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**Topline Results_
Voting intentions and Tax**

- Results are based on a survey of 1,019 respondents conducted by telephone between 10th February and 13th February 2011.
- Data are weighted by age, sex and working status using census data, and tenure using SHS 2007-2008 data
- An asterisk (*) indicates a percentage of less than 0.5% but greater than 0.
- Where results do not sum to 100, this may be due to multiple responses or computer rounding
- Where the base size is less than 30 the number (N) rather than the percentage of respondents is given
- Results are based on all respondents (1,019) unless otherwise stated.

Voting

I'd like to begin by asking you a few questions about voting in elections.

ASK ALL

SP_V **In elections for the Scottish Parliament you have two votes. Your first vote is for a**
OTE1 **person to represent the constituency. If there were elections to the Scottish**
a **Parliament tomorrow, how would you use your first vote? Would you vote.....**

ROTATE ORDER. READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY .

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	1	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Scottish Labour	2	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Scottish Liberal Democrat	3	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Scottish National Party (SNP)	4	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Or for another candidate (DO NOT ROTATE)	5	ASK SP_VOTE1b
Undecided/Don't know (DO NOT READ)	6	GO TO SP_VOTE1c
Would not vote (DO NOT READ)	7	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Refused	8	GO TO SP_VOTE1c

ASK ALL WHO SAY ANOTHER CANDIDATE AT SP_VOTE1a (CODE 5)

SP_V **Which party is that?**
OTE1 DO NOT PROMPT. SINGLE CODE ONLY .
b

Solidarity	1	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Scottish Socialist Party	2	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Scottish Green Party	3	GO TO SP_LIKEV
UK Independent Party (UKIP)	4	GO TO SP_LIKEV
British National Party (BNP)	5	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Independent candidate	6	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Other (WRITE IN)	7	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Undecided/Don't know	8	ASK SP_VOTE1c
Refused	9	ASK SP_VOTE1c

ASK ALL WHO SAY UNDECIDED OR REFUSED AT SP_VOTE1a (CODES 6 OR 8) OR SP_VOTE1b (CODES 8 OR 9)

SP_V **Which party are you most inclined to support?**
 OTE1 DO NOT PROMPT. SINGLE CODE ONLY .

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Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	1
Scottish Labour	2
Scottish Liberal Democrat	3
Scottish National Party (SNP)	4
Solidarity	5
Scottish Socialist Party	6
Scottish Green Party	7
UK Independent Party (UKIP)	8
British National Party (BNP)	9
Independent candidate	10
Other (WRITE IN)	11
Undecided/Don't know	12
Refused	13

COMBINED RESULTS: Holyrood voting

SP_V **If there were elections to the Scottish Parliament tomorrow, how would you use your first vote? Would you vote.....Which party is that?**

OTE1 **Which party are you most inclined to support?**
 a/b/c

All certain to vote (627)	All expressing a vote (851)	All expressing a vote (851)	Certain to vote (627)
		%	%
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	13	13	13
Scottish Labour	38	38	36
Scottish Liberal Democrat	10	10	10
Scottish National Party (SNP)	36	36	37
Other	5	5	4

Scottish constituency voting intentions (aged 18+, certain to vote)

	<i>Election 2003</i>	Jan-Mar 05	Apr-June 05	Aug- Sept 05	Jan- Mar 06	Apr- June 06	August 09	Nov 09	Feb 2010	Aug 2010	Novem ber 2010	Feb 2011
Conservative	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Labour	17	16	13	16	14	15	15	12	14	11	13	13
Liberal Democrats	35	36	40	40	38	28	25	32	29	37	41	36
SNP	15	21	21	17	17	19	15	12	15	13	11	10
SSP	24	20	22	21	24	30	38	36	36	34	31	37
Greens	6	4	1	3	4	1	1	2	1	*	1	1
Other	0	2	1	1	1	4	3	3	3	2	3	2
Other	3	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	1	1
Labour lead over SNP	11	16	18	18	14	-2	-13	-4	-7	3	10	-1
Base (all certain to vote)	-	436	500	544	491	444	533	546	581	677	628	627

ASK ALL

LIST_ **Your second vote for the Scottish Parliament is for a list of candidates put up by**
VOT **each party, or single individuals who stand to represent your region of Scotland.**
E1a **You can vote for the same party as you did with your first vote, or vote differently. If**
there were elections to the Scottish Parliament tomorrow, how would you use your
second vote? ROTATE ORDER. READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY.

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	1	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Scottish Labour	2	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Scottish Liberal Democrat	3	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Scottish National Party (SNP)	4	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Or for another candidate (DO NOT ROTATE)		ASK
	5	LIST_VOTE1b
Undecided/Don't know (DO NOT READ)		GO TO LIST
	6	_VOTE1c
Would not vote (DO NOT READ)	7	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Refused		GO TO
	8	LIST_VOTE1c

ASK ALL WHO SAY ANOTHER CANDIDATE AT LIST _VOTE1a (CODE 5)

LIST_ **Which party is that?**
VOT DO NOT PROMPT. SINGLE CODE ONLY .
E1b

Solidarity	1	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Scottish Socialist Party	2	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Scottish Green Party	3	GO TO SP_LIKEV
UK Independent Party (UKIP)	4	GO TO SP_LIKEV
British National Party (BNP)	5	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Independent candidate	6	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Other (WRITE IN)	7	GO TO SP_LIKEV
Undecided/Don't know		ASK LIST
	8	_VOTE1c
Refused	9	ASK LIST_VOTE1c

ASK ALL WHO SAY UNDECIDED OR REFUSED AT LIST _VOTE1a (CODES 6 OR 8)
OR SP_VOTE1b (CODES 8 OR 9)

LIST_ **Which party are you most inclined to support?**
VOT DO NOT PROMPT. SINGLE CODE ONLY .
E1c

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	1
Scottish Labour	2
Scottish Liberal Democrat	3
Scottish National Party (SNP)	4
Solidarity	5
Scottish Socialist Party	6
Scottish Green Party	7
UK Independent Party (UKIP)	8
British National Party (BNP)	9
Independent candidate	10
Other (WRITE IN)	11
Undecided/Don't know	12
Refused	13

Scottish additional member lists voting intentions (aged 18+, certain to vote)

	Aug 2010	November 2010	Feb 2011
	%	%	%
Conservative	12	12	13
Labour	38	36	33
Liberal Democrats	12	9	10
SNP	29	32	35
SSP	1	2	1
Greens	5	5	6
Other	4	3	2
Labour lead over SNP	9	2	-2
Base (all certain to vote)	677	628	627

If there were elections to the Scottish Parliament tomorrow, how would you use your second vote? Would you vote.....Which party is that? Which party are you most inclined to support?

All certain to vote (627) All expressing a vote (847)	All expressing a vote (847)	Certain to vote (627)
	%	%
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	13	13
Scottish Labour	34	33
Scottish Liberal Democrat	10	10
Scottish National Party (SNP)	34	35
Other	10	9

SP_LIK **And, how likely would you be to vote in an immediate Scottish**
EV **Parliamentary election, 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?

SINGLE CODE

	%
10 (Absolutely certain to vote)	62
9	7
8	7
7	4
6	2
5	5
4	2
3	1
2	1
1 (Absolutely certain not to vote)	6
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Moving on, I'd like to ask you about your views about a number of Scottish Parliament politicians

AS **And, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Alex Salmond is doing his job as**
 AL **First Minister of Scotland?**
 M

	A ug '0 9	Nov'09	Feb'1 0	Apr'10	Aug'10	Nov'1 0	Feb' 11
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Satisfied	55	47	46	49	53	54	51
Dissatisfied	37	43	45	42	37	37	35
Don't know	8	10	9	9	10	9	14

AG **Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Annabel Goldie is doing her job as**
 OL **leader of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist party?**
 D

	Nov'10	Feb' 11
	%	%
Satisfied	37	32
Dissatisfied	36	30
Don't know	26	38

IG **Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Iain Gray is doing his job as leader of the**
 RA **Scottish Labour party?**
 Y

	Nov'10	Feb '11
	%	%
Satisfied	39	33
Dissatisfied	34	34
Don't know	27	33

TS **Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Tavish Scott is doing his job as leader of**
 CO **the Scottish Liberal Democrats?**
 TT

	Nov'10	Feb '11
	%	%
Satisfied	31	26
Dissatisfied	35	34
Don't know	34	40

TIMES1 **At the moment, income tax is set and collected by the UK government. Currently, the UK government is proposing a transfer of power so that some income tax could be collected and set by the Scottish government. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view on this issue?**

SINGLE CODE ONLY. ROTATE ORDER.

I would prefer all income tax to be set and collected by the UK government as it is at present	32
I would prefer some income tax to be set and collected by the UK government and some by the Scottish government	27
I would prefer all income tax to be set and collected by the Scottish government	37
Don't know	4

