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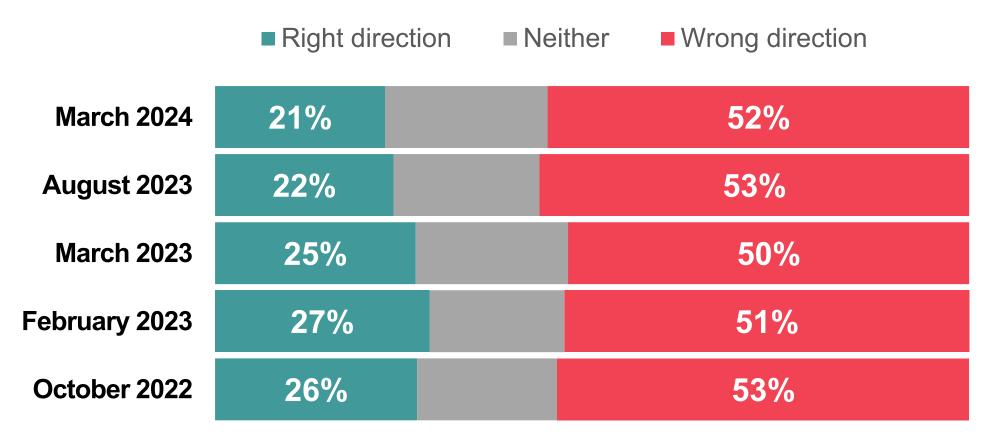
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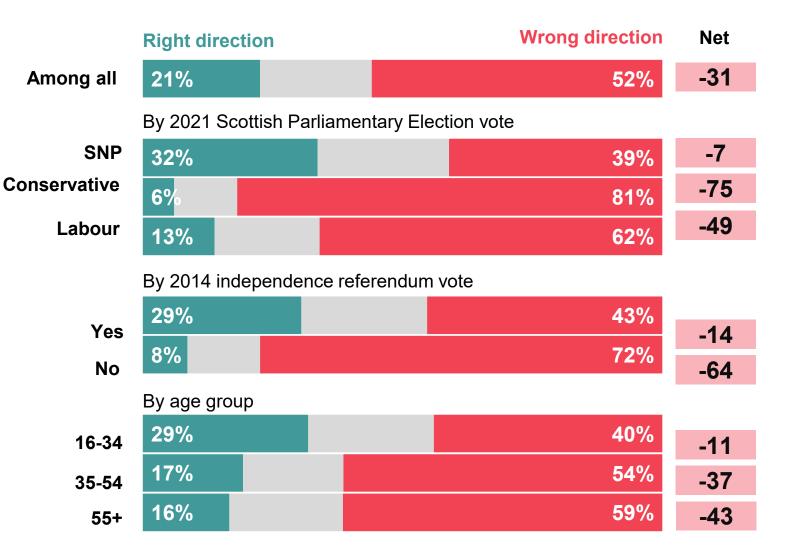


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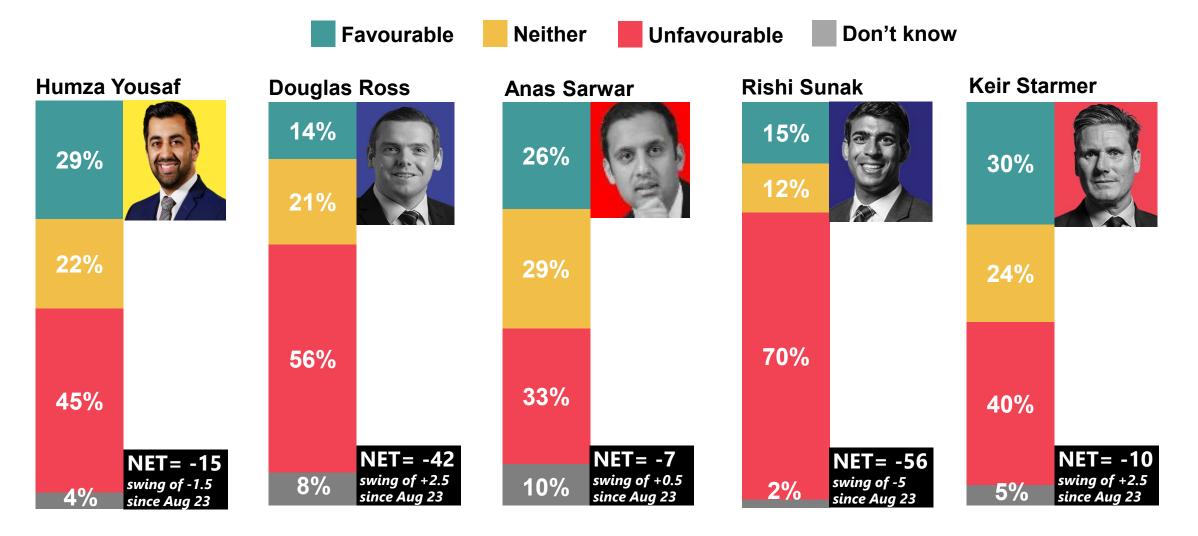


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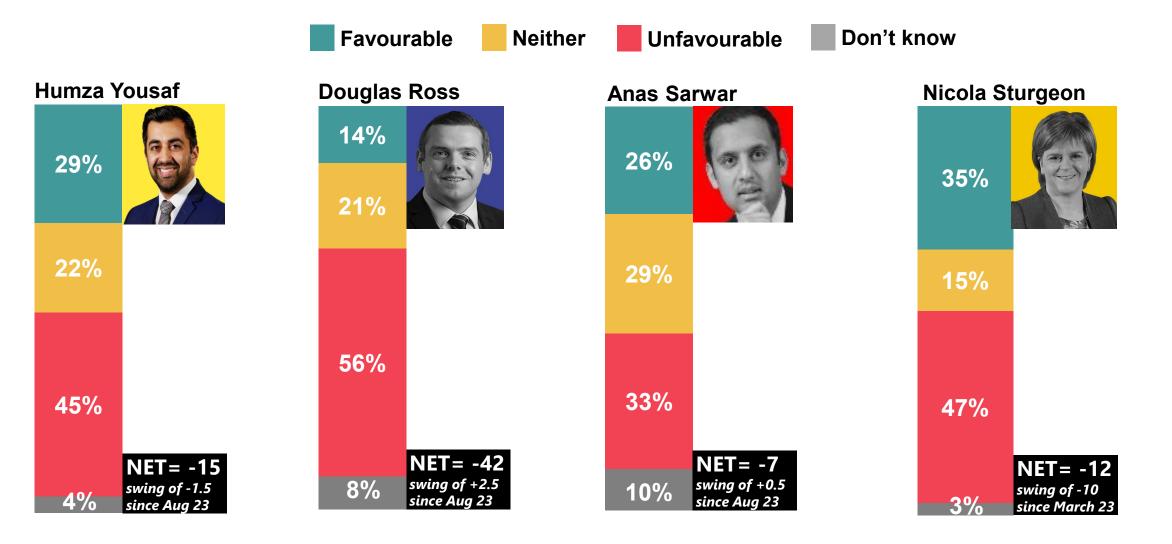
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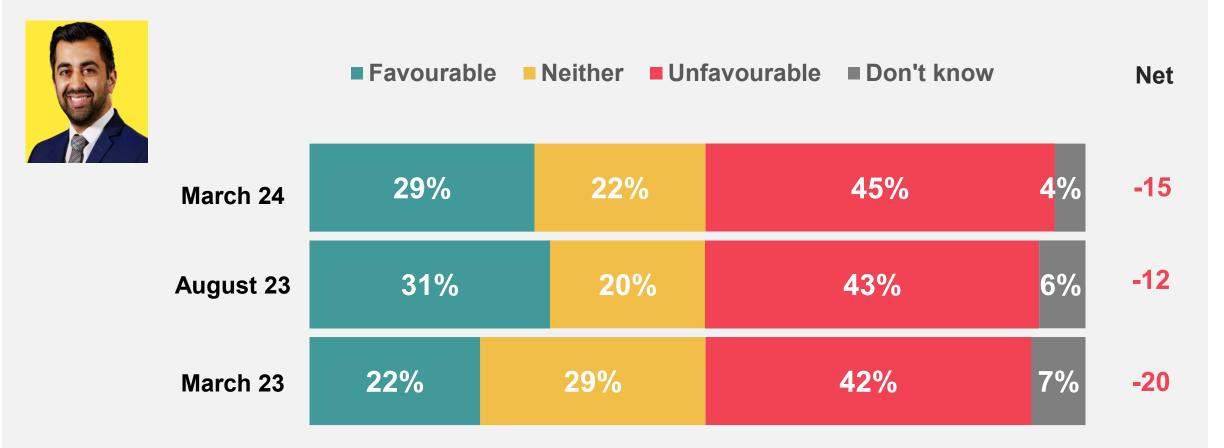


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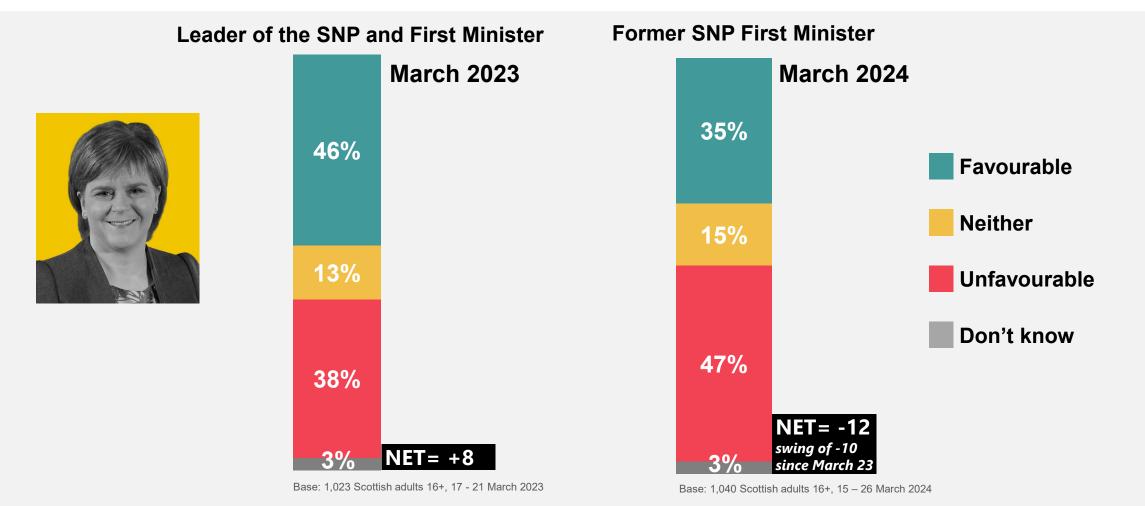
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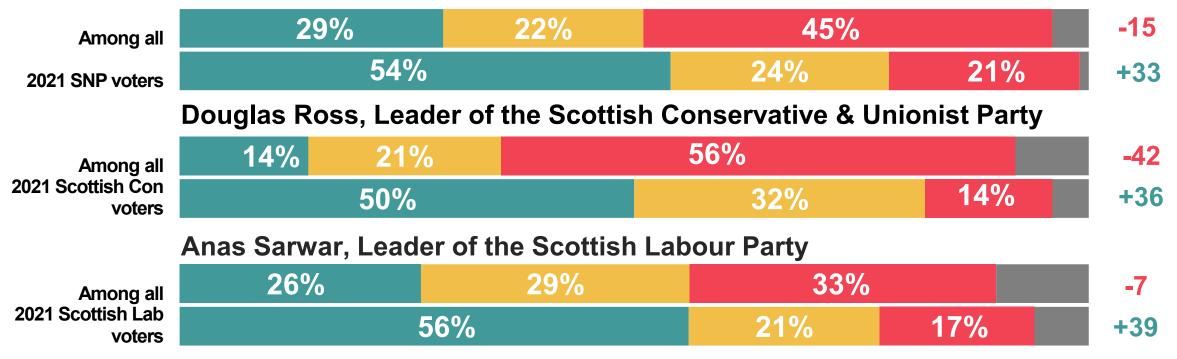
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Favourability towards Scottish party leaders

To what extent, if at all, do you have a favourable or unfavourable opinion of the following politicians and political parties?

Favourable Neither Unfavourable Don't know

Humza Yousaf, Leader of the SNP and First Minister



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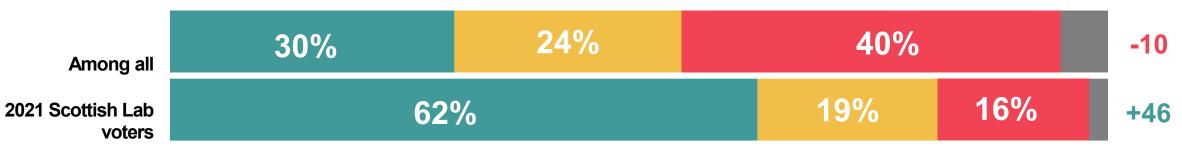
Favourability towards UK party leaders

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Keir Starmer, Leader of the Labour Party



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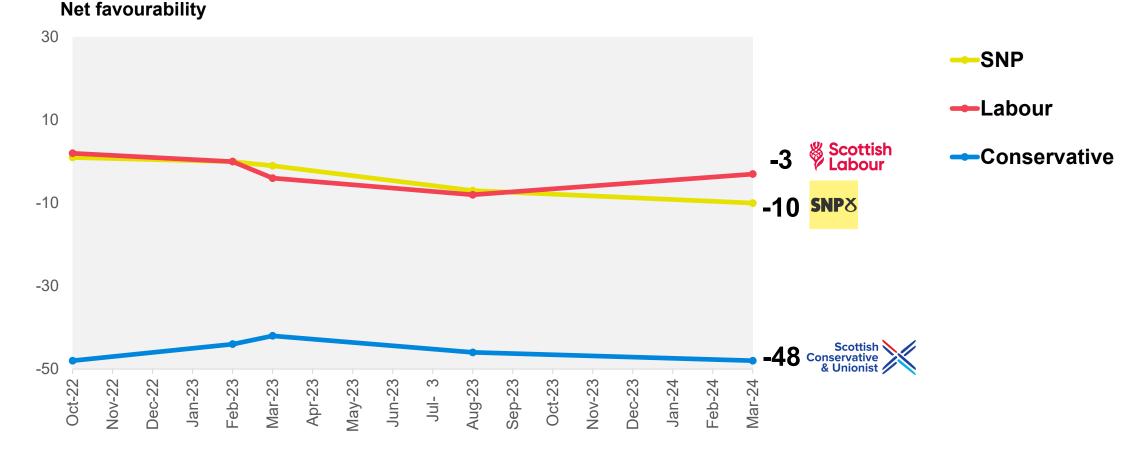
Favourable			Unfavourable	Net	since Aug 23
The Scottish	National Party				20
	<mark>34%</mark>	44%		-10	▼ 1.5
The Scottish	Labour Party				
	30%	33	%	-3	2.5
The Scottish	Conservative a	nd Unionist Par	ty		
15%	63%			-48	▼ 1
The Scottish	Green Party				
	28%	39%		-12	0.5
The Scottish	Liberal Democ	rats			
18%		38%		-20	▲ 1
Reform UK					
10%	519	%		-41	*
Alba Party				_	*
9%	52%	/0		-44	



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Favourability towards political parties: trends

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Scottish Government performance

Since the Scottish Parliament elections in May 2021, to what extent, if at all, do you think the Scottish Government has done a good or bad job at each of the following?

ine following :	Good job	Bad job	Net	since Aug 2023
Improving the NHS in Scotland	22%	56%	-35	▼ 1.5
Improving living standards for people on low incomes	24%	49%	-24	▼ 0.5
Improving the education system in Scotland	22%	48%	-25	▼ 1
Managing Scotland's economy	24%	47%	-23	▲ 1
Improving your own standard of living	19%	47%	-28	=
Setting the right level of income tax	25%	45%	-20	*
Maximising Scotland's influence on global issues	22%	39%	-17	*
Taking action to address the climate crisis	28%	34%	-6	▲ 0.5



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Methods

- Ipsos interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,040 adults aged 16+ in Scotland.
- Interviews took place online between 15th March and 26th March 2024.
- Data has been weighted to the known offline population proportions.
- Where results do not sum to 100%, this may be due to computer rounding, multiple responses, or the exclusion of "don't know" categories.
- All polls are subject to a wide range of potential sources of error.





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