

# SCOTTISH POLITICAL MONITOR

May 2022

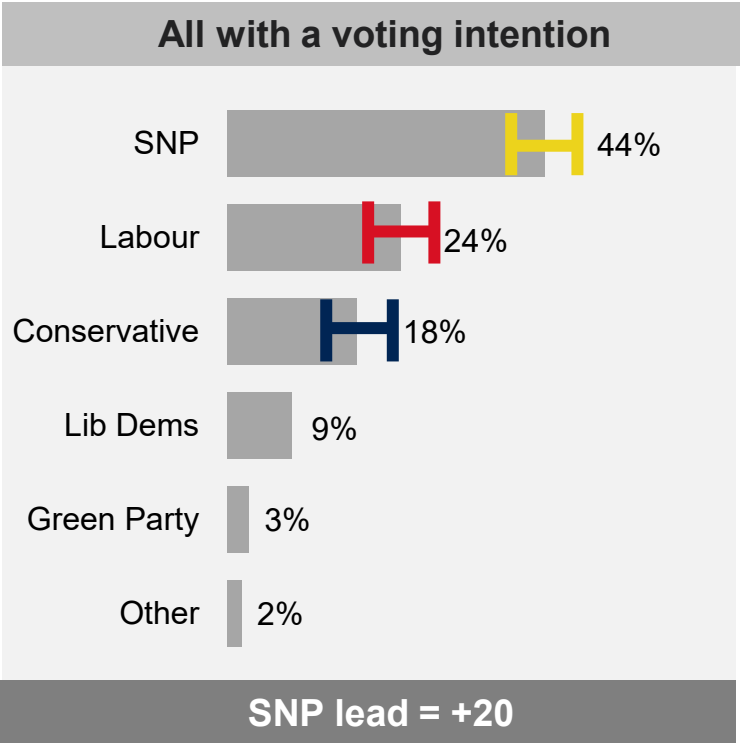
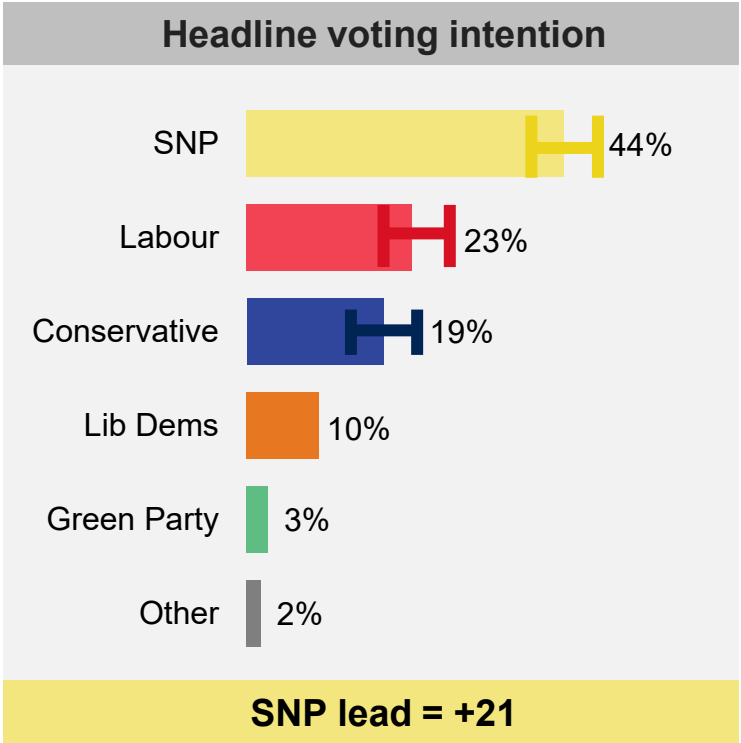




# VOTING INTENTION

# Westminster Voting Intention: May 2022

How would you vote if there were a General Election tomorrow?



**Base:** 1,000 Scottish adults 18+, 23 – 29 May 2022; Headline voting intention: all expressing a voting intention and at least 9/10 likely to vote and usually/always vote/it depends (689); All with a voting intention: all expressing a voting intention (855). Margin of error is displayed at +/- 4%. All polls are subject to a wide range of potential sources of error. On the basis of the historical record of the polls at recent general elections, there is a 9 in 10 chance that the true value of a party's support lies within 4 points of the estimates provided by this poll, and a 2 in 3 chance that they lie within 2 points. This is especially important to keep in mind when calculating party lead figures.

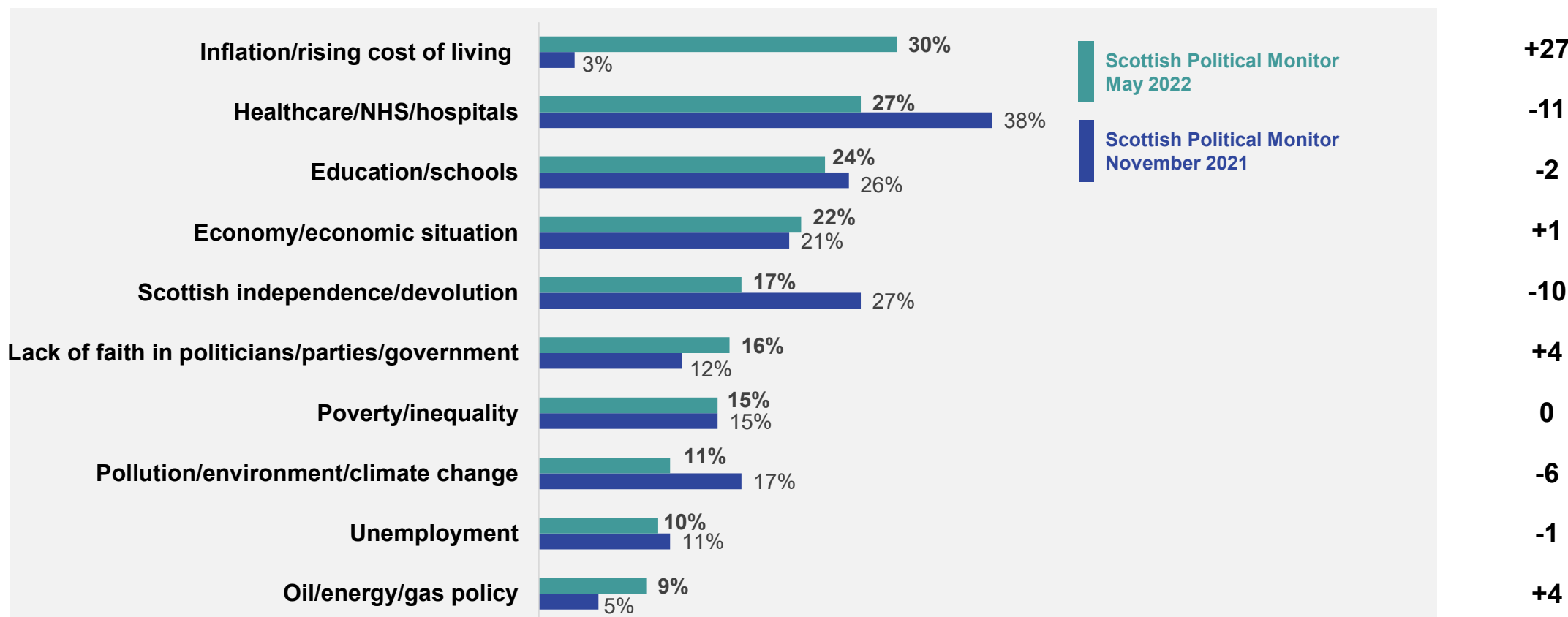
**Source:** Ipsos | Scottish Political Monitor

# Issues facing Scotland today

What do you see as the most important issue/issues facing Scotland today?

Only the top 10 issues are shown here. For the full list of issues, see the data tables on the Ipsos website.

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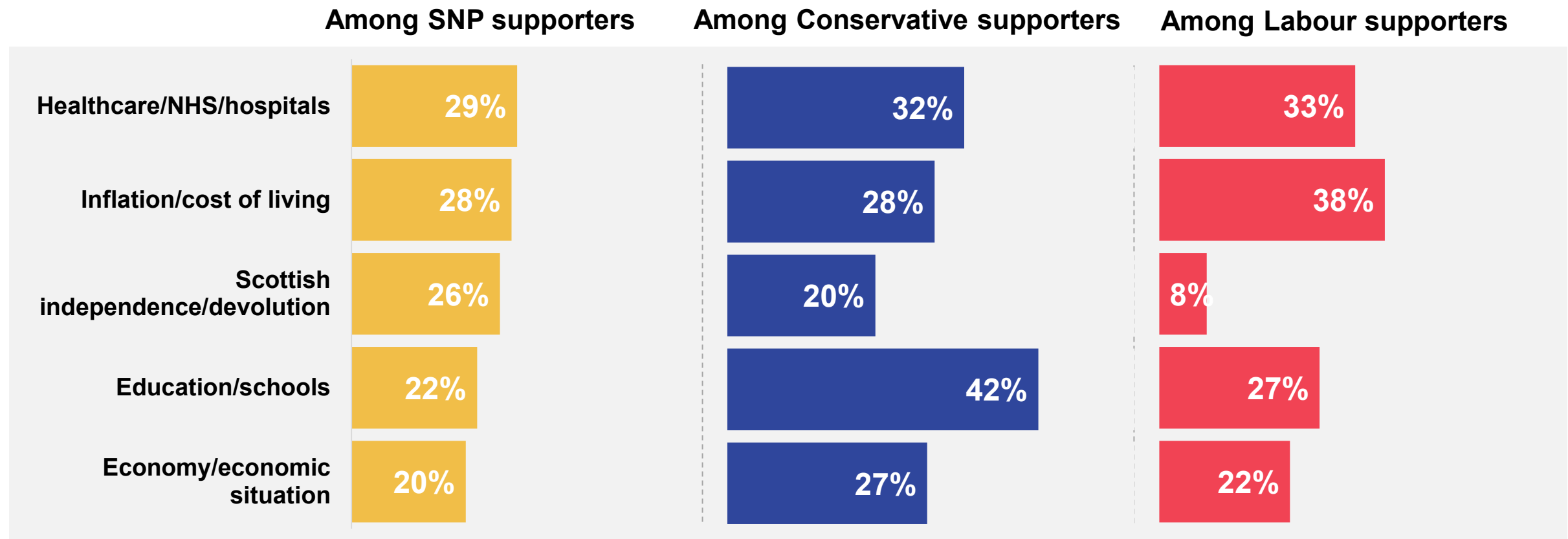
Base: 1,000 Scottish adults 16+, 23 – 29 May 2022 (Scottish Political Monitor) | Base: 1,107 Scottish adults 16+, 22 – 29 November 2021 (Scottish Political Monitor)



# Issues facing Scotland today

## *Top five issues by party vote*

What do you see as the most important issue/issues facing Scotland today?



Base: All SNP supporters (351), Conservative supporters (158) and Labour supporters (160), based on constituency votes at the 2021 Scottish Parliament elections; 23 – 29 May 2022

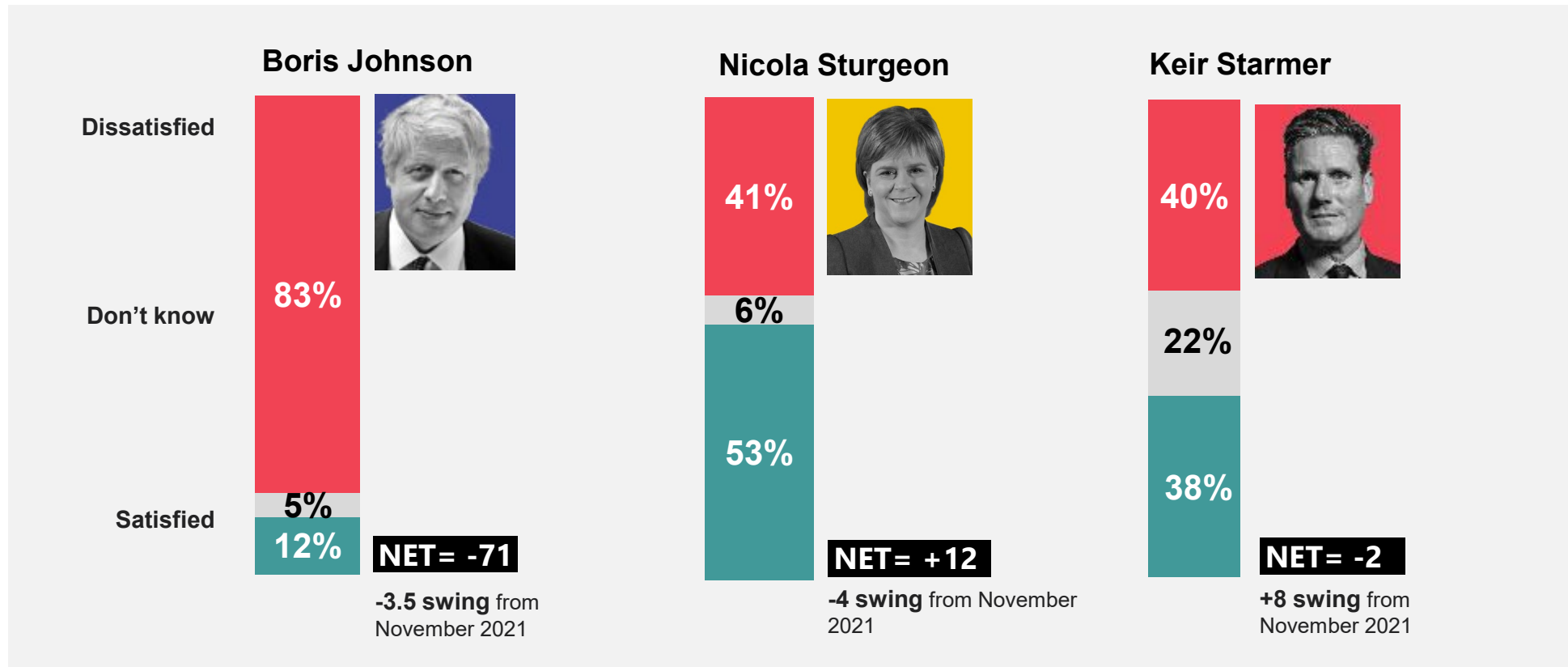
# PARTY LEADERS





# Satisfaction with leaders and opposition

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way.... is doing his/her job...  
as Prime Minister/First Minister/leader of the UK Labour Party?



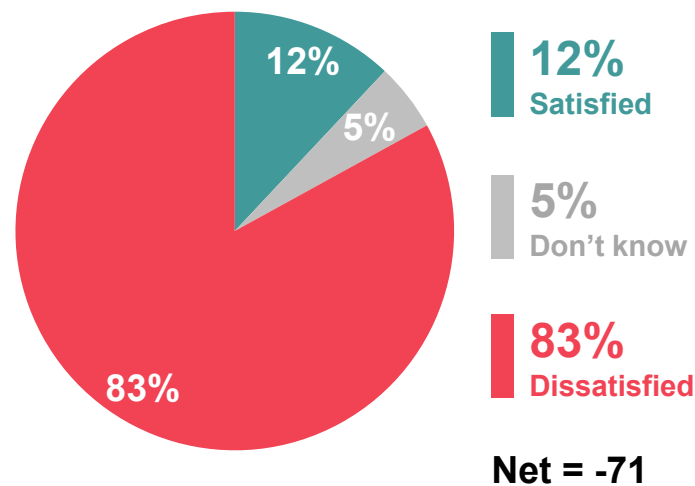
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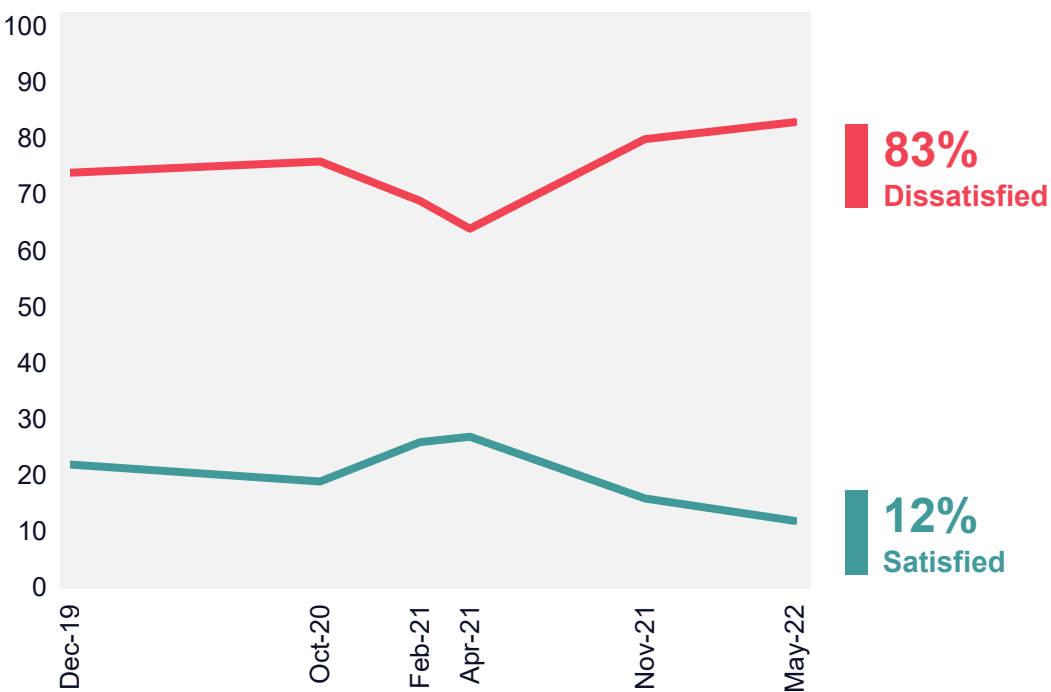
# Boris Johnson: satisfaction trends

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Boris Johnson is doing his job as Prime Minister?

May 2022



December 2019 – May 2022



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Source: Ipsos Scottish Political Monitor

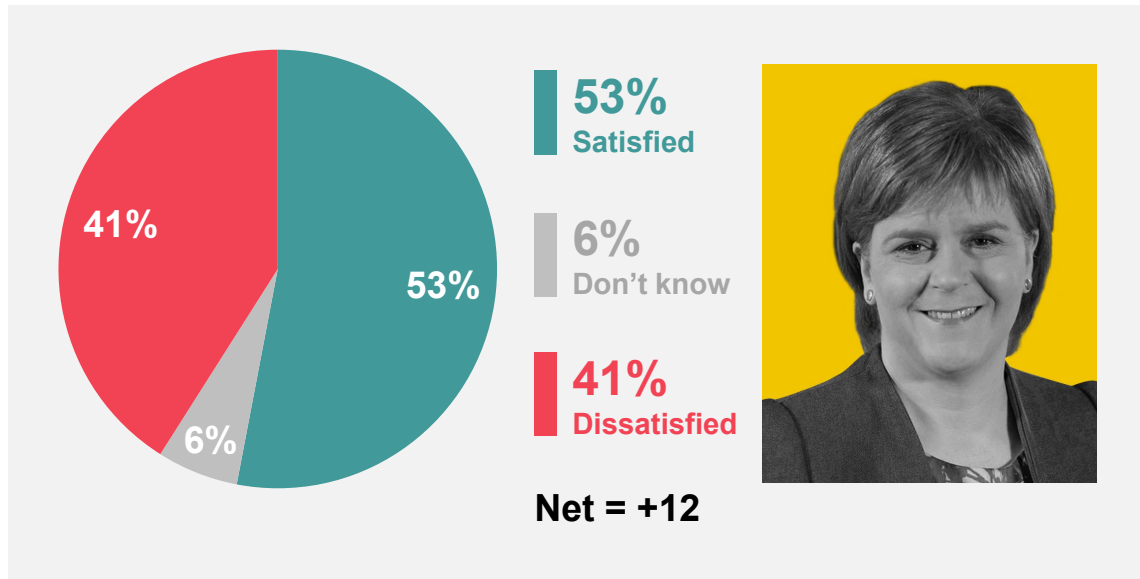




# Nicola Sturgeon: satisfaction trends

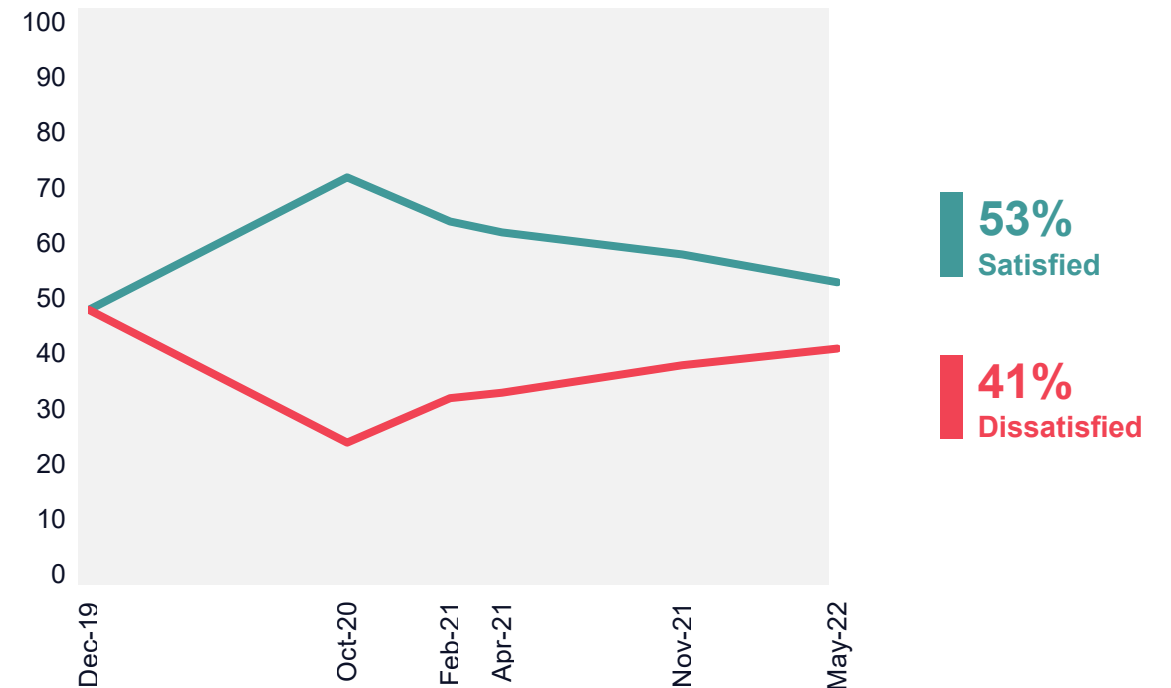
Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Nicola Sturgeon is doing her job as First Minister?

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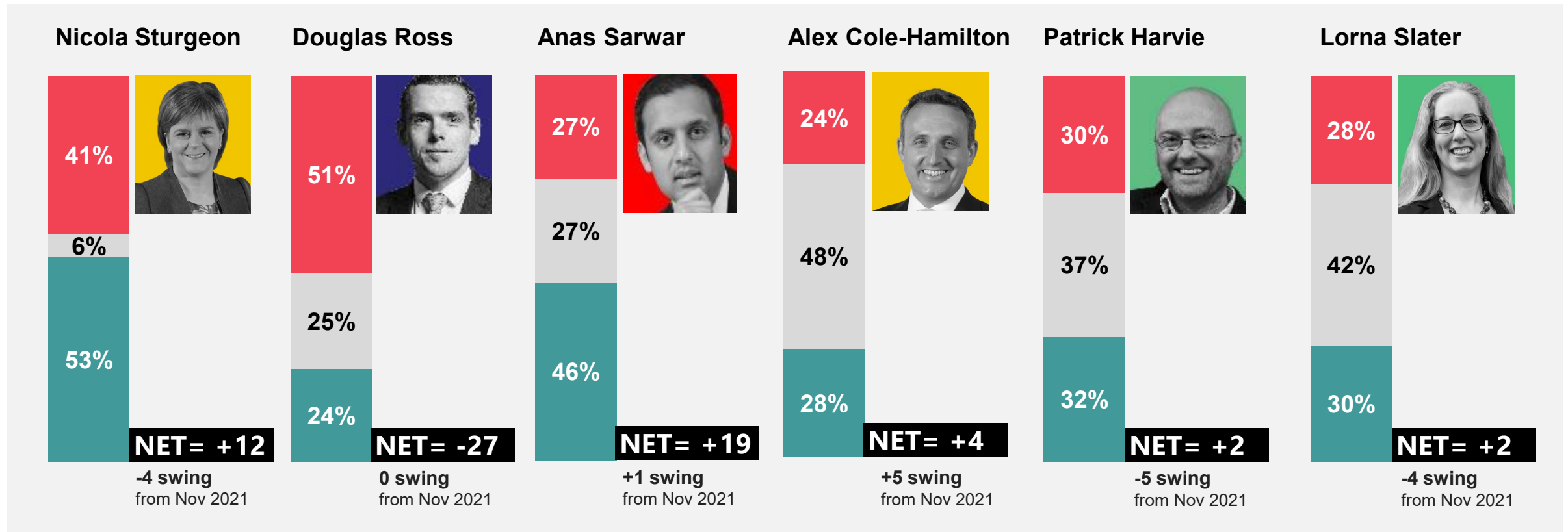


Source: Ipsos Scottish Political Monitor

# Satisfaction with party leaders

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way.... is doing his/her job...

as First Minister of Scotland/ leader of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party/ Scottish Labour Party/ Scottish Liberal Democrats/ co-leader of the Scottish Green Party?



Base: 1,000 Scottish adults aged 16+, 23 – 29 May 2022

Source: Ipsos | Scottish Political Monitor





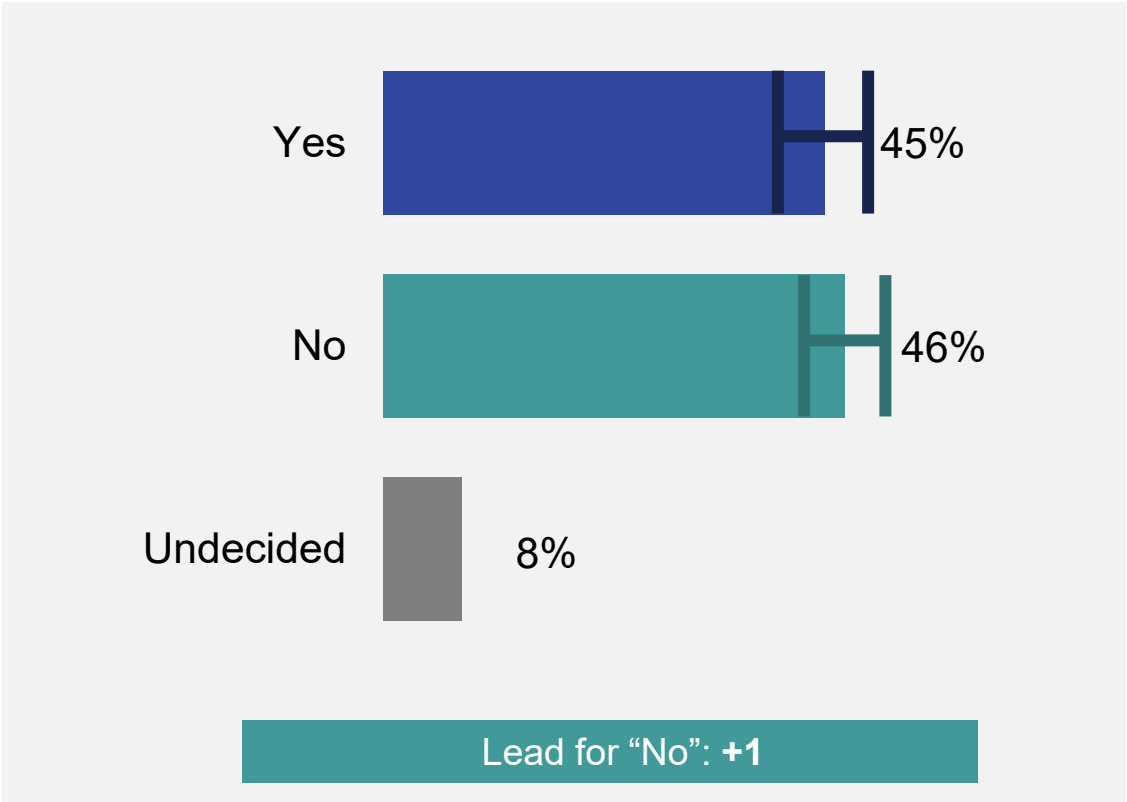
# VIEWS ON INDEPENDENCE



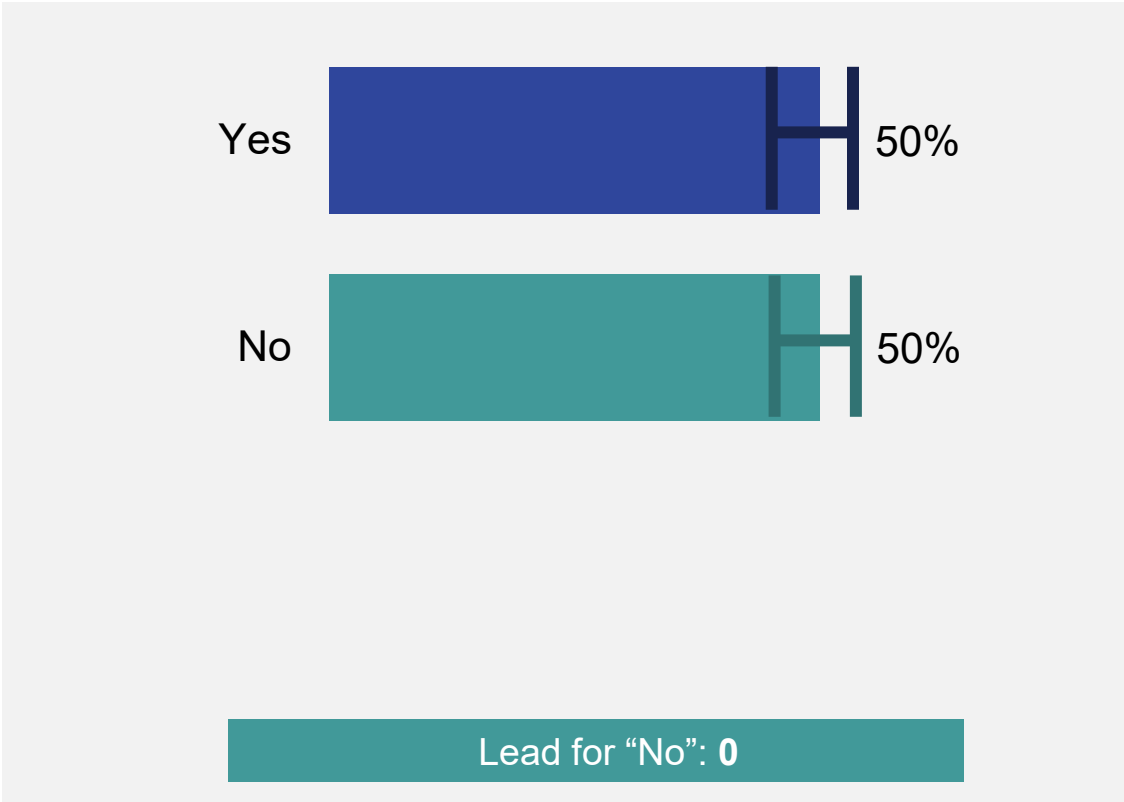
# Support for Scottish independence: May 2022

If a referendum were held tomorrow about Scotland's constitutional future, how would you vote in response to the following question: Should Scotland be an independent country?

Among all likely to vote



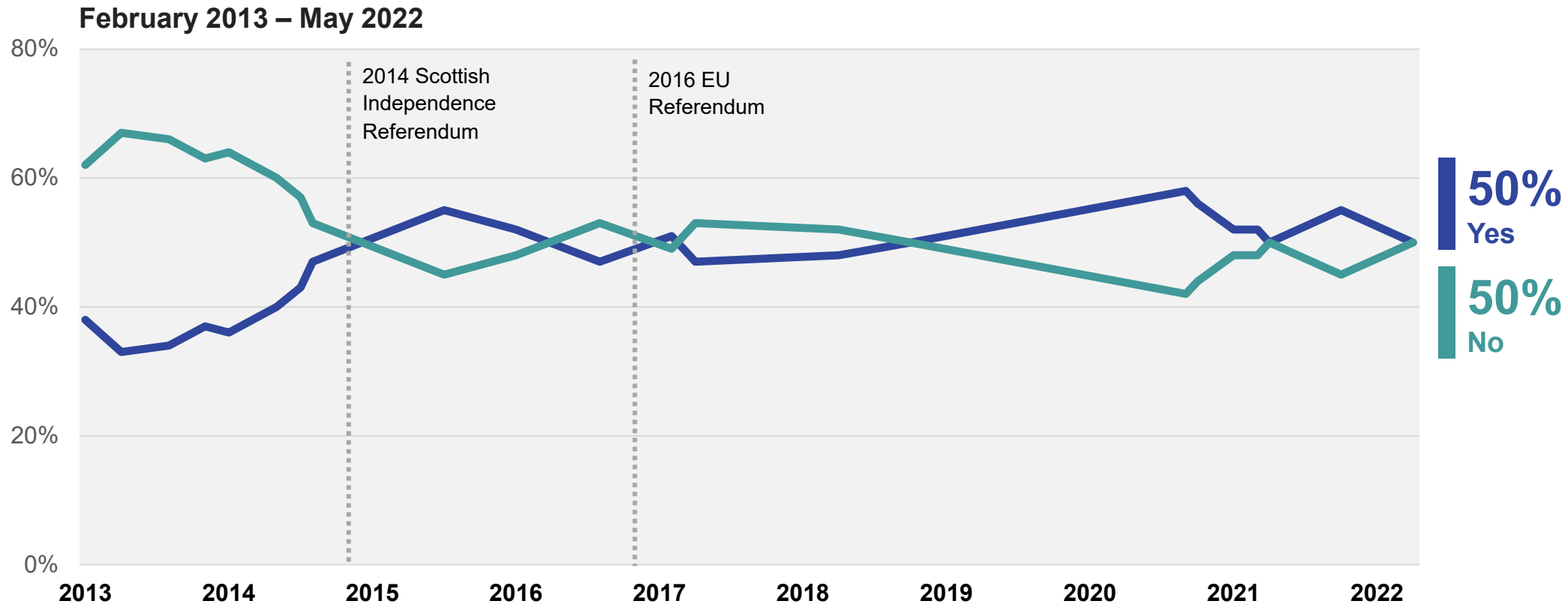
All likely to vote and expressing a voting intention



Base: All Scottish adults aged 16+ who are at least 9/10 likely to vote in a Scottish independence referendum (829); All Scottish adults 16+ who are at least 9/10 likely to vote in a Scottish independence referendum and expressing a voting intention (759) , 23 – 29 May 2022. Margin of error is displayed at +/- 4%. Source: Ipsos | Scottish Political Monitor

# Support for Scottish independence: Change over time

If a referendum were held tomorrow about Scotland's constitutional future, how would you vote in response to the following question: Should Scotland be an independent country?

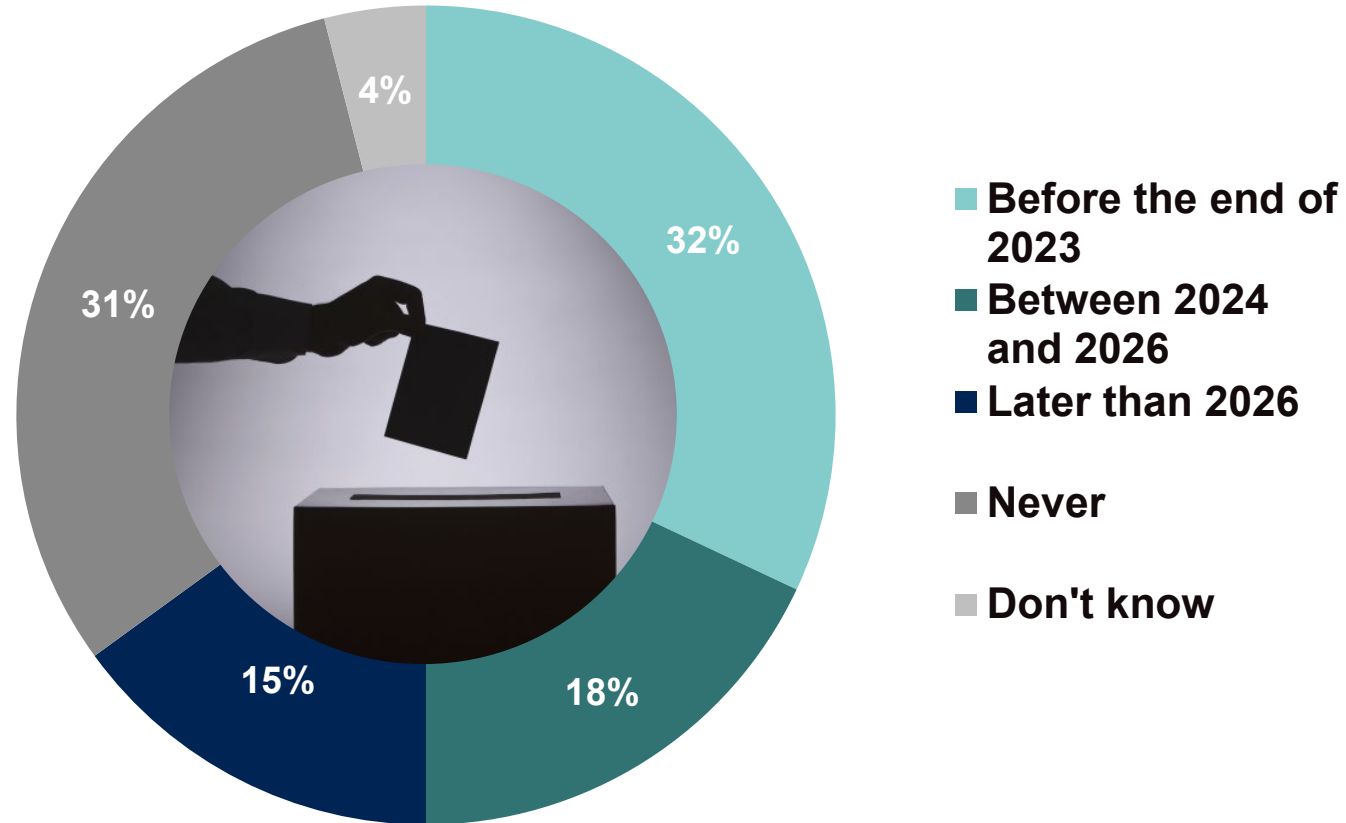


Base: c.750 Scottish adults aged 16+ per wave. Based on all likely to vote, excluding undecideds/don't knows

Source: Ipsos Scottish Political Monitor

# Independence referendum timing

When, if at all, do you think there should be another referendum on Scottish independence?



Source: Ipsos | Scottish Political Monitor

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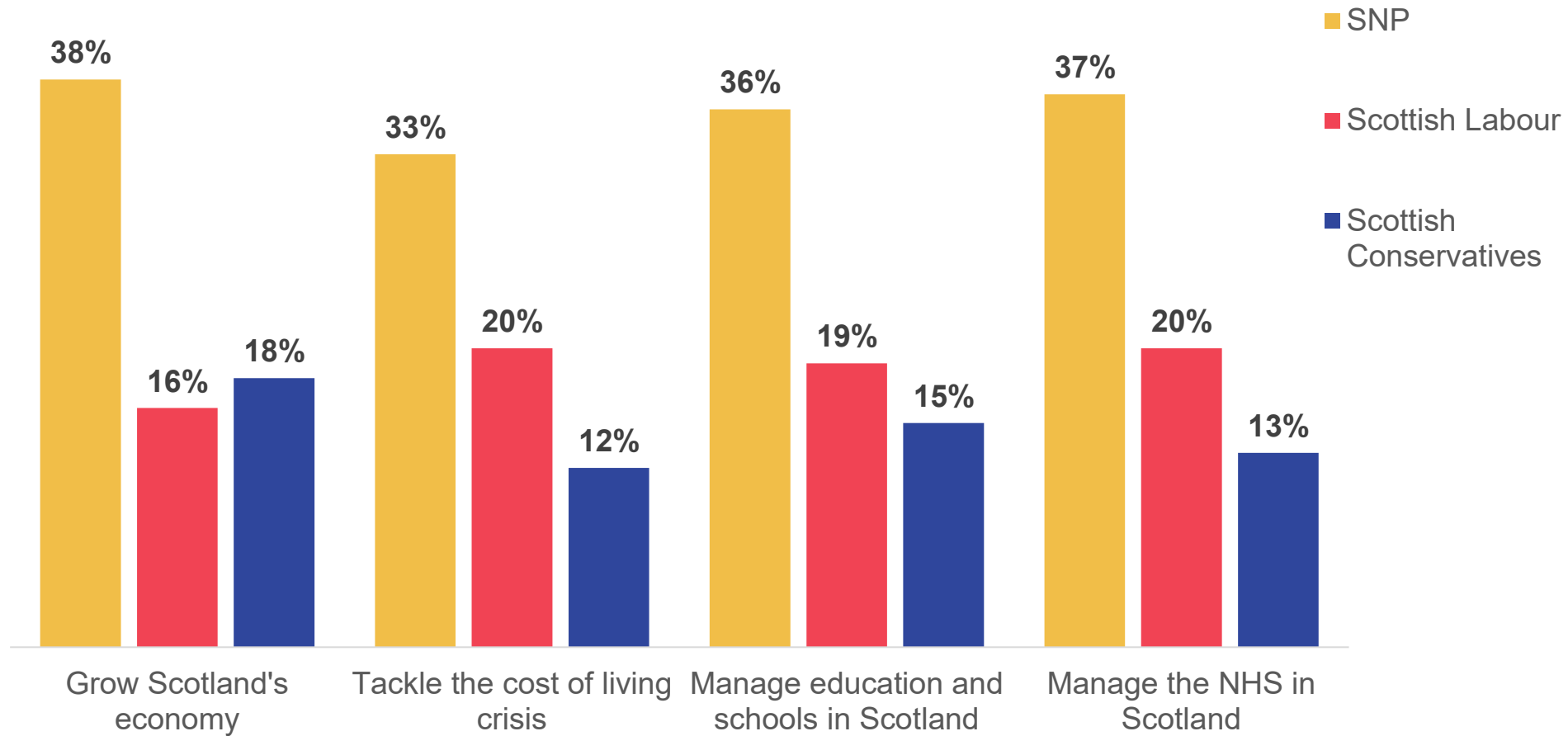




# TRUST IN THE PARTIES

# Trust in parties, by issue

Which party, if any, do you trust most to....?



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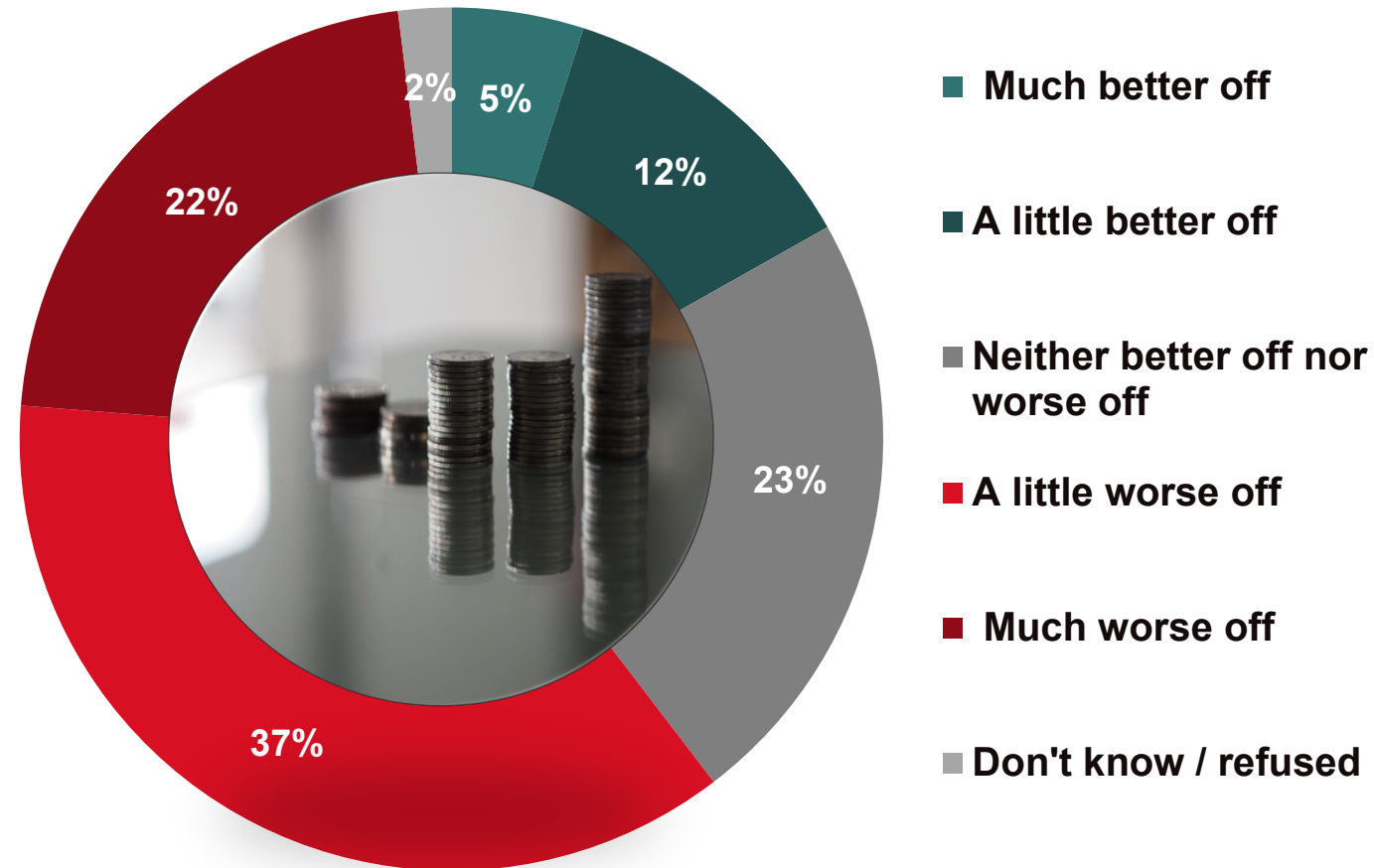
# THE COST OF LIVING





# Changes in living standards compared to a year ago

Thinking about your own standard of living compared with a year ago in May 2021, would you say you are now...



Base: 1,000 Scottish adults, 16+, 23-29 May 2022

Source: Ipsos | Scottish Political Monitor

# Expected living standards under a Conservative or Labour Government

And do you think you will be better or worse off, if either, in the future...

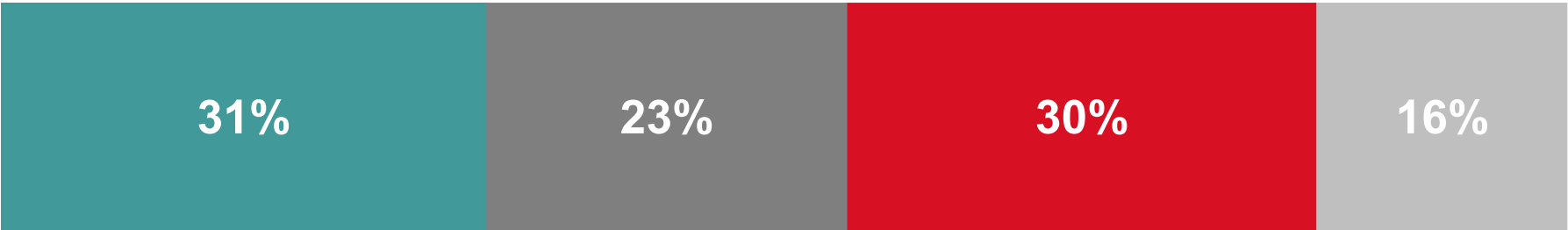
**Better off**   **Neither better nor worse off**   **Worse off**   **Don't know**



Boris Johnson



Keir Starmer



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## Technical note

Ipsos interviewed a representative sample of 1,000 adults aged 16+ across Scotland. Interviews were conducted by telephone: 23 – 29 May 2022. Data are weighted by age, sex, region, working status, education and country of birth to match the profile of the population.

Where percentages do not sum to 100 this may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of “don’t know” categories, or multiple answers. An asterisk (\*) denotes any value of less than half a per cent.





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