

Table 1  
DEVENPOL: Energy policy involves decisions about new oil and gas extraction, the building of new power stations (including nuclear power stations), and regulating the energy market. Do you think decisions on energy policy in Scotland should be:  
Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	GENDER			AGE BAND 1							AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE					SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		HIGHEST QUALIFICATION			REGION								
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	STANDARD GRADE OR BELOW	HIGHER	DEGREE OR ABOVE	CENTRAL	GLASSGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	LOTHIANS	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH	WEST			
UNWEIGHTED BASE	2022	112	90	100	276	148	50	176	243	280	32	422	464	274	174	336	600	322	120	411	102	309	640	22	240	84	207	216	109	33	103			
WEIGHTED BASE	2022	494	535	133*	158	155	163	177	247	291	318	423	399	229	174	211	627	405	568	464	227	431	331	124	131	84*	148	125	143	129*	133*			
100%	2022	28	32%	13%	15%	15%	15%	15%	21%	21%	21%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%		
Completely devolved to the Scottish Government	18%	17%	16%	32	44	63	63	63	72	75	126	185	119	76	57	63	195	141	186	150	79	138	113	45	39	24	47	35	45	40	56			
	38%	34%	31%	24%	28%	41%	38%	36%	28%	26%	40%	32%	30%	33%	33%	36%	31%	35%	33%	32%	31%	32%	34%	36%	29%	29%	33%	28%	31%	31%	42%			
Mostly devolved to the Scottish Government	19%	19%	18%	25%	21%	15%	16%	19%	16%	23%	16%	17%	18%	16%	24%	17%	17%	20%	18%	19%	19%	17%	18%	16%	14%	19%	23%	17%	17%	25%	16%			
An equally shared responsibility between the Scottish and UK Governments	25%	10%	14%	31	39	35	37	37	74	70	72	111	114	63	25	51	177	76	139	114	56	105	86	29	37	21	29	39	36	30	29			
	22%	27%	23%	20%	23%	23%	21%	30%	24%	23%	26%	29%	28%	15%	22%	28%	19%	25%	20%	25%	24%	26%	23%	28%	25%	20%	21%	25%	23%	22%				
Mostly reserved to the UK Government	7%	4%	3%	8	13	7	13	14	18	22	20	32	32	13	14	15	45	29	45	29	17	33	23	6	12	8	13	9	12	8	7			
	9%	6%	6%	6%	8%	4%	8%	8%	7%	7%	6%	8%	8%	6%	8%	7%	7%	7%	8%	6%	8%	8%	7%	5%	9%	9%	9%	7%	8%	6%	5%			
Completely reserved to the UK Government	6%	4%	2%	2	8	8	5	18	25	10	13	43	33	12	6	14	46	20	35	30	14	25	25	10	8	5	9	9	10	5	9			
	9%	4%	1%	5%	5%	3%	10%	10%	3%	4%	10%	10%	8%	5%	3%	6%	7%	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%	4%	7%		
Don't know/not thought about it	10%	28	14	19	18	17	11	18	18	37	36	29	26	25	28	23	51	51	54	47	26	54	21	12	14	8	15	10	15	14	11			
	4	9	8	2	-	1	1	-	10	1	1	2	3	2	5	5	7	4	8	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	-				
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	2%	6%	2%	-	1%	1%	-	4%	2%	-	-	-	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-			
	52%	26%	29%	6%	77	87	89	96	112	142	176	208	192	112	99	123	303	222	289	236	114	212	174	65	58	41	82	56	69	73	76			
	51%	54%	49%	49%	49%	56%	55%	54%	45%	49%	55%	49%	48%	49%	57%	53%	48%	55%	51%	51%	50%	49%	53%	52%	44%	48%	55%	45%	48%	56%	57%			
NET Difference	13%	8%	5%	10	21	15	18	32	43	13	33	25	46	25	19	29	91	49	81	59	33	58	48	15	21	13	22	18	21	13	17			
	14%	18%	9%	7%	14%	10%	11%	18%	17%	11%	10%	18%	16%	11%	11%	13%	14%	12%	14%	13%	14%	13%	15%	12%	16%	15%	15%	14%	15%	10%	12%			
	38%	17%	20%	55	55	72	71	63	69	111	143	133	126	87	80	94	213	174	200	178	82	154	126	50	37	28	60	39	47	60	60			
	37%	31%	39%	41%	31%	46%	44%	36%	28%	38%	40%	33%	32%	38%	40%	41%	34%	43%	37%	38%	36%	38%	40%	40%	28%	33%	40%	31%	33%	46%	45%			

Proportions/Means: Columns Totalled (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q - r/s - t/u/v - w/x/y/z/AA/B/C/D/E  
 Overlap formulae used, \* small base

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Table 2  
DEVENPOL - Energy policy involves decisions about new oil and gas extraction, the building of new power stations (including nuclear power stations), and regulating the energy market. Do you think decisions on energy policy in Scotland should be:

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	TOTAL	TENURE		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2021 CONSTITUENCY VOTE				BREXIT VOTE 2016		INDY REF VOTE 2014	
		OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	UP TO £19,999 (c)	£20,000 - £34,999 (d)	£35,000 - £54,999 (e)	£55,000+ (f)	1 (g)	2 (h)	3 (i)	4+ (j)	ANY (k)	NONE (l)	CONSERVATIVE (m)	LABOUR (n)	LIB DEM (o)	SNP (p)	REMAIN (q)	LEAVE (r)	YES (s)	NO (t)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	734	273	156	214	251	342	207	382	184	259	314	718	123	180	71	356	553	200	370	356
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	711	292	181	228	254	298	218	379	182	253	297	735	119	170	64*	346	527	198	366	333
100%	100%	69%	23%	18%	22%	25%	29%	21%	37%	18%	25%	29%	71%	12%	17%	6%*	34%	51%	19%	35%	32%
Completely devolved to the Scottish Government	336	209	115	65	70	92	88	76	115	68	77	97	239	8	30	5	210	204	59	218	37
	33%	29%	39%	36%	31%	36%	29%	35%	30%	37%	31%	33%	32%	7%	18%	8%	61%	39%	30%	59%	11%
		a												m		mno		r	t		
Mostly devolved to the Scottish Government	190	135	54	33	45	43	59	38	74	30	48	54	135	10	36	19	57	94	31	58	59
	18%	19%	18%	18%	20%	17%	20%	17%	20%	16%	19%	18%	18%	8%	21%	30%	17%	18%	15%	16%	18%
		b												m	mp	m					
An equally shared responsibility between the Scottish and UK Governments	253	191	56	42	54	60	85	53	92	43	65	72	181	42	67	25	44	132	50	46	128
	25%	27%	19%	23%	24%	24%	28%	25%	24%	24%	26%	24%	25%	35%	39%	39%	13%	25%	25%	13%	38%
		b												p	p	p					s
Mostly reserved to the UK Government	74	60	12	9	19	14	28	10	32	8	24	25	49	25	14	5	13	35	19	10	44
	7%	8%	4%	5%	8%	6%	9%	5%	8%	4%	10%	8%	7%	21%	8%	8%	4%	7%	10%	3%	13%
		b												nop	p						s
Completely reserved to the UK Government	65	55	10	4	15	15	25	11	30	13	11	17	48	27	17	6	6	35	24	12	42
	6%	8%	3%	2%	7%	6%	8%	5%	8%	7%	4%	6%	7%	22%	10%	10%	2%	7%	12%	3%	13%
		b												nop	p						s
Don't know/not thought about it	102	58	40	25	22	30	14	29	32	17	23	27	74	8	6	3	15	27	15	21	23
	10%	8%	14%	14%	10%	12%	5%	13%	9%	10%	9%	9%	10%	7%	3%	4%	4%	5%	8%	6%	7%
		a			f	f															
Prefer not to say	12	3	5	3	3	-	1	1	4	3	4	3	9	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
	1%	+	2%	2%	1%	-	+	+	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-
Mostly/completely devolved (NET)	526	344	169	98	115	135	146	113	189	98	125	152	374	18	66	25	267	298	90	276	96
	51%	48%	58%	54%	50%	53%	49%	52%	50%	54%	49%	51%	51%	15%	39%	39%	77%	57%	45%	75%	29%
		a													m	mno		r	t		
Mostly/completely reserved (NET)	139	115	22	13	34	30	53	21	61	21	35	42	97	51	31	12	19	70	43	22	86
	14%	16%	8%	7%	15%	12%	18%	10%	16%	12%	14%	14%	13%	43%	18%	19%	6%	13%	22%	6%	26%
		b			c				e					nop	p	q					s
NET Difference	386	230	147	85	81	105	94	92	128	76	90	110	277	-33	25	13	248	228	46	254	10
	37%	32%	50%	47%	35%	41%	31%	42%	34%	42%	35%	37%	38%	-28%	31%	20%	72%	43%	23%	69%	3%
		a		df		f								m		mno		r	t		

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Table 3

ENERGYVIEW - Summary Table - How strongly would you support or oppose each of the following?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	The building of new nuclear power stations in Scotland	Issuing more licences for companies to drill new wells for oil and gas in the North Sea	Investing more in renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, tidal) in Scotland
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	1032	1032
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	1032	1032
Strongly support	225 22%	274 27%	464 45%
Tend to support	239 23%	269 26%	302 29%
Neither support nor oppose	184 18%	163 16%	118 11%
Tend to oppose	150 15%	132 13%	55 5%
Strongly oppose	143 14%	95 9%	41 4%
Don't know/not thought about it	80 8%	91 9%	43 4%
Prefer not to say	11 1%	7 1%	9 1%
Support (NET)	464 45%	543 53%	766 74%
Oppose (NET)	293 28%	228 22%	96 9%
NET Difference	170 17%	315 31%	670 65%

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Table 4  
ENERGYVIEW, 1 - How strongly would you support or oppose each of the following? The building of new nuclear power stations in Scotland

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	GENDER			AGE BAND 1					AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		HIGHEST QUALIFICATION				REGION								
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	STANDARD GRADE OR BELOW	HIGHER	DEGREE OR ABOVE	CENTRAL	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	LOTHIANS	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH	WEST	
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1000	494	506	148	148	148	148	148	148	296	296	412	412	412	412	412	412	412	412	412	412	412	412	212	200	84	107	116	119	113	113	
WEIGHTED BASE	1000	494	506	133*	133*	133*	133*	133*	133*	266	266	372	372	372	372	372	372	372	372	372	372	372	372	212	200	84	107	116	119	113	113	
Strongly support	22%	15%	13%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Tend to support	23%	13%	10%	19%	23%	19%	20%	27%	27%	22%	20%	23%	26%	19%	23%	23%	24%	22%	23%	23%	24%	20%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%
Neither support nor oppose	18%	6%	9%	22%	19%	18%	23%	14%	15%	20%	19%	11%	20%	20%	18%	20%	17%	19%	19%	19%	19%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%
Tend to oppose	13%	10%	18%	14%	10%	19%	18%	7%	14%	15%	19%	11%	14%	14%	16%	15%	14%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%
Strongly oppose	14%	6%	8%	13%	8%	13%	13%	36%	12%	12%	14%	6%	5%	9%	13%	13%	12%	9%	13%	17%	16%	13%	14%	23%	8%	10%	14%	7%	17%	14%	24%	
Don't know/not thought about it	8%	18%	6%	9%	13%	17%	17%	7%	18%	21%	34%	2%	20%	29%	17%	14%	50%	31%	28%	16%	42%	20%	8%	12%	10%	12%	6%	10%	6%	15%	11%	
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Support (NET)	46%	28%	23%	41%	46%	32%	50%	30%	40%	42%	43%	26%	46%	38%	46%	46%	48%	46%	46%	46%	46%	46%	46%	46%	46%	46%	46%	46%	46%	46%	46%	46%
Oppose (NET)	23%	11%	17%	14%	10%	19%	18%	7%	14%	15%	19%	11%	14%	14%	16%	15%	14%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%
NET Difference	17%	17%	6%	27%	36%	13%	32%	23%	26%	27%	24%	15%	32%	24%	30%	32%	34%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%

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Table 5  
ENERGYVIEW\_1 - How strongly would you support or oppose each of the following? The building of new nuclear power stations in Scotland

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	TOTAL	TENURE		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2021 CONSTITUENCY VOTE				BREXIT VOTE 2016		INDY REF VOTE 2014	
		OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	UP TO £19,999 (c)	£20,000 - £34,999 (d)	£35,000 - £54,999 (e)	£55,000+ (f)	1 (g)	2 (h)	3 (i)	4+ (j)	ANY (k)	NONE (l)	CONSERVATIVE (m)	LABOUR (n)	LIB DEM (o)	SNP (p)	REMAIN (q)	LEAVE (r)	YES (s)	NO (t)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	734	273	156	214	251	342	207	382	184	259	314	718	123	180	71	356	553	200	370	356
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	711	292	181	228	254	298	218	379	182	253	297	735	119	170	64*	346	527	198	366	333
100%	100%	69%	28%	18%	22%	25%	29%	21%	37%	18%	25%	29%	71%	12%	17%	6%	34%	51%	19%	35%	32%
Strongly support	225	172	49	30	44	53	84	35	96	36	57	64	161	46	49	20	55	92	38	60	97
	22%	24%	17%	17%	19%	21%	28%	16%	25%	20%	23%	22%	22%	38%	29%	31%	16%	17%	39%	16%	29%
		b					cd		e					p	p	p			q		s
Tend to support	239	181	56	35	51	68	76	42	91	47	59	70	168	25	43	20	81	124	59	83	90
	23%	25%	19%	19%	22%	27%	25%	19%	24%	26%	23%	24%	23%	21%	25%	31%	23%	24%	30%	23%	27%
Neither support nor oppose	184	113	66	41	40	38	48	44	64	33	42	53	130	22	37	7	60	94	21	61	58
	18%	16%	23%	23%	18%	15%	16%	20%	17%	18%	17%	18%	18%	19%	22%	10%	17%	18%	11%	17%	18%
		a																r			
Tend to oppose	150	91	54	25	43	36	39	39	46	29	35	48	101	10	18	11	58	89	16	59	43
	15%	13%	18%	14%	19%	14%	13%	18%	12%	16%	14%	16%	14%	8%	10%	18%	17%	17%	8%	16%	13%
		a															m	r			
Strongly oppose	143	96	44	37	31	35	32	40	48	16	40	36	107	11	20	2	69	86	19	74	23
	14%	13%	15%	20%	13%	14%	11%	18%	13%	9%	16%	12%	15%	9%	12%	4%	20%	16%	9%	20%	7%
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Don't know/not thought about it	80	55	20	8	18	22	19	15	31	19	15	23	58	5	5	4	22	41	5	27	21
	8%	8%	7%	4%	8%	9%	6%	7%	8%	11%	6%	8%	8%	4%	3%	6%	6%	8%	2%	7%	6%
																	r				
Prefer not to say	11	4	4	5	1	1	2	3	3	1	4	2	10	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
	1%	1%	1%	3%	+	+	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Support (NET)	464	353	105	65	94	121	159	77	187	83	115	134	329	70	91	40	136	216	136	143	186
	45%	50%	36%	36%	41%	48%	53%	35%	49%	46%	46%	45%	45%	59%	54%	62%	39%	41%	69%	39%	56%
		b					cd		e					p	p	p			q		s
Oppose (NET)	293	186	98	62	74	71	71	79	94	45	75	84	209	20	37	14	128	175	35	133	66
	28%	26%	33%	34%	33%	28%	24%	36%	25%	25%	30%	28%	28%	17%	22%	21%	37%	33%	18%	36%	20%
		a		f				hi									mno	r		t	
NET Difference	170	167	7	3	20	50	88	-2	93	38	42	50	120	50	54	26	8	41	101	10	120
	17%	23%	2%	1%	9%	20%	30%	-1%	25%	21%	16%	17%	16%	42%	32%	41%	2%	8%	51%	3%	36%
		b		c		cd	cde		ei	e	e			p	p	p			q		s

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Table 6  
**ENERGYVIEW 2 - How strongly would you support or oppose each of the following? Issuing more licences for companies to drill new wells for oil and gas in the North Sea**

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	GENDER			AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		HIGHEST QUALIFICATION			REGION								
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	STANDARD GRADE OR BELOW	HIGHER	DEGREE OR ABOVE	CENTRAL	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	LOTHIANS	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH	WEST	
	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	494	538	100	276	188	252	243	253	260	312	422	464	224	216	388	600	332	620	412	180	448	220	240	84	200	116	200	116	100	132	100
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	494	538	133*	158	155	163	177	247	291	318	423	399	229	174	311	627	405	568	464	227	431	331	124	131	84*	148	125	143	129*	133*	
Strongly support	27%	34%	21%	16%	19%	23%	21%	34%	37%	18%	22%	38%	29%	26%	27%	23%	28%	25%	26%	27%	29%	29%	28%	28%	24%	23%	25%	28%	34%	21%	28%	
Tend to support	26%	28%	25%	21%	23%	24%	27%	32%	27%	22%	26%	29%	26%	21%	33%	27%	25%	24%	24%	28%	29%	24%	30%	25%	30%	24%	26%	31%	28%	23%	16%	
Neither support nor oppose	16%	15%	18%	18%	19%	18%	17%	9%	12%	21%	18%	11%	15%	17%	15%	18%	15%	15%	17%	14%	14%	15%	17%	17%	15%	16%	15%	13%	15%	19%	25%	24%
Tend to oppose	13%	11%	15%	20%	15%	15%	9%	11%	12%	16%	12%	12%	16%	12%	8%	12%	14%	11%	13%	12%	11%	14%	10%	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%	10%	15%	17%	
Strongly oppose	9%	5%	8%	10%	12%	8%	14%	7%	6%	11%	11%	6%	9%	10%	10%	9%	9%	9%	9%	10%	9%	7%	11%	10%	12%	5%	20%	7%	12%	18%	12%	
Don't know/not thought about it	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	12%	9%	5%	11%	12%	5%	6%	12%	9%	10%	8%	10%	9%	8%	8%	10%	8%	12%	7%	12%	6%	10%	5%	8%	12%	
Prefer not to say	7%	2%	5%	3%	2%	-	-	-	-	6%	-	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	-	
Support NET1	54%	61%	41%	37%	42%	47%	48%	67%	64%	40%	48%	66%	55%	47%	58%	50%	52%	53%	51%	55%	57%	53%	49%	53%	53%	57%	52%	60%	61%	44%	44%	
Oppose NET1	22%	16%	23%	30%	24%	23%	23%	18%	18%	24%	23%	18%	24%	23%	18%	22%	23%	20%	22%	22%	20%	21%	25%	18%	24%	16%	26%	17%	18%	28%	26%	
NET Difference	32%	45%	18%	7%	18%	24%	25%	49%	46%	16%	25%	48%	31%	24%	40%	28%	29%	29%	29%	29%	37%	32%	24%	35%	29%	41%	40%	43%	43%	26%	18%	

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Table 7  
ENERGYVIEW\_2 - How strongly would you support or oppose each of the following? Issuing more licences for companies to drill new wells for oil and gas in the North Sea

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	TOTAL	TENURE		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2021 CONSTITUENCY VOTE				BREXIT VOTE 2016		INDY REF VOTE 2014	
		OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	UP TO £19,999 (c)	£20,000 - £34,999 (d)	£35,000 - £54,999 (e)	£55,000+ (f)	1 (g)	2 (h)	3 (i)	4+ (j)	ANY (k)	NONE (l)	CONSERVATIVE (m)	LABOUR (n)	LIB DEM (o)	SNP (p)	REMAIN (q)	LEAVE (r)	YES (s)	NO (t)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	734	273	156	214	251	342	207	382	184	259	314	718	123	180	71	356	553	200	370	356
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	711	292	181	228	254	298	218	379	182	253	297	735	119	170	64*	346	527	198	366	333
100%	100%	69%	29%	18%	22%	25%	29%	21%	37%	18%	25%	29%	71%	12%	17%	6%	34%	51%	19%	35%	32%
Strongly support	274	219	51	35	66	65	90	47	122	42	62	71	203	69	49	21	72	111	112	88	127
	27%	31%	17%	19%	29%	26%	30%	22%	32%	23%	25%	24%	28%	58%	29%	32%	21%	21%	56%	24%	38%
		b			c		c		g					nop				q		s	
Tend to support	269	184	81	55	64	55	81	68	87	54	61	74	195	26	48	18	97	152	39	107	86
	26%	26%	28%	30%	28%	21%	27%	31%	23%	29%	24%	25%	27%	22%	28%	28%	28%	29%	20%	29%	26%
								h										r			
Neither support nor oppose	163	101	57	33	31	42	45	31	51	30	52	68	95	15	24	8	61	82	21	50	46
	16%	14%	19%	18%	13%	17%	15%	14%	13%	16%	20%	23%	13%	13%	14%	13%	18%	16%	10%	14%	14%
												i									
Tend to oppose	132	93	35	20	30	37	36	38	43	21	31	32	101	4	26	9	52	75	13	49	35
	13%	13%	12%	11%	13%	15%	12%	17%	11%	11%	12%	11%	14%	3%	15%	15%	15%	14%	7%	13%	10%
																	m				
Strongly oppose	95	61	33	20	15	29	24	16	38	15	25	27	69	-	16	4	37	59	7	40	14
	9%	9%	11%	11%	7%	12%	8%	8%	10%	9%	10%	9%	9%	-	9%	6%	11%	11%	4%	11%	4%
															m		m	r		t	
Don't know/not thought about it	91	52	34	15	22	26	20	16	38	19	18	24	66	5	6	3	26	47	5	32	24
	9%	7%	12%	8%	9%	10%	7%	7%	10%	7%	7%	8%	9%	4%	4%	5%	8%	9%	3%	9%	7%
			a														r				
Prefer not to say	7	2	1	3	1	-	1	2	1	1	3	1	7	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
	1%	+	+	1%	+	-	+	1%	+	1%	1%	+	1%	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Support (NET)	543	402	131	90	130	120	171	115	209	96	124	145	398	95	97	39	169	263	150	194	212
	53%	57%	45%	50%	57%	47%	57%	53%	55%	53%	49%	49%	54%	80%	57%	60%	49%	50%	76%	53%	64%
		b			e		e							nop			q			s	
Oppose (NET)	228	154	68	41	45	67	61	54	81	37	56	58	169	4	42	14	89	134	21	88	49
	22%	22%	23%	22%	20%	26%	20%	25%	21%	20%	22%	20%	23%	3%	25%	1%	26%	25%	10%	24%	15%
															m		m	r		t	
NET Difference	315	249	63	49	85	53	110	61	128	59	67	86	229	92	55	25	80	130	130	106	163
	31%	35%	22%	27%	37%	21%	37%	28%	34%	33%	27%	29%	31%	77%	32%	39%	23%	25%	66%	29%	49%
		b			e		ce							nop	p	p		q		s	

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Overlap formulae used. \* small base

Table 8  
**ENERGYVIEW 3 - How strongly would you support or oppose each of the following? Investing more in renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, tidal) in Scotland**

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	GENDER			AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		HIGHEST QUALIFICATION				REGION									
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	A8	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	STANDARD GRADE OR BELOW	HIGHER	DEGREE OR ABOVE	CENTRAL	GLASSGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	LOTHIANS	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH	WEST			
UNWEIGHTED BASE	3032	142	1491	100	276	438	438	243	280	323	422	454	464	224	316	306	602	332	169	133	102	309	445	223	240	84	207	216	209	33	303			
WEIGHTED BASE	3032	1404	1628	113*	318	465	465	274	318	359	433	464	399	229	174	211	627	329	169	134	102	309	445	223	240	84	207	216	209	33	303			
Strongly support	464	238	225	64	77	64	80	75	107	118	144	182	203	93	71	98	295	169	247	317	83	179	178	60	63	32	80	51	58	57	59			
	45%	48%	42%	46%	49%	41%	49%	43%	43%	47%	45%	43%	51%	40%	41%	42%	47%	42%	44%	47%	37%	42%	54%	48%	48%	38%	54%	40%	41%	44%	45%			
Tend to support	302	134	167	37	42	46	52	49	76	79	98	125	117	69	49	67	186	116	169	134	100	300	64	128	100	42	20	34	37	49	38	44		
	29%	27%	31%	28%	27%	30%	32%	28%	31%	27%	31%	30%	29%	30%	28%	29%	30%	29%	30%	29%	28%	30%	28%	26%	32%	24%	24%	23%	34%	30%	34%	30%	33%	
Neither support nor oppose	118	59	57	17	16	20	19	21	25	33	39	46	34	28	23	32	62	56	67	50	30	61	23	17	11	8	12	15	20	16	16	16		
	11%	12%	11%	10%	10%	13%	12%	12%	10%	13%	12%	11%	8%	12%	13%	14%	10%	14%	12%	11%	13%	14%	7%	13%	8%	10%	8%	12%	14%	13%	13%	12%		
Tend to oppose	16	23	9	6	8	7	3	15	17	14	9	13	23	11	11	11	23	12	21	14	27	20	18	5	7	11	6	7	5	4	8			
	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	4%	2%	7%	7%	5%	3%	8%	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	8%	5%	5%	4%	6%	13%	4%	5%	4%	3%	6%			
Strongly oppose	41	27	14	1	3	6	3	13	15	4	9	28	14	10	9	8	24	17	23	18	15	21	6	4	4	3	7	7	6	7	4			
	4%	6%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	8%	6%	1%	3%	7%	3%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	7%	5%	2%	3%	3%	4%	5%	6%	4%	5%	3%			
Don't know/not thought about it	43	12	31	7	9	11	6	3	7	16	17	10	7	16	9	12	23	21	24	19	16	20	5	6	3	8	6	9	2	7	2			
	4%	2%	6%	6%	6%	6%	4%	2%	3%	6%	6%	2%	2%	7%	5%	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%	7%	5%	2%	5%	2%	9%	4%	7%	2%	5%	1%			
Prefer not to say	9	2	7	5	3	1	-	-	-	8	1	-	3	2	1	3	5	4	6	3	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	-	-			
	1%	1%	1%	4%	2%	1%	-	-	-	2%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%			
Support NET1	746	372	372	96	118	130	132	125	183	217	242	308	319	161	121	165	481	285	416	311	148	307	238	92	105	52	114	88	108	95	104			
	74%	75%	73%	73%	75%	71%	81%	71%	74%	75%	76%	73%	80%	71%	69%	71%	77%	71%	73%	75%	65%	71%	84%	74%	80%	62%	77%	70%	75%	74%	78%			
Oppose NET1	96	49	47	7	11	13	6	28	32	18	18	60	36	21	20	19	57	39	54	42	32	41	23	8	11	14	14	11	11	11	12			
	9%	10%	9%	5%	7%	8%	3%	16%	13%	6%	6%	14%	9%	9%	11%	8%	9%	10%	10%	9%	14%	9%	7%	7%	9%	17%	9%	11%	8%	8%	9%			
NET Difference	670	323	345	91	108	97	126	96	151	199	228	247	283	140	101	146	423	247	361	309	115	266	254	84	94	38	100	74	97	84	92			
	65%	65%	65%	64%	69%	63%	78%	55%	61%	68%	70%	58%	66%	61%	58%	63%	61%	67%	64%	66%	51%	62%	77%	68%	75%	45%	68%	59%	68%	65%	69%			

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Table 9  
ENERGYVIEW\_3 - How strongly would you support or oppose each of the following? Investing more in renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, tidal) in Scotland

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	TOTAL	TENURE		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2021 CONSTITUENCY VOTE				BREXIT VOTE 2016		INDY REF VOTE 2014	
		OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	UP TO £19,999 (c)	£20,000 - £34,999 (d)	£35,000 - £54,999 (e)	£55,000+ (f)	1 (g)	2 (h)	3 (i)	4+ (j)	ANY (k)	NONE (l)	CONSERVATIVE (m)	LABOUR (n)	LIB DEM (o)	SNP (p)	REMAIN (q)	LEAVE (r)	YES (s)	NO (t)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	734	273	156	214	251	342	207	382	184	259	314	718	123	180	71	356	553	200	370	356
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	711	292	181	228	254	298	218	379	182	253	297	735	119	170	64*	346	527	198	366	333
100%	69%	28%	18%	22%	25%	25%	28%	21%	37%	18%	25%	29%	71%	12%	17%	6%	34%	51%	19%	35%	32%
Strongly support	464	332	123	74	95	128	141	92	159	79	135	145	319	27	84	31	195	283	58	197	119
	45%	47%	42%	41%	42%	50%	47%	42%	42%	43%	53%	49%	43%	23%	49%	49%	56%	54%	29%	54%	36%
Tend to support	302	201	94	46	73	64	96	66	105	58	73	91	211	35	60	18	90	155	59	98	110
	29%	28%	32%	25%	32%	25%	32%	30%	28%	32%	29%	31%	29%	30%	35%	28%	26%	29%	30%	27%	33%
Neither support nor oppose	118	78	36	31	32	29	22	27	49	17	24	36	81	26	13	5	27	47	29	32	47
	11%	11%	12%	17%	14%	11%	8%	12%	13%	10%	10%	12%	11%	22%	8%	7%	8%	9%	15%	9%	14%
Tend to oppose	55	44	12	12	10	10	17	13	26	11	6	5	50	13	6	7	15	22	20	15	24
	5%	6%	4%	6%	5%	4%	6%	6%	7%	6%	2%	2%	7%	11%	3%	11%	4%	4%	10%	4%	7%
Strongly oppose	41	29	12	7	13	7	12	10	23	5	3	4	37	15	8	2	9	6	29	10	25
	4%	4%	4%	4%	6%	3%	4%	5%	6%	3%	1%	1%	5%	13%	5%	3%	3%	1%	15%	3%	8%
Don't know/not thought about it	43	25	13	9	3	16	8	7	17	11	9	14	29	2	-	1	9	14	3	14	7
	4%	4%	4%	5%	1%	6%	3%	3%	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%	2%	-	2%	3%	3%	1%	4%	2%
Prefer not to say	9	2	3	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	1%	+	1%	2%	+	+	+	1%	+	1%	1%	+	1%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Support (NET)	766	533	217	120	168	191	238	158	264	136	208	236	530	62	144	49	285	437	117	294	229
	74%	75%	74%	66%	74%	75%	80%	73%	70%	75%	82%	80%	72%	52%	84%	77%	82%	83%	59%	80%	69%
Oppose (NET)	96	73	24	18	24	17	29	23	48	16	9	10	87	28	13	9	24	28	49	25	50
	9%	10%	8%	10%	10%	7%	10%	11%	13%	9%	3%	3%	12%	23%	8%	14%	7%	5%	25%	7%	15%
NET Difference	670	460	193	102	145	174	209	135	216	120	199	226	444	34	131	40	261	409	68	269	179
	65%	65%	66%	56%	63%	68%	70%	62%	57%	66%	79%	76%	60%	29%	77%	62%	75%	78%	34%	74%	54%

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Table 10

OILGASV2 - Summary Table - The Rosebank oil field off Shetland is the North Sea's largest untapped oil and gas field. Different political parties have different views on whether permission should be given for extracting oil and gas from Rosebank. What about you? Do you think allowing further drilling in the North Sea will have a positive or negative effect on each of the following, or do you think it will make little difference?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	Scotland's economy	The economy of the UK as a whole	Reducing the UK's dependence on other countries for energy	Scotland's ability to meet its targets to reduce carbon emissions	The UK's ability to meet its targets to reduce carbon emissions
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	1032	1032	1032	1032
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	1032	1032	1032	1032
Very positive impact	305 30%	235 23%	298 29%	86 8%	98 9%
Fairly positive impact	337 33%	369 36%	343 33%	162 16%	165 16%
It will not make much difference	209 20%	234 23%	213 21%	329 32%	309 30%
Fairly negative impact	57 6%	44 4%	40 4%	193 19%	188 18%
Very negative impact	27 3%	31 3%	31 3%	131 13%	126 12%
Don't know/not thought about it	87 8%	109 11%	96 9%	117 11%	132 13%
Prefer not to say	10 1%	11 1%	11 1%	15 1%	15 1%
Positive impact (NET)	642 62%	604 59%	641 62%	247 24%	262 25%
Negative impact (NET)	84 8%	75 7%	71 7%	324 31%	314 30%
NET Difference	558 54%	529 51%	570 55%	-77 -7%	-52 -5%

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Table 13  
OHGASV2.1 - The Rosebank oil field off Shetland is the North Sea's largest untapped oil and gas field. Different political parties have different views on whether permission should be given for extracting oil and gas from Rosebank. What about you? Do you think allowing further drilling in the North Sea will have a positive or negative effect on each of the following, or do you think it will make little difference? Scotland's economy  
Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	GENDER			AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		HIGHEST QUALIFICATION		REGION										
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	STANDARD GRADE OR BELOW	HIGHER	DEGREE OR ABOVE	CENTRAL	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	LOTHIANS	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH	WEST		
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1000	494	506	142	276	318	318	246	200	280	324	422	464	224	276	318	600	396	624	411	182	449	222	240	84	207	216	216	216	216	216	216	216
WEIGHTED BASE	1000	494	506	142	276	318	318	246	200	280	324	422	464	224	276	318	600	396	624	411	182	449	222	240	84	207	216	216	216	216	216	216	216
Very positive impact	30%	32%	27%	25%	29%	31%	31%	33%	32%	24%	31%	32%	32%	29%	28%	28%	31%	28%	29%	33%	32%	30%	28%	28%	27%	27%	31%	27%	35%	35%	35%	24%	30%
Fairly positive impact	33%	34%	32%	40%	32%	33%	31%	26%	33%	36%	33%	30%	33%	32%	33%	32%	33%	32%	32%	32%	30%	33%	33%	34%	31%	27%	38%	35%	30%	29%	29%	38%	35%
It will not make much difference	20%	19%	21%	12%	17%	19%	19%	28%	23%	15%	19%	23%	22%	20%	19%	20%	21%	19%	20%	20%	19%	20%	19%	19%	20%	20%	15%	15%	19%	19%	27%	27%	23%
Fairly negative impact	17%	16%	18%	13%	12%	12%	12%	10%	11%	15%	16%	16%	15%	14%	13%	13%	13%	15%	13%	13%	14%	13%	14%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Very negative impact	27%	31%	22%	2%	5%	5%	5%	9%	7%	7%	14%	10%	4%	5%	8%	14%	13%	15%	11%	9%	7%	9%	6%	4%	-	5%	1%	2%	3%	5%	5%		
Don't know/not thought about it	8%	7%	9%	8%	10%	10%	10%	6%	5%	12%	10%	5%	6%	11%	10%	10%	7%	10%	9%	7%	7%	10%	7%	7%	8%	9%	10%	8%	8%	9%	9%	9%	
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Positive impact (NET)	64%	67%	60%	59%	61%	62%	62%	63%	63%	60%	64%	63%	63%	61%	62%	63%	63%	62%	62%	62%	62%	64%	62%	62%	58%	58%	66%	70%	64%	64%	53%	65%	
Negative impact (NET)	8%	8%	11%	8%	7%	7%	7%	11%	11%	11%	7%	7%	7%	8%	10%	9%	7%	8%	8%	8%	10%	6%	6%	12%	10%	3%	4%	9%	8%	7%	11%	9%	
NET Difference	56%	59%	49%	51%	54%	55%	55%	52%	52%	49%	57%	56%	56%	53%	52%	54%	56%	54%	54%	52%	52%	58%	50%	50%	54%	54%	61%	57%	57%	52%	54%	56%	

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d - e/f - g/h - i/j - k/l - m/n - o/p - q/r - s/t - u/v - w/x - y/z - A/B/C/D/E  
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Table 12  
OILGASV2\_1 - The Rosebank oil field off Shetland is the North Sea's largest untapped oil and gas field. Different political parties have different views on whether permission should be given for extracting oil and gas from Rosebank. What about you? Do you think allowing further drilling in the North Sea will have a positive or negative effect on each of the following, or do you think it will make little difference? Scotland's economy

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	TOTAL	TENURE		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2021 CONSTITUENCY VOTE				BREXIT VOTE 2016		INDY REF VOTE 2014	
		OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	UP TO £19,999 (c)	£20,000 - £34,999 (d)	£35,000 - £54,999 (e)	£55,000+ (f)	1 (g)	2 (h)	3 (i)	4+ (j)	ANY (k)	NONE (l)	CONSERVATIVE (m)	LABOUR (n)	LIB DEM (o)	SNP (p)	REMAIN (q)	LEAVE (r)	YES (s)	NO (t)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	734	273	156	214	251	342	207	382	184	259	314	718	123	180	71	356	553	200	370	356
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	711	292	181	228	254	298	218	379	182	253	297	735	119	170	64*	346	527	198	366	333
	100%	69%	29%	18%	22%	25%	29%	21%	37%	18%	25%	29%	71%	12%	17%	6%	34%	51%	19%	35%	32%
Very positive impact	305	218	85	49	68	69	95	66	115	56	69	94	211	63	52	16	103	138	101	116	116
	30%	31%	29%	27%	30%	27%	32%	30%	30%	31%	27%	32%	29%	53%	30%	25%	30%	26%	51%	32%	35%
Fairly positive impact	337	235	95	49	86	85	102	65	115	64	92	100	237	30	70	29	97	180	55	106	119
	33%	33%	32%	27%	38%	33%	34%	30%	30%	35%	36%	34%	32%	25%	41%	45%	28%	34%	28%	29%	36%
It will not make much difference	209	147	55	39	39	54	60	40	84	33	52	62	147	16	32	8	91	124	28	85	59
	20%	21%	19%	22%	17%	21%	20%	18%	22%	18%	20%	21%	20%	14%	19%	12%	26%	23%	14%	23%	18%
Fairly negative impact	57	40	17	15	18	7	17	18	24	4	11	8	50	2	6	6	24	30	6	18	15
	6%	6%	6%	8%	8%	3%	6%	8%	6%	2%	5%	3%	7%	2%	3%	9%	7%	6%	3%	5%	5%
Very negative impact	27	17	9	8	2	9	6	10	6	3	7	5	22	1	3	3	7	14	3	12	3
	3%	2%	3%	5%	1%	4%	2%	5%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%
Don't know/not thought about it	87	52	32	20	14	27	16	19	34	19	16	25	63	7	7	2	23	40	5	26	20
	8%	7%	11%	11%	6%	11%	6%	9%	9%	10%	6%	8%	9%	6%	4%	4%	7%	8%	3%	7%	6%
Prefer not to say	10	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	-	4	5	3	6	-	-	-	2	2	-	2	-
	1%	*	*	1%	*	1%	*	*	-	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	*	-	1%	-
Positive impact (NET)	642	453	179	98	154	154	198	131	231	119	161	194	448	93	122	45	200	317	156	223	234
	62%	64%	61%	54%	68%	60%	66%	60%	61%	66%	64%	65%	61%	78%	71%	71%	58%	60%	79%	61%	71%
Negative impact (NET)	84	57	25	23	20	17	23	28	30	7	19	13	71	3	9	8	31	44	9	30	19
	8%	8%	9%	13%	9%	7%	8%	13%	8%	4%	7%	4%	10%	3%	5%	13%	9%	8%	5%	8%	6%
NET Difference	558	397	154	75	135	137	175	103	201	112	142	181	377	90	112	37	169	274	147	193	216
	54%	56%	53%	41%	59%	54%	59%	47%	53%	61%	56%	61%	51%	76%	66%	58%	49%	52%	74%	53%	65%

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Table 13  
OIGASV2\_2 - The Rosebank oil field off Shetland is the North Sea's largest untapped oil and gas field. Different political parties have different views on whether permission should be given for extracting oil and gas from Rosebank. What about you? Do you think allowing further drilling in the North Sea will have a positive or negative effect on each of the following, or do you think it will make little difference? The economy of the UK as a whole

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	GENDER		AGE BAND 1								AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		HIGHEST QUALIFICATION				REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	STANDARD GRADE OR BELOW	HIGHER	ABOVE	CENTRAL	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	LOTHIANS	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH	WEST		
	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)		
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	412	620	100	276	148	202	178	243	280	312	422	464	224	174	186	612	322	620	412	102	309	449	221	240	84	207	116	109	133	103		
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	404	628	133*	118*	155	163	177	247	291	318	423	399	229	174	211	627	405	568	464	227	431	331	124	131	84*	148	125	143	129*	113*		
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Very positive impact	23%	13%	26%	14%	23%	23%	20%	24%	28%	19%	22%	26%	24%	21%	22%	23%	23%	22%	22%	24%	24%	24%	24%	19%	22%	21%	24%	25%	28%	15%	25%		
Fairly positive impact	36%	39%	33%	37%	34%	40%	32%	35%	37%	35%	36%	36%	39%	33%	35%	35%	34%	37%	34%	35%	32%	36%	38%	42%	34%	31%	33%	37%	36%	36%	37%		
It will not make much difference	23%	22%	23%	18%	18%	21%	29%	24%	23%	18%	25%	24%	23%	22%	18%	26%	23%	23%	22%	23%	22%	23%	19%	27%	24%	20%	24%	21%	28%	20%	20%		
Fairly negative impact	4%	2%	6%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%		
Very negative impact	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%		
Don't know/not thought about it	10%	2%	5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%		
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%		
Positive impact (NET)	59%	52%	59%	51%	57%	63%	52%	59%	64%	54%	57%	62%	63%	54%	57%	60%	57%	57%	57%	57%	55%	60%	59%	62%	56%	53%	57%	63%	64%	61%	62%		
Negative impact (NET)	7%	8%	6%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%		
NET Difference	52%	44%	53%	48%	55%	61%	50%	57%	62%	53%	56%	61%	62%	53%	56%	59%	56%	56%	56%	56%	54%	59%	61%	61%	55%	52%	56%	62%	63%	61%	63%		

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**Table 14**  
OILGASV2\_2 - The Rosebank oil field off Shetland is the North Sea's largest untapped oil and gas field. Different political parties have different views on whether permission should be given for extracting oil and gas from Rosebank. What about you? Do you think allowing further drilling in the North Sea will have a positive or negative effect on each of the following, or do you think it will make little difference? The economy of the UK as a whole  
Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	TOTAL	TENURE		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2021 CONSTITUENCY VOTE				BREXIT VOTE 2016		INDY REF VOTE 2014	
		OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	UP TO £19,999 (c)	£20,000 - £34,999 (d)	£35,000 - £54,999 (e)	£55,000+ (f)	1 (g)	2 (h)	3 (i)	4+ (j)	ANY (k)	NONE (l)	CONSERVATIVE (m)	LABOUR (n)	LIB DEM (o)	SNP (p)	REMAIN (q)	LEAVE (r)	YES (s)	NO (t)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	734	273	156	214	251	342	207	382	184	259	314	718	123	180	71	356	553	200	370	356
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	711	292	181	228	254	298	218	379	182	253	297	735	119	170	64*	346	527	198	366	333
	100%	69%	29%	18%	22%	25%	29%	21%	37%	18%	25%	29%	71%	12%	17%	6%	34%	51%	19%	35%	32%
Very positive impact	235	169	63	42	53	50	75	49	91	38	57	70	165	51	45	12	71	104	77	83	96
	23%	24%	22%	23%	23%	20%	25%	22%	24%	21%	23%	24%	22%	43%	26%	18%	21%	20%	39%	23%	29%
Fairly positive impact	369	274	89	46	84	91	126	75	127	71	96	115	254	38	66	35	125	198	73	133	135
	36%	39%	30%	26%	37%	36%	42%	34%	33%	39%	38%	39%	34%	32%	39%	55%	36%	38%	37%	36%	41%
It will not make much difference	234	154	75	55	48	58	61	47	88	37	61	68	166	17	43	10	93	130	35	90	61
	23%	22%	26%	30%	21%	23%	20%	22%	23%	20%	24%	23%	23%	14%	25%	15%	27%	25%	17%	25%	18%
Fairly negative impact	44	27	11	6	13	12	10	6	19	7	11	10	34	2	2	1	15	18	4	10	6
	4%	4%	4%	3%	6%	5%	3%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	5%	1%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Very negative impact	31	16	15	9	11	6	4	16	11	2	2	5	26	4	4	2	8	17	2	12	7
	3%	2%	5%	5%	5%	2%	1%	7%	3%	1%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%
Don't know/not thought about it	109	69	35	22	18	34	22	21	43	23	23	25	83	8	10	4	29	54	7	33	28
	11%	10%	12%	12%	8%	13%	7%	10%	11%	13%	9%	9%	11%	6%	6%	7%	8%	10%	4%	9%	8%
Prefer not to say	11	2	4	1	1	3	1	4	-	4	4	3	8	-	-	-	5	5	-	5	-
	1%	*	1%	1%	*	1%	*	2%	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	2%	1%	-	1%	-
Positive impact (NET)	604	443	152	89	137	141	201	124	217	109	154	186	418	89	111	47	196	303	150	216	231
	59%	62%	52%	49%	60%	55%	67%	57%	57%	60%	61%	63%	57%	75%	65%	73%	57%	57%	76%	59%	69%
Negative impact (NET)	75	43	26	15	24	18	14	22	31	10	12	15	60	5	7	3	23	35	7	22	13
	7%	6%	9%	8%	11%	7%	5%	10%	8%	5%	5%	5%	8%	5%	4%	4%	7%	7%	3%	6%	4%
NET Difference	529	400	126	73	113	123	187	101	187	100	141	171	358	84	105	44	173	267	143	194	218
	51%	56%	43%	41%	50%	48%	63%	47%	49%	55%	56%	58%	49%	70%	61%	69%	50%	51%	72%	53%	66%

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Table 16  
OILGASV2\_3 - The Rosebank oil field off Shetland is the North Sea's largest untapped oil and gas field. Different political parties have different views on whether permission should be given for extracting oil and gas from Rosebank. What about you? Do you think allowing further drilling in the North Sea will have a positive or negative effect on each of the following, or do you think it will make little difference? Reducing the UK's dependence on other countries for energy

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	TOTAL	TENURE		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2021 CONSTITUENCY VOTE				BREXIT VOTE 2016		INDY REF VOTE 2014		
		OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	UP TO £19,999 (c)	£20,000 - £34,999 (d)	£35,000 - £54,999 (e)	£55,000+ (f)	1 (g)	2 (h)	3 (i)	4+ (j)	ANY (k)	NONE (l)	CONSERVATIVE (m)	LABOUR (n)	LIB DEM (o)	SNP (p)	REMAIN (q)	LEAVE (r)	YES (s)	NO (t)	
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	734	273	156	214	251	342	207	382	184	259	314	718	123	180	71	356	553	200	370	356	
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	711	292	181	228	254	298	218	379	182	253	297	735	119	170	64*	346	527	198	366	333	
	100%	69%	26%	16%	22%	25%	29%	21%	37%	18%	25%	29%	71%	12%	17%	9%	34%	51%	19%	35%	32%	
Very positive impact	29%	30%	28%	24%	33%	28%	30%	25%	33%	28%	27%	27%	30%	59	57	16	91	134	100	107	116	
														nop								
Fairly positive impact	34%	35%	29%	25%	34%	34%	38%	31%	30%	40%	35%	35%	33%	35	63	27	116	191	58	120	122	
														29%	37%	41%	34%	36%	29%	33%	37%	
It will not make much difference	21%	21%	21%	29%	19%	21%	18%	24%	23%	13%	20%	20%	21%	12	33	16	85	117	29	87	53	
				df				i	i	h				60	153			22%	15%	24%	16%	
Fairly negative impact	4%	4%	4%	6%	3%	3%	3%	11	9	6	14	17	23	2	4	-	20	20	2	14	7	
								5%	2%	4%	5%	6%	3%	2%	2%	-	6%	4%	1%	4%	2%	
Very negative impact	3%	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%	2%	5%	3%	2%	2%	1%	4%	3	5	3	8	13	5	10	7	
								12	10	4	4	3	28	2%	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	
								5%	3%	2%	2%	1%	4%	1	4	2	21	2%	3%	3%	2%	
Don't know/not thought about it	9%	8%	12%	11%	8%	9%	8%	19	34	20	24	30	66	8	8	2	21	47	4	24	26	
								9%	9%	11%	9%	10%	9%	7%	5%	4%	6%	9%	2%	6%	8%	
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2	1	4	4	3	8	-	-	-	4	5	-	4	-	
								1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	1%	-	1%	-	
Positive impact (NET)	62%	65%	57%	49%	67%	62%	68%	56%	63%	68%	62%	62%	62%	84	120	43	207	325	158	227	239	
														79%	70%	66%	60%	62%	80%	62%	72%	
														p	p			q	q	s	s	
Negative impact (NET)	7%	6%	9%	10%	6%	7%	5%	23	19	11	18	20	51	5	9	3	28	34	7	24	14	
								11%	5%	6%	7%	7%	7%	4%	5%	5%	8%	6%	3%	7%	4%	
								h														
NET Difference	57%	59%	48%	39%	61%	54%	63%	45%	58%	63%	55%	55%	55%	89	111	39	179	291	151	202	224	
														75%	65%	61%	52%	55%	76%	55%	67%	
														p	p			q	q	s	s	

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f - g/h/i/j - k/l - m/n/o/p - q/r - s/t  
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Table 13  
OIGAS0V2.4 - The Rosebank oil field off Shetland is the North Sea's largest untapped oil and gas field. Different political parties have different views on whether permission should be given for extracting oil and gas from Rosebank. What about you? Do you think allowing further drilling in the North Sea will have a positive or negative effect on each of the following, or do you think it will make little difference? Scotland's ability to meet its targets to reduce carbon emissions  
Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	GENDER			AGE BAND 1					AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		HIGHEST QUALIFICATION			REGION									
	TOTAL (n)	MEN (n)	WOMEN (n)	16-24 (n)	25-34 (n)	35-44 (n)	45-54 (n)	55-64 (n)	65+ (n)	16-34 (n)	35-54 (n)	55+ (n)	AB (n)	C1 (n)	C2 (n)	DE (n)	ABC1 (n)	C2DE (n)	WORKING (n)	NOT WORKING (n)	STANDARD GRADE OR BELOW (n)	HIGHER (n)	DEGREE OR ABOVE (n)	CENTRAL (n)	GLASGOW (n)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (n)	LOTHIANS (n)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (n)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (n)	SOUTH (n)	WEST (n)	
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	494	538	102	148	202	243	237	200	280	322	452	464	224	174	234	602	332	622	410	182	850	222	240	84	207	116	109	133	133	103	
WEIGHTED BASE	1000	490	510	100	140	190	240	230	200	280	320	450	450	220	170	230	600	330	600	400	180	840	220	240	84	200	116	109	133	133	100	
Very positive impact	86	50	36	9	25	4	8	11	9	35	20	32	39	17	8	22	56	30	49	37	17	33	31	9	8	4	16	10	14	13	12	
	8%	10%	7%	7%	18%	5%	7%	9%	9%	12%	6%	7%	10%	7%	5%	9%	9%	7%	9%	8%	8%	8%	9%	7%	6%	5%	11%	8%	10%	10%	9%	
Fairly positive impact	162	73	87	33	31	26	23	18	31	64	49	49	50	38	34	40	88	74	86	75	43	70	43	23	15	12	21	24	31	20	17	
	16%	15%	16%	25%	25%	17%	14%	10%	13%	22%	15%	12%	13%	17%	20%	17%	14%	18%	15%	16%	19%	16%	13%	23	15%	12%	14%	14%	19%	22%	15%	13%
It will not make much difference	329	164	165	51	33	40	42	78	106	53	91	184	140	69	58	62	209	120	170	139	69	150	100	35	44	33	44	40	43	34	50	
	32%	33%	31%	16%	23%	21%	20%	44%	46%	18%	29%	43%	30%	30%	33%	27%	33%	30%	30%	34%	30%	30%	30%	28%	34%	40%	29%	32%	30%	26%	38%	
Fairly negative impact	188	102	86	26	28	22	46	42	42	54	71	69	74	39	28	32	112	80	100	85	46	72	67	24	28	15	27	25	31	21	31	
	19%	21%	17%	20%	17%	16%	28%	18%	17%	18%	22%	16%	19%	17%	16%	22%	18%	20%	19%	18%	20%	17%	20%	19%	22%	18%	18%	20%	15%	24%	16%	
Very negative impact	131	67	63	23	22	21	18	22	26	45	38	48	61	29	17	25	90	41	72	59	24	45	55	16	21	6	24	11	14	17	18	
	13%	13%	12%	17%	14%	13%	11%	13%	10%	15%	12%	11%	15%	13%	10%	11%	14%	10%	13%	13%	11%	10%	17%	13%	16%	7%	16%	9%	10%	13%	14%	
Don't know/not thought about it	117	35	82	17	17	21	23	21	19	33	44	40	32	34	27	24	66	51	70	47	23	58	31	16	14	11	14	15	17	15	15	
	11%	7%	15%	12%	11%	10%	14%	12%	8%	11%	14%	9%	8%	10%	10%	10%	10%	13%	12%	10%	10%	13%	9%	18%	11%	13%	9%	12%	12%	11%	11%	
Prefer not to say	15	5	10	4	3	5	1	2	-	7	5	2	3	3	2	7	6	9	11	3	3	5	3	2	2	3	3	-	3	-	-	
	1%	1%	2%	4%	2%	3%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Positive impact (NET)	247	123	123	43	56	30	34	25	34	76	68	81	80	54	42	42	144	104	116	112	61	103	75	32	23	16	37	34	46	32	29	
	24%	25%	23%	32%	35%	22%	21%	15%	22%	34%	22%	19%	22%	24%	24%	27%	23%	20%	24%	24%	27%	24%	23%	26%	17%	19%	25%	27%	32%	25%	21%	
Neutral impact (NET)	324	168	154	49	49	46	63	49	68	99	109	117	135	68	44	77	203	121	181	143	70	118	122	39	49	21	51	36	35	48	39	
	31%	34%	29%	37%	31%	30%	39%	28%	27%	34%	34%	28%	34%	30%	26%	33%	32%	30%	32%	31%	31%	27%	37%	32%	37%	25%	34%	29%	24%	37%	29%	
NET Difference	-77	-45	-32	-7	7	-12	-29	-22	-14	*	-41	-36	-45	-14	-2	-15	-59	-17	-45	-32	-9	-15	-47	-7	-27	-6	-14	-3	11	-16	-10	
	-7%	-9%	-6%	-5%	4%	-8%	-18%	-13%	-6%	+	-13%	-8%	-11%	-6%	-1%	-7%	-9%	-4%	-8%	-7%	-4%	-4%	-14%	-6%	-20%	-7%	-10%	-2%	10%	-13%	-8%	

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d/n1/n2/n - i/j/A - Vm/h/o - p/q - r/s - t/u/v - w/x/A/A/C/C/E  
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Table 18  
OILGASV2\_4 - The Rosebank oil field off Shetland is the North Sea's largest untapped oil and gas field. Different political parties have different views on whether permission should be given for extracting oil and gas from Rosebank. What about you? Do you think allowing further drilling in the North Sea will have a positive or negative effect on each of the following, or do you think it will make little difference? Scotland's ability to meet its targets to reduce carbon emissions

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	TOTAL	TENURE		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2021 CONSTITUENCY VOTE				BREXIT VOTE 2016		INDY REF VOTE 2014	
		OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	UP TO £19,999 (c)	£20,000 - £34,999 (d)	£35,000 - £54,999 (e)	£55,000+ (f)	1 (g)	2 (h)	3 (i)	4+ (j)	ANY (k)	NONE (l)	CONSERVATIVE (m)	LABOUR (n)	LIB DEM (o)	SNP (p)	REMAIN (q)	LEAVE (r)	YES (s)	NO (t)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	734	273	156	214	251	342	207	382	184	259	314	718	123	180	71	356	553	200	370	356
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	711	292	181	228	254	298	218	379	182	253	297	735	119	170	64*	346	527	198	366	333
	100%	69%	26%	16%	22%	25%	29%	21%	37%	18%	25%	29%	71%	12%	17%	6%	34%	51%	19%	35%	32%
Very positive impact	86	54	29	13	25	12	31	15	35	11	25	30	55	13	16	7	31	32	29	34	25
	8%	8%	10%	7%	11%	5%	10%	7%	9%	6%	10%	10%	8%	11%	10%	10%	9%	6%	29	34	25
					e		e												q		
Fairly positive impact	162	92	65	36	41	32	44	42	50	25	44	59	102	9	28	11	54	61	28	53	38
	16%	13%	22%	20%	18%	12%	15%	19%	13%	14%	18%	20%	14%	7%	16%	17%	16%	12%	14%	14%	11%
			a											m		m					
It will not make much difference	329	249	74	55	69	96	88	68	127	53	80	84	245	59	58	26	99	175	82	122	127
	32%	35%	25%	30%	30%	38%	29%	31%	34%	29%	32%	28%	33%	49%	34%	40%	29%	33%	42%	33%	38%
			b											np					q		
Fairly negative impact	193	138	52	36	44	39	66	42	66	41	43	56	137	19	29	12	73	117	23	68	67
	19%	19%	18%	20%	19%	15%	22%	19%	18%	23%	17%	19%	19%	16%	17%	18%	21%	22%	11%	19%	20%
														r					r		
Very negative impact	131	94	35	16	22	46	39	21	51	23	36	33	98	4	23	6	55	86	8	51	29
	13%	13%	12%	9%	10%	18%	13%	10%	13%	12%	14%	11%	13%	3%	14%	9%	16%	16%	4%	14%	9%
														m		m			r		
																				t	
Don't know/not thought about it	117	78	33	24	23	28	29	28	47	22	20	31	85	13	15	4	30	52	25	35	42
	11%	11%	11%	13%	10%	11%	10%	13%	12%	12%	8%	10%	12%	11%	9%	6%	9%	10%	12%	9%	13%
Prefer not to say	15	7	4	2	4	2	1	2	3	6	4	4	11	2	1	-	4	4	4	2	6
	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	-	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Positive impact (NET)	247	140	94	49	66	44	75	56	85	36	69	89	158	22	44	17	84	93	57	87	63
	24%	21%	32%	27%	29%	17%	25%	26%	23%	20%	27%	30%	22%	19%	26%	27%	24%	18%	23%	24%	19%
			a		e	e	e														
Negative impact (NET)	324	231	87	52	66	85	104	64	117	64	79	89	235	23	53	17	128	203	30	120	96
	31%	33%	30%	29%	29%	33%	35%	29%	31%	35%	31%	30%	32%	20%	31%	27%	37%	38%	15%	33%	29%
NET Difference	-77	-85	7	-4	*	-41	-29	-7	-32	-28	-10	*	-77	-1	-8	*	-44	-109	27	-33	-33
	-7%	-12%	3%	-2%	*	-16%	-10%	-3%	-8%	-15%	-4%	*	-10%	-1%	-5%	*	-13%	-21%	14%	-9%	-10%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested [5% risk level] - a/b - c/d/e/f - g/h/i/j - k/l - m/n/o/p - q/r - s/t  
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Table 19  
OIGAS0V2.3 - The Rosebank oil field off Shetland is the North Sea's largest untapped oil and gas field. Different political parties have different views on whether permission should be given for extracting oil and gas from Rosebank. What about you? Do you think allowing further drilling in the North Sea will have a positive or negative effect on each of the following, or do you think it will make little difference? The UK's ability to meet its targets to reduce carbon emissions  
Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	GENDER			AGE BAND 1							AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		HIGHEST QUALIFICATION				REGION									
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	STANDARD GRADE OR BELOW	HIGHER	DEGREE OR ABOVE	CENTRAL	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	LOTHIANS	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH	WEST				
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	416	616	100	276	318	324	243	151	280	312	422	464	224	174	306	602	332	622	411	182	309	446	221	240	84	207	116	109	133	103				
WEIGHTED BASE	1000	404	596	100*	276	318	324	243	151	281	313	423	465	225	175	307	603	333	623	405	183	310	447	222	241	85	208	117	110	134					
Very positive impact	98	55	43	14	34	27	30	16	8	45	26	31	38	17	21	22	55	43	54	44	23	43	29	9	9	3	12	14	22	19	10				
	9%	13%	8%	10%	12%	7%	10%	5%	9%	14%	8%	7%	9%	7%	12%	10%	9%	11%	9%	9%	9%	10%	9%	7%	7%	4%	8%	11%	16%	14%	7%				
Fairly positive impact	165	79	86	31	29	26	24	21	34	60	49	55	62	30	35	38	92	72	95	69	43	70	46	26	23	11	24	21	25	20	15				
	16%	16%	16%	23%	19%	17%	14%	12%	14%	22%	16%	13%	16%	13%	20%	16%	15%	18%	17%	15%	19%	16%	14%	22%	17%	13%	16%	17%	16%	15%	11%				
It will not make much difference	309	165	144	39	27	44	40	71	104	50	84	175	135	65	53	56	200	109	155	133	70	138	94	40	38	35	41	37	44	27	40				
	30%	33%	27%	17%	17%	28%	23%	40%	42%	17%	26%	43%	34%	28%	30%	24%	32%	27%	27%	33%	31%	32%	28%	33%	29%	42%	28%	30%	31%	21%	30%				
Fairly negative impact	188	95	93	24	27	29	30	39	68	31	68	69	73	43	23	30	116	71	112	76	42	62	75	18	27	27	32	25	18	28	31				
	18%	19%	17%	18%	17%	19%	24%	17%	16%	17%	21%	16%	18%	19%	13%	22%	18%	18%	20%	16%	19%	15%	23%	14%	22%	21%	22%	20%	18%	22%	16%				
Very negative impact	126	63	63	20	24	18	19	20	25	43	37	45	50	29	16	31	79	47	59	67	22	44	52	16	21	4	17	10	15	17	23				
	12%	13%	12%	15%	15%	12%	12%	11%	10%	15%	12%	11%	12%	13%	9%	13%	13%	12%	10%	14%	10%	10%	11%	13%	16%	5%	12%	8%	11%	14%	17%				
Don't know/not thought about it	132	34	98	19	21	21	25	25	21	40	46	46	39	43	25	25	82	50	84	48	23	69	34	14	14	12	18	18	16	16	22				
	13%	7%	18%	15%	13%	13%	16%	14%	8%	14%	15%	11%	10%	19%	14%	11%	13%	12%	11%	10%	10%	10%	11%	10%	16%	14%	12%	15%	11%	12%	17%				
Prefer not to say	15	4	11	3	2	6	-	1	2	6	6	3	3	2	2	9	4	11	9	6	5	4	2	2	1	1	3	-	2	2	2				
	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	4%	-	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%				
Positive impact (NET)	262	134	128	45	56	36	30	29	56	101	76	81	108	47	55	60	147	115	149	113	64	113	71	35	31	14	36	35	47	39	25				
	25%	27%	24%	34%	36%	23%	24%	17%	23%	35%	24%	20%	25%	21%	32%	24%	23%	28%	26%	24%	28%	26%	23%	28%	24%	17%	24%	28%	33%	30%	19%				
Negative impact (NET)	114	58	56	43	41	47	58	50	65	94	105	115	123	71	39	39	81	194	120	171	143	64	107	127	33	49	22	49	34	34	45	44			
	11%	12%	12%	12%	12%	13%	16%	16%	16%	32%	33%	27%	31%	31%	22%	33%	31%	30%	30%	31%	28%	25%	30%	27%	37%	26%	33%	28%	23%	34%	33%				
NET Difference	-32	-24	-25	2	5	-11	-18	-21	-9	7	-29	-39	-23	-24	16	16	-21	-47	-5	-22	-30	*	6	-53	2	-17	-7	-13	1	13	-7	-19			
	-3%	-6%	-5%	3%	3%	-7%	-11%	-12%	-6%	2%	-9%	-10%	-6%	-10%	9%	-9%	-7%	-1%	-4%	-6%	*	1%	-16%	1%	-13%	-9%	-9%	*	9%	-5%	-14%				

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d/n/m/h - i/jA - Vm/h/o - p/q - r/s - t/u/v - w/x/A/A/C/D/E  
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Table 20  
OILGASV2\_5 - The Rosebank oil field off Shetland is the North Sea's largest untapped oil and gas field. Different political parties have different views on whether permission should be given for extracting oil and gas from Rosebank. What about you? Do you think allowing further drilling in the North Sea will have a positive or negative effect on each of the following, or do you think it will make little difference? The UK's ability to meet its targets to reduce carbon emissions

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	TOTAL	TENURE		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2021 CONSTITUENCY VOTE				BREXIT VOTE 2016		INDY REF VOTE 2014	
		OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	UP TO £19,999 (c)	£20,000 - £34,999 (d)	£35,000 - £54,999 (e)	£55,000+ (f)	1 (g)	2 (h)	3 (i)	4+ (j)	ANY (k)	NONE (l)	CONSERVATIVE (m)	LABOUR (n)	LIB DEM (o)	SNP (p)	REMAIN (q)	LEAVE (r)	YES (s)	NO (t)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1032	734	273	156	214	251	342	207	382	184	259	314	718	123	180	71	356	553	200	370	356
WEIGHTED BASE	1032	711	292	181	228	254	298	218	379	182	253	297	735	119	170	64*	346	527	198	366	333
	100%	69%	26%	18%	22%	25%	29%	21%	37%	18%	25%	29%	71%	12%	17%	6%	34%	51%	19%	35%	32%
Very positive impact	98	57	37	20	27	13	32	23	30	14	30	32	65	13	14	9	37	35	25	38	22
	9%	8%	13%	11%	12%	5%	11%	10%	8%	8%	12%	11%	9%	11%	8%	14%	11%	7%	13%	10%	7%
			a	e	e		e											q			
Fairly positive impact	165	104	60	30	41	40	46	38	50	28	49	64	101	16	30	7	55	67	35	53	44
	16%	15%	20%	17%	18%	16%	15%	17%	13%	15%	19%	22%	14%	13%	18%	10%	16%	13%	18%	15%	13%
			a																		
It will not make much difference	309	233	69	48	69	79	93	68	123	51	66	69	239	57	56	25	94	161	84	116	124
	30%	33%	24%	26%	30%	31%	31%	31%	33%	28%	26%	23%	33%	48%	33%	40%	27%	31%	42%	32%	37%
			b										k	np	p						
Fairly negative impact	188	134	50	36	36	50	57	38	69	37	43	58	130	14	32	13	66	115	22	63	71
	18%	19%	17%	20%	16%	20%	19%	18%	18%	20%	17%	20%	18%	12%	19%	21%	19%	22%	11%	17%	21%
																		r			
Very negative impact	126	88	36	21	26	38	34	20	53	22	31	32	94	8	21	4	54	82	6	53	23
	12%	12%	12%	12%	11%	15%	11%	9%	14%	12%	12%	11%	13%	7%	12%	6%	16%	16%	3%	14%	7%
																	mo				
Don't know/not thought about it	132	92	34	23	27	33	35	25	52	26	30	37	96	12	17	6	35	62	24	39	46
	13%	13%	12%	13%	12%	13%	12%	11%	14%	14%	12%	12%	13%	10%	10%	10%	10%	12%	12%	11%	14%
Prefer not to say	15	4	7	3	2	2	1	6	1	4	4	4	11	-	-	-	6	6	2	4	3
	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	*	3%	*	2%	1%	1%	2%	-	-	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
			a					h													
Positive impact (NET)	262	161	97	50	68	53	78	61	81	42	79	96	166	29	44	15	91	102	60	91	66
	25%	23%	33%	28%	30%	21%	26%	28%	21%	23%	31%	32%	23%	24%	26%	24%	26%	19%	30%	25%	20%
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Negative impact (NET)	314	222	86	57	61	87	91	59	123	59	74	91	223	22	54	17	120	197	28	116	94
	30%	31%	29%	31%	27%	34%	30%	27%	32%	32%	29%	31%	30%	18%	31%	27%	35%	37%	14%	32%	28%
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NET Difference	52	-61	11	-7	7	-34	-13	2	-42	-17	5	6	-58	7	-9	-2	-29	-35	32	-25	-28
	-5%	-9%	4%	-4%	3%	-13%	-4%	1%	-11%	-9%	2%	2%	-8%	6%	-5%	-3%	-8%	-18%	16%	-7%	-8%
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Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f - g/h/i/j - k/l - m/n/o/p - q/r - s/t  
Overlap formulae used. \* small base

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