

Scottish Public Opinion Monitor September 2016

Technical details:

- Results are based on a survey 1,000 respondents (adults aged 16+) conducted by telephone
- Fieldwork dates: 5th September- 11th September 2016
- Data are weighted by: age, sex, education qualification and working status using census data; tenure using SHS data; and public-private sector employment using Scottish Government Quarterly Public Sector Employment series data
- Where results do not sum to 100%, this may be due to computer rounding, multiple responses, or the exclusion of “don’t know” categories
- Results are based on all respondents 1,000 unless otherwise stated.

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?			
		<i>All giving voting intention (914)</i>	<i>All giving voting intention and who are certain to vote (831)</i>
		%	%
Yes		45	48
No		55	52

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?			
		<i>All (1,000)</i>	<i>All who are certain to vote (883)</i>
		%	%
Yes		41	45
No		51	50
Undecided		6	5
Refused		1	*

As you may know, the UK voted to leave the European Union in a referendum held in June 2016. Did this event change how you would vote in a future referendum on Scottish independence or not?	
<i>Base: All giving a voting intention (914)</i>	%
Yes, the EU referendum result changed how I would vote in a future independence referendum	15
No, the EU referendum result has not changed how I would vote in a future independence referendum	79
Don’t know/unsure	6

	As you may know, the UK voted to leave the European Union in a referendum held in June 2016. Did this event cause you to become undecided about how you would vote in a future referendum on Scottish independence or not?	
	<i>Base: All who are undecided (75*)</i> <i>* small base size</i>	%
	Yes, I supported a No vote before the EU referendum and am now undecided	36
	Yes, I supported a Yes vote before the EU referendum and am now undecided	14
	No, the EU referendum made no difference	43
	Don't know/unsure	7

	And, how likely would you be to vote in a referendum on Scotland's constitutional future, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote and 1 that you would be absolutely certain NOT to vote?	
	<i>Base: All</i>	%
	10 (Absolutely certain to vote)	81
	9	2
	8	6
	7	2
	6	1
	5	3
	4	*
	3	-
	2	-
	1 (Absolutely certain not to vote)	6
	Don't know	*
	Refused	-

	To what extent do you agree or disagree that there should be another referendum on Scottish independence within the next two years?	
	<i>Base: All</i>	%
	Strongly agree	28
	Tend to agree	13
	Neither agree nor disagree	4
	Tend to disagree	9
	Strongly disagree	45
	Don't know	1

Satisfaction with party leaders

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Nicola Sturgeon is doing her job as First Minister of Scotland?				
		Sept 16	April 16	April-Sept % point change
	<i>Base: All</i>	1,000	1,015	
		%	%	
	Satisfied	54	66	-12
	Dissatisfied	40	30	+10
	Don't know	5	5	-
	<i>Net satisfaction</i>	14	36	-22

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way John Swinney is doing his job as Deputy First Minister of Scotland?				
		Sept 16	April 16	April-Sept % point change
	<i>Base: All</i>	1,000	1,015	
		%	%	
	Satisfied	42	45	-3
	Dissatisfied	29	36	-7
	Don't know	29	19	+10
	<i>Net satisfaction</i>	13	9	+4

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Ruth Davidson is doing her job as leader of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party?				
		Sept 16	April 16	April-Sept % point change
	<i>Base: All</i>	1,000	1,015	
		%	%	
	Satisfied	55	47	+8
	Dissatisfied	24	33	-9
	Don't know	21	20	+1
	<i>Net satisfaction</i>	31	14	+17

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Willie Rennie is doing his job as leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats?				
		Sept 16	April 16	April-Sept % point change
	<i>Base: All</i>	1,000	1,015	
		%	%	
	Satisfied	31	33	-2
	Dissatisfied	26	33	-7
	Don't know	43	34	+9
	<i>Net satisfaction</i>	5	-	+5

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Kezia Dugdale is doing her job as leader of the Scottish Labour party?				
		Sept 16	April 16	April-Sept % point change
	<i>Base: All</i>	1,000	1,015	
		%	%	
	Satisfied	32	33	-1
	Dissatisfied	42	44	-2
	Don't know	25	23	+2
	<i>Net satisfaction</i>	-10	-11	+1

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Patrick Harvie is doing his job as leader of the Scottish Green Party?				
		Sept 16	April 16	April-Sept % point change
	<i>Base: All</i>	1,000	1,015	
		%	%	
	Satisfied	39	44	-5
	Dissatisfied	20	20	-
	Don't know	41	36	+5
	<i>Net satisfaction</i>	19	24	-5

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Theresa May is doing her job as Prime Minister?		
		Sept 16
	<i>Base: All</i>	1,000
		%
	Satisfied	47
	Dissatisfied	31
	Don't know	22
	<i>Net satisfaction</i>	16

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Jeremy Corbyn is doing his job as leader of the UK Labour Party?				
		Sept 16	April 16	April-Sept % point change
	<i>Base: All</i>	1,000	1,015	
		%	%	
	Satisfied	29	39	-10
	Dissatisfied	55	46	+9
	Don't know	16	16	-
	<i>Net satisfaction</i>	-26	-7	-19