

ICM RESEARCH / THE SCOTSMAN
SCOTTISH OPINION POLL - NOV 1998

ICM Research interviewed a random sample of 1010 adults aged 18+. Interviews were conducted across Scotland and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

Q1. Likelihood of voting in Scottish Parliament elections	
Certain to vote	59%
Likely to vote	22%
Unlikely to vote	8%
Certain to vote	7%
Don't know	4%
Q2. Voting intention - constituency member	
Conservative	9%
Labour	32%
Liberal Democrat	5%
SNP	26%
Other party	2%
Not registered to vote	1%
Would decide not to vote	6%
Don't know why wouldn't vote	-
Don't know	17%
Refused	2%
Q3. Voting intention - regional member	
Conservative	9%
Labour	32%
Liberal Democrat	6%
SNP	25%
Other party	1%
Not registered to vote	1%
Would decide not to vote	6%
Don't know why wouldn't vote	-
Don't know	18%
Refused	2%
Q4. Do you think the Labour party in Scotland spends most of its time attacking the SNP, most of its time laying out its own policies or do you think it does both more or less equally?	
Attacking the SNP	23%
Laying out its own policies	12%
Both equally	50%
Don't know	15%

Q5. Would you say you like the English or dislike the English?	
Like a lot	47%
Like a little	20%
Dislike a little	7%
Dislike a lot	3%
I am English	6%
Don't know	16%
Q6. Do you think that most people in Scotland like the English more than they did five years ago, like them less, or do you think that people's views of the English have not changed much over the last five years?	
Like the English more	13%
Like the English less	16%
Have not changed much	62%
Don't know	9%
Q7. In a referendum on independence for Scotland how would you vote?	
I agree that Scotland should become an independent country	49%
I do not agree that Scotland should become an independent country	43%
Don't know	8%
Q8. Which of the following types of people should be entitled to a Scottish passport?	
People who were born in Scotland and who currently live in Scotland	
Yes	94%
No	4%
Don't know	2%
People who were born in Scotland but live out of Scotland	
Yes	81%
No	13%
Don't know	7%
People who were not born in Scotland but who currently live there	
Yes	55%
No	35%
Don't know	11%
People who were not born in Scotland and do not currently live in Scotland, but who have at least one parent who was born in Scotland	
Yes	50%
No	42%
Don't know	8%
People who were not born in Scotland and do not currently live in Scotland, but who have at least one grandparent who was born in Scotland	
Yes	26%
No	65%

Don't know	9%
Everyone in the UK	
Yes	31%
No	61%
Don't know	8%
Q9. BBC Scotland wants to replace the existing Six O'Clock News from London with a national and international news bulletin produced in Scotland. Do you think there should be a separate BBC Six O'Clock News for Scotland?	
Yes	48%
No	48%
Don't know	4%
Q10. Likelihood of voting in a general election	
Certain to vote	61%
Likely to vote	24%
Unlikely to vote	7%
Certain not to vote	5%
Don't know	2%
Q11. Voting intention for a general election	
Conservative	12%
Labour	35%
Liberal Democrat	8%
SNP	23%
Other party	-
Not registered	-
Would decide not to vote	5%
Don't know	14%
Refused	2%
Q12. Voting in 1997 election	
Conservative	11%
Labour	37%
Liberal Democrat	6%
SNP	14%
Other party	1%
Not registered	6%
Would decide not to vote	15%
Don't know	3%
Refused	5%
Not stated	2%
Q13. Voting in Scottish devolution referendum	

In favour	50%
Against	16%
Not registered	8%
Decided not to vote	20%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%
Not stated	4%

Q14. In a normal week, which daily newspapers do you read?

The Times	5%
The Telegraph	2%
The Guardian	3%
The Independent	2%
Daily Mail	9%
Daily Express	7%
Sun	19%
Daily Mirror	3%
The Star	1%
Financial Times	1%
Daily Record	34%
The Herald	12%
Courier and Advertiser (Dundee)	2%
The Scotsman	9%
Press and Journal (Aberdeen)	5%
Other	13%
Don't know	8%