(218)	(168)	(716)	(296)	(348)	(469)	(182)	(13)
	I expect to take at least one holiday abroad	407	40	49	75	77	72	94	230	177	125	202	71	10
		40%	31%	29%	39%	45%	40%	54%	50%	32%	36%	43%	40%	44%
	I expect to buy a new TV or stereo-system	122	16	17	16	38	28	8	59	63	47	61	15	0
		12%	12%	10%	8%	22%	15%	4%	13%	11%	14%	13%	9%	0
	I expect to extend or renovate the family home	112	23	20	12	15	22	20	56	56	36	55	21	0
		11%	17%	12%	6%	9%	12%	11%	12%	10%	10%	12%	12%	0
	I expect to buy a new car	97	12	21	14	16	18	16	58	38	37	46	13	0
		10%	9%	12%	7%	10%	10%	9%	13%	7%	11%	10%	7%	0
	I am planning for a new baby	22	6	3	2	8	2	0	13	10	6	10	6	0
		2%	5%	2%	1%	5%	1%	0	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	0
	I expect to buy a more expensive house	22	6	7	2	3	3	0	19	3	11	7	4	0
		2%	5%	4%	1%	2%	2%	<1%	4%	<1%	3%	2%	2%	0
	None of these	428	50	82	90	60	79	65	152	276	154	176	85	12
		42%	38%	50%	48%	36%	44%	37%	33%	50%	45%	38%	48%	56%
If Scotland becomes independent do you expect that you would require to pay more or less in personal taxation to fund public services?	Base:	1012	131	165	189	170	180	176	461	551	346	469	175	22
		(1012)	(97)	(183)	(173)	(173)	(218)	(168)	(716)	(296)	(348)	(469)	(182)	(13)
	5 - Much more	200	20	27	50	34	34	36	115	85	11	179	10	0
		20%	15%	16%	26%	20%	19%	20%	25%	15%	3%	38%	5%	2%
	4 - Slightly more	312	23	62	62	59	64	42	164	148	86	174	46	6
		31%	18%	38%	33%	34%	35%	24%	36%	27%	25%	37%	26%	27%
	3 - No change	265	48	53	55	35	39	37	124	142	184	50	29	4
		26%	37%	32%	29%	20%	21%	21%	27%	26%	53%	11%	16%	17%
	2 - Slightly less	63	10	12	17	8	7	10	13	50	34	5	24	0
		6%	8%	7%	9%	5%	4%	5%	3%	9%	10%	1%	14%	0
	1 - Much less	4	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	0
		<1%	2%	0	0	<1%	<1%	0	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	0
	Don't know	168	27	12	6	35	37	52	45	123	28	60	68	12
		17%	20%	7%	3%	20%	20%	29%	10%	22%	8%	13%	39%	53%
	Mean score	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.2	4.3	3.4	3.7
Which of these statements comes closest to your own view (irrespective of your view on independence)?	Base:	1012	131	165	189	170	180	176	461	551	346	469	175	22
		(1012)	(97)	(183)	(173)	(173)	(218)	(168)	(716)	(296)	(348)	(469)	(182)	(13)
	Levels of tax and funding of public services should remain	534	53	86	119	74	104	98	255	279	178	281	69	6
		53%	40%	52%	63%	43%	58%	56%	55%	51%	51%	60%	40%	29%
	Everyone should pay more tax in order to increase funding of	171	38	34	33	19	27	18	93	77	90	62	18	0
		17%	29%	21%	17%	11%	15%	10%	20%	14%	26%	13%	11%	0
	Taxes should be reduced and funding of public services cut	93	11	19	20	21	11	12	43	50	30	52	11	0
		9%	9%	11%	10%	12%	6%	7%	9%	9%	9%	11%	6%	<1%
	Not sure/ none of the above	214	29	26	18	56	38	48	69	145	48	75	76	15
		21%	22%	16%	9%	33%	21%	27%	15%	26%	14%	16%	44%	70%

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		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Thinking about how fair the current system is, do you think people on your level of income pay too much tax, or about the right amount, or should pay more?	**Base:**	**1012**	**131**	**165**	**189**	**170**	**180**	**176**	**461**	**551**	**346**	**469**	**175**	**22**
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	5 - We pay much too much	125	19	22	23	26	17	17	50	75	64	43	17	0
		12%	**15%**	**13%**	**12%**	**16%**	**9%**	**10%**	**11%**	**14%**	**19%**	**9%**	**10%**	**<1%**
	4 - We pay a bit too much	316	39	48	56	48	56	68	137	179	85	159	66	6
		31%	**30%**	**29%**	**29%**	**28%**	**31%**	**39%**	**30%**	**33%**	**25%**	**34%**	**38%**	**26%**
	3 - About the right amount	391	29	66	89	61	77	69	212	180	147	183	60	1
		39%	**22%**	**40%**	**47%**	**36%**	**43%**	**39%**	**46%**	**33%**	**43%**	**39%**	**34%**	**4%**
	2 - We should pay a bit more	46	9	11	10	1	10	5	28	19	24	17	5	0
		5%	**7%**	**7%**	**5%**	**<1%**	**5%**	**3%**	**6%**	**3%**	**7%**	**4%**	**3%**	**0**
	1 - We should pay a lot more	10	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	9	1	10	0	0
		1%	**7%**	**<1%**	**<1%**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**<1%**	**2%**	**<1%**	**2%**	**0**	**0**
	Don't know	123	25	17	11	34	20	17	33	90	24	57	27	15
		12%	**19%**	**10%**	**6%**	**20%**	**11%**	**10%**	**7%**	**16%**	**7%**	**12%**	**15%**	**70%**
	Mean score	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.9

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		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
If there was a Yes vote in September, which currency option do you think would be best for Scotland?	**Base:**	**1012**	**131**	**165**	**189**	**170**	**180**	**176**	**461**	**551**	**346**	**469**	**175**	**22**
		(1012)	**(97)**	**(183)**	**(173)**	**(173)**	**(218)**	**(168)**	**(716)**	**(296)**	**(348)**	**(469)**	**(182)**	**(13)**
	Keep sterling in a formal currency union with the rest of	465	72	63	72	105	83	69	208	256	128	272	63	1
		46%	**55%**	**38%**	**38%**	**62%**	**46%**	**39%**	**45%**	**47%**	**37%**	**58%**	**36%**	**5%**
	Continue using sterling but with no formal currency union	118	16	23	20	17	26	16	49	70	61	19	24	13
		12%	**13%**	**14%**	**10%**	**10%**	**15%**	**9%**	**11%**	**13%**	**18%**	**4%**	**14%**	**61%**
	Set up a new Scottish currency	110	19	35	28	7	10	12	49	61	79	22	9	0
		11%	**15%**	**21%**	**15%**	**4%**	**6%**	**7%**	**11%**	**11%**	**23%**	**5%**	**5%**	**0**
	Join the Euro as soon as feasible	42	4	16	12	3	6	2	24	19	17	16	10	0
		4%	**3%**	**10%**	**6%**	**2%**	**3%**	**<1%**	**5%**	**3%**	**5%**	**3%**	**6%**	**0**
	I don't think I have enough information to make a	239	14	26	55	26	48	70	115	124	58	130	48	3
		24%	**11%**	**16%**	**29%**	**15%**	**26%**	**40%**	**25%**	**23%**	**17%**	**28%**	**27%**	**14%**
	Don't know	37	5	3	3	13	7	7	16	21	3	10	21	4
		4%	**4%**	**2%**	**2%**	**7%**	**4%**	**4%**	**3%**	**4%**	**<1%**	**2%**	**12%**	**20%**
And regardless of your preference, which do you think is the most likely outcome if there is a Yes vote?	**Base:**	**1012**	**131**	**165**	**189**	**170**	**180**	**176**	**461**	**551**	**346**	**469**	**175**	**22**
		(1012)	**(97)**	**(183)**	**(173)**	**(173)**	**(218)**	**(168)**	**(716)**	**(296)**	**(348)**	**(469)**	**(182)**	**(13)**
	Keep sterling in a formal currency union with the rest of	418	62	85	68	78	63	63	194	224	183	172	61	2
		41%	**47%**	**51%**	**36%**	**46%**	**35%**	**36%**	**42%**	**41%**	**53%**	**37%**	**35%**	**10%**
	Continue using sterling but with no formal currency union	155	29	26	31	20	29	19	82	72	55	70	24	6
		15%	**22%**	**16%**	**16%**	**12%**	**16%**	**11%**	**18%**	**13%**	**16%**	**15%**	**14%**	**26%**
	Set up a new Scottish currency	79	11	14	29	3	15	5	24	55	36	38	4	0
		8%	**9%**	**9%**	**15%**	**2%**	**9%**	**3%**	**5%**	**10%**	**10%**	**8%**	**2%**	**0**
	Join the Euro as soon as feasible	70	6	10	18	22	9	6	35	36	15	44	12	0
		7%	**4%**	**6%**	**9%**	**13%**	**5%**	**4%**	**8%**	**6%**	**4%**	**9%**	**7%**	**0**
	I don't think I have enough information to make a	192	8	22	26	29	41	66	86	106	45	101	43	3
		19%	**6%**	**13%**	**14%**	**17%**	**23%**	**38%**	**19%**	**19%**	**13%**	**21%**	**24%**	**14%**
	Don't know	99	15	8	18	18	22	17	41	58	12	44	32	11
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