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Sample Size: 1002 Scottish Adults
Fieldwork: 9th - 11th January 2012

Weighted Sample
Unweighted Sample

Total	Scottish Constituency Vote				Gender		Age				Social Grade	
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE
1002	113	281	62	367	477	525	118	242	358	284	471	531
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%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The SNP wishes to hold a referendum on Scottish independence in due course. Voters would be asked whether they agree or disagree 'that the Scottish government should negotiate a settlement with the Government of the United Kingdom so that Scotland becomes an independent state'. How would you vote if such a referendum were held tomorrow?

Oct 26-27 2011

Jan 9-10 2012

I would vote YES (i.e. for Scottish independence)	34	32	4	14	18	65	34	29	32	38	31	27	27	36
I would vote NO (i.e. against Scottish independence)	52	53	92	75	71	22	53	53	51	48	50	62	58	49
Would not vote	3	3	0	0	3	1	3	2	4	5	2	0	2	3
Don't know	12	12	4	11	9	13	9	16	12	10	16	11	12	13

Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond has pledged to hold a referendum of the Scottish people on Scotland becoming an independent country. Some people think English and Welsh voters should also be able to vote on whether Scotland remains in the UK or becomes an independent country, other people are opposed to there being a referendum at all. Which of the following best reflects your view?

May 9-11 2011

Jan 9-10 2012

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None of these

Don't know

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Voters in England and Wales should also have a vote on whether Scotland remains part of the UK	9	8	15	7	17	6	9	8	15	10	6	7	11	6
There should not be a referendum on Scottish independence at all	19	18	38	25	16	4	16	20	17	16	18	19	20	15
None of these	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	2
Don't know	4	5	2	6	3	2	2	7	7	6	5	3	5	4

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Do you support or oppose Scotland becoming a country independent from the rest of the United Kingdom?

Support Scottish independence	29	33	4	15	22	66	35	32	35	40	34	26	29	37
Oppose Scottish independence	58	53	91	73	67	21	53	52	48	47	50	63	57	49
Don't know	13	14	6	12	11	13	12	16	17	13	16	12	14	14

On the whole, do you think that England & Wales benefit more from having Scotland in the UK, or that Scotland benefits more from being part of the UK, or is it about equal?

England & Wales benefit more	32	28	6	20	12	48	28	28	20	28	30	29	25	31
Scotland benefits more	21	23	41	24	34	13	24	21	29	22	22	22	22	23
About equal	40	40	47	46	41	36	41	38	37	41	36	44	44	36
Don't know	7	10	5	10	12	4	7	12	14	9	12	5	9	11

Please now imagine that Scotland became an independent country, separate from the rest of the UK. If this were to happen, how likely, if at all, do you think it would be that the rest of the UK (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) would also become independent countries?

Very likely	6	4	6	8	7	5	6	5	4	7	6	5	6
Fairly likely	31	28	32	28	34	33	29	20	30	32	35	29	33
TOTAL LIKELY	37	32	38	36	41	38	35	25	34	39	41	34	39
Not very likely	40	43	37	52	41	39	40	47	40	40	36	43	37
Not at all likely	11	14	12	1	9	13	9	17	12	9	10	12	10
TOTAL NOT LIKELY	51	57	49	53	50	52	49	64	52	49	46	55	47
Don't know	13	11	13	11	9	10	16	11	14	12	13	12	14

And thinking about if Scotland were to become independent of the rest of the UK, do you think Scotland should...?

Keep Queen Elizabeth II as the Scottish monarch	46	68	46	56	39	48	45	41	38	43	60	46	47
Replace Queen Elizabeth II with the closest decedent of Charles Edward Stuart as a new Scottish monarch	3	4	3	6	3	5	2	9	5	2	1	4	3
Replace Queen Elizabeth II with someone else as a new Scottish monarch	1	0	2	1	2	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	2
Not have a monarchy at all	41	23	44	31	48	40	41	37	46	46	31	41	40
Don't know	8	5	6	6	8	7	10	13	9	7	7	8	8

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Public spending in Scotland is currently higher, per person, than in England and Wales. Some argue that it is unfair that Scottish residents receive higher public spending whilst others claim that Scotland needs extra spending per person because of the physical size of the country, and because of higher average levels of poverty and ill-health than England. Do you think it is fair or unfair that Scottish residents receive higher public spending than the rest of Great Britain?

It is FAIR that Scottish residents receive higher public spending than the rest of Great Britain	51	38	47	57	62	53	50	47	49	53	52	54	49
It is UNFAIR that Scottish residents receive higher public spending than the rest of Great Britain	16	35	16	22	10	16	17	14	18	16	17	16	16
Neither	21	17	24	13	21	21	21	20	19	22	23	20	22
Don't know	11	9	13	8	7	10	13	19	14	9	8	10	12

Which, if any, of the following best describes how you see yourself?

Scottish not British	23	6	17	3	36	23	22	24	26	23	19	19	26
More Scottish than British	28	13	27	42	33	27	29	32	23	29	28	28	27
TOTAL MORE SCOTTISH	51	19	44	45	69	50	51	56	49	52	47	47	53
Equally Scottish and British	28	52	34	24	19	30	26	13	26	28	36	29	27
More British than Scottish	6	10	7	9	3	6	6	10	8	5	4	7	5
British not Scottish	8	15	8	12	4	7	9	11	7	8	8	9	8
TOTAL MORE BRITISH	14	25	15	21	7	13	15	21	15	13	12	16	13
Other description	6	5	4	7	5	5	6	6	6	6	5	7	5
Don't know	2	0	2	3	0	1	2	5	3	1	0	1	2