

Scottish Public Opinion Monitor November 2015

Technical details:

- This presents the topline results from Scotland
- Results are based on a survey 1,029 respondents (adults aged 16+) conducted by telephone
- Fieldwork dates: 9th – 16th November 2015
- Data are weighted by: age, sex 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 (1,029) unless otherwise stated.

Moving onto your views about society generally, please tell me to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree	Disagree
<i>Base: All</i>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Gay men and lesbians should be free to live their own life as they wish	78	18	2	1	1	96	3
Traditions are an important part of society	50	38	7	3	2	88	11
Organised religion is not for me	48	20	11	16	4	68	28
There are too many immigrants in Scotland	21	15	33	28	4	35	61
Given the choice, I would prefer to live in a big city	16	17	26	40	2	33	65
The role of women in society is to be good mothers and wives	14	15	17	50	4	29	67

Moving on, thinking ahead 10 years from now, I'd like to ask how optimistic or pessimistic you are about each of the following.

<i>Base: All</i>	Very optimistic	Fairly optimistic	Neither optimistic nor pessimistic	Fairly pessimistic	Very pessimistic	Don't know	Optimistic	Pessimistic
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
You and your family	23	46	11	10	5	5	69	16
Scotland as a whole	19	48	11	14	7	2	66	21
UK as a whole	8	40	16	22	12	3	48	34
The world in general	4	30	18	31	15	3	34	46

To what extent, if at all, do you feel that your generation will have had a better or worse life than your parents' generation, or will it be about the same?

<i>Base: All</i>	%
Much better	33
Slightly better	22
About the same	22
Slightly worse	14
Much worse	9
Don't know	1
Better	55
Worse	22

To what extent, if at all, do you feel that today's youth will have had a better or worse life than their parents, or will it be about the same?

<i>Base: All</i>	%
Much better	10
Slightly better	15
About the same	30
Slightly worse	25
Much worse	18
Don't know	1
Better	25
Worse	43

I would now like to ask you a few questions about public services in Scotland. Over the next 10 years do you expect the quality of each of these public services to improve, stay the same or get worse?

Base: All

	Improve	Stay the same	Get worse	Don't know
	%	%	%	%
Local health services	28	25	45	2
Police service	27	28	42	3
Local schools	37	34	25	4
Social care or social work services	22	23	52	3
Public transport	34	38	24	4