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And which of the following do you think would be best for an Independent Scotland?

To keep the pound	40	38	46	39	29	40	49	39	31	42	41	37	42	38	40	40	40	41	39	36	37	36	39	67
To work towards joining the Euro	11	12	12	20	3	12	12	24	5	21	7	14	8	11	12	11	10	13	8	11	10	13	11	8
To have its own currency	27	33	21	22	53	31	19	18	47	17	37	29	24	20	23	26	34	24	30	24	29	27	28	16
Don't know	22	17	20	19	15	17	19	18	18	20	15	20	25	31	24	23	17	22	23	28	24	24	21	9

The Royal Bank of Scotland was effectively bought by the British government during the banking crisis of 2008/9. Scotland comprises around 8% of the UK's population. If it becomes independent, should it...

Be fully responsible for the RBS, including its debts	42	52	42	37	49	53	40	36	56	40	50	46	39	41	37	47	41	44	39	43	47	43	44	14
Take over the shares as debts of 8% of the shareholding owned by the UK government	26	29	26	42	23	28	28	40	23	32	25	28	25	24	25	24	31	29	23	26	25	25	26	38
Not take over any of the shares or debts of RBS	10	7	14	10	2	7	13	11	6	12	10	12	8	8	12	10	9	9	12	11	8	9	10	21
Don't know	21	13	18	12	26	11	19	12	15	16	15	14	29	27	26	18	19	18	26	21	21	24	19	27

Turning to immigration, do you think immigration in recent years from other EU countries has been good or bad for Britain as a whole, or not made much difference?

Very good	2	1	4	4	0	1	5	5	0	5	1	4	1	1	4	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	1	3
Fairly good	16	13	20	34	1	15	20	36	3	34	5	19	13	21	19	13	15	20	9	20	16	14	15	14
TOTAL GOOD	18	15	24	38	1	16	25	40	3	40	6	22	14	21	23	15	17	24	11	23	19	17	16	17
Not made much difference	12	7	16	21	3	7	16	18	4	17	7	12	12	21	11	12	8	14	9	14	12	11	10	15
Fairly bad	32	38	32	28	26	40	30	28	36	29	31	28	35	24	32	31	36	32	32	29	31	30	32	44
Very bad	32	39	24	11	70	36	25	10	57	11	54	32	31	20	23	38	37	25	41	24	33	35	35	20
TOTAL BAD	64	76	56	39	96	76	55	38	93	40	84	61	66	45	55	69	73	57	72	53	64	65	67	64
Don't know	6	2	4	2	0	1	4	4	0	3	3	5	7	13	11	4	3	5	7	10	5	7	6	5

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And has immigration from the EU been good or bad for you and your family, or not made much difference?

Very good	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	3	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	0	2
Fairly good	3	3	4	12	0	3	4	10	0	7	2	4	3	3	6	3	2	5	2	7	4	2	3	3
TOTAL GOOD	5	3	6	13	0	4	6	12	0	9	2	6	3	3	8	4	3	6	2	9	5	3	3	5
Not made much difference	59	60	64	71	30	60	65	76	46	75	48	57	62	62	55	57	64	64	52	50	61	57	62	66
Fairly bad	18	21	16	7	28	21	15	6	29	9	25	18	18	14	17	19	19	16	20	19	20	20	14	13
Very bad	13	14	9	5	39	13	9	3	25	4	22	15	11	11	10	16	12	9	18	14	11	14	15	9
TOTAL BAD	31	35	25	12	68	34	25	9	53	13	47	32	29	24	27	36	30	25	38	33	31	34	29	22
Don't know	6	2	4	4	2	2	4	3	1	2	4	5	6	11	9	4	3	4	8	8	4	6	6	6

What impact, if any, has immigration generally had on unemployment in the UK?

Immigration has caused unemployment to rise MORE than it would have done	66	78	58	45	95	78	58	45	91	47	84	68	64	51	56	72	73	61	72	60	69	64	67	64
Immigration has caused unemployment to rise LESS than it would have done	4	4	7	8	0	4	6	8	0	6	4	5	3	6	7	3	3	6	3	6	3	4	7	2
It has not made much difference either way	20	13	28	38	3	13	29	35	9	38	8	19	22	24	23	19	18	25	15	22	20	22	18	24
Don't know	9	5	7	10	2	5	7	11	0	8	4	8	11	19	14	6	6	8	11	12	8	10	9	10

Which of these views comes closer to yours?

'A sharp reduction in immigration would be good for Britain's economy, because it would mean more jobs for British-born workers'	63	76	56	40	90	76	56	42	87	42	83	63	63	44	53	68	74	56	72	54	63	63	68	57
'A sharp reduction in immigration would be bad for Britain's economy because it would lead to severe shortages of workers in some key industries and services'	25	17	35	49	3	17	35	47	6	48	11	26	24	39	31	21	19	31	17	30	24	25	23	29
Don't know	12	7	9	11	7	7	9	12	6	10	5	11	13	17	16	11	8	12	12	16	13	11	9	13

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Because Britain is a member of the EU, British people are free to live and work anywhere they want in the EU – and people from other EU countries are free to live and work in Britain. Which of these views comes closer to yours?

'The right of free movement within the EU is a good thing, because it gives everyone, including British people, more freedom'	35	24	49	55	9	24	50	57	12	71	12	38	31	49	41	32	25	42	25	40	34	31	33	40
'The right of free movement is a bad thing, because it prevents Britain from controlling immigration from other EU countries'	56	72	44	37	90	72	43	37	83	25	83	54	57	37	46	58	69	50	63	48	57	59	57	50
Don't know	10	4	7	8	1	4	8	7	5	4	5	8	12	14	13	10	6	9	11	12	9	11	10	9

Thinking about the problems facing some EU countries in the Eurozone, which of these views comes closer to yours?

'The Eurozone countries have only themselves, and the single currency system, to blame. They should sort out their own mess, and not ask Britain to spend any money to help them'	53	70	43	42	92	69	42	40	93	28	79	59	48	31	49	58	61	48	60	46	57	53	54	49
'If the rest of Europe suffers from its financial problems, this will be bad for British workers and British exports. It is in our interests to spend some money, if necessary, to help solve these problems'	33	24	45	52	3	25	47	54	4	63	13	34	32	46	32	31	30	39	24	34	32	32	32	38
Don't know	14	6	13	6	5	6	12	6	3	9	8	7	20	23	19	11	9	12	16	20	11	15	14	13

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Britain is being asked to invest up to £17.5billion more in the International Monetary Fund, an organisation that seeks to stabilise the world economy by lending money to countries with severe debt problems. Assuming the IMF will impose strict conditions it lends to countries in trouble, which of the following best represents your view?

Refuse to put any more money into the IMF in any circumstances.	33	36	31	19	52	36	32	16	42	16	52	33	33	29	28	36	35	27	41	31	33	32	37	27
Agree to put more money into the IMF, but only if it is guaranteed that the money will not be used to bail out indebted countries in the euro zone.	31	40	26	35	37	40	24	37	46	30	32	33	28	21	31	30	36	33	27	29	33	32	27	32
Agree to put more money into the IMF for the use of any countries with severe problems	20	13	29	38	5	15	29	37	8	41	7	23	17	25	17	20	20	25	14	21	20	20	18	25
Don't know	16	10	14	8	6	9	15	10	5	13	8	11	21	24	24	14	9	15	17	18	14	17	18	16

The European Convention on Human Rights was set up after the second world war to protect human rights. In recent years some people have called for the European Court of Human Rights to be reformed following criticism that its judges interfere too much in British law. Which of the following best reflects your view?

The European Court of Human Rights should be left as it is.	18	6	32	27	2	7	33	25	3	39	5	20	16	23	23	17	12	19	17	20	17	17	18	19
The European Court of Human Rights should be reformed to reduce its powers	34	39	33	45	25	41	33	48	22	41	31	34	35	28	32	36	38	38	29	33	35	34	35	34
Britain should withdraw entirely from the jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights	31	46	20	18	65	45	19	16	70	7	56	35	27	17	18	34	45	27	36	26	33	32	32	25
None of these	2	1	3	4	0	1	2	4	1	3	1	3	2	4	3	2	1	3	2	4	2	3	2	2
Don't know	14	8	11	5	8	7	11	7	5	10	7	9	20	28	25	10	4	13	16	17	13	13	13	19

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Everyone should be entitled to have their Human rights protected, even if they have broken the law themselves.

Strongly Agree	12	6	20	21	3	6	22	18	4	25	6	15	10	16	16	12	8	14	10	15	12	12	11	17
Tend to agree	27	24	33	35	13	25	32	42	20	37	21	29	26	37	28	26	25	30	24	34	27	25	26	29
TOTAL AGREE	40	30	54	56	16	31	54	60	24	62	27	44	36	53	44	38	33	44	34	48	38	37	37	47
Tend to disagree	33	42	28	32	37	42	28	29	41	26	38	29	37	25	29	33	40	32	35	28	35	37	34	26
Strongly disagree	19	27	14	11	41	25	14	10	32	9	30	22	17	10	14	23	24	18	21	14	21	18	23	17
TOTAL DISAGREE	53	69	42	42	77	67	42	38	73	35	68	50	55	35	44	56	64	50	56	42	55	55	56	43
Don't know	8	2	4	2	7	2	4	2	4	2	5	5	10	11	13	6	3	6	10	10	6	9	6	10

In 1998, Parliament passed the Human Rights Act. This allows British people to go to courts in Britain to assert their rights under Europe's Human Rights Convention. From what you know, do you think the Human Rights Act...?

Is used too widely to create rights it was never intended to protect	67	85	59	68	87	86	56	67	91	56	83	69	65	45	56	71	82	66	68	59	70	70	67	62
Is used about the right amount to protect rights which are necessary to ensure individual's protection	13	6	22	21	8	6	23	19	3	23	7	14	12	18	18	12	8	14	12	18	12	13	12	13
Is not used enough and should be used to protect more rights than it currently does	4	1	6	4	2	0	6	4	2	5	3	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	2	4	4	8
Don't know	16	9	13	8	3	7	15	10	5	15	7	13	19	33	21	13	7	16	16	18	16	13	17	17

Has the European Court of Human Rights:

Been overwhelmingly positive for Britain.	2	0	5	4	4	1	6	3	2	5	1	4	2	1	5	2	1	3	2	3	3	1	3	1
Largely a force for good but could work better.	27	17	39	52	5	18	39	50	8	49	13	28	26	27	28	29	24	29	24	27	26	25	26	37
TOTAL GOOD	30	17	43	56	9	19	45	53	10	55	14	32	28	28	33	31	25	32	26	31	29	27	29	38
Had none or little impact on Britain.	6	6	8	4	2	4	6	7	1	6	5	6	5	9	5	8	2	6	6	5	6	6	6	3
Largely had a negative impact on Britain.	35	50	24	26	44	51	22	24	58	19	52	38	32	21	27	36	46	36	34	31	36	40	34	26
Been entirely bad for Britain.	11	16	6	3	40	17	6	2	27	2	20	13	9	3	4	11	20	9	14	10	11	9	13	11
TOTAL BAD	46	66	30	29	83	68	29	26	85	22	72	51	41	24	31	48	66	44	48	41	47	49	47	38
Don't know	19	11	19	10	6	9	20	14	4	18	9	12	26	39	30	13	7	18	20	23	18	19	18	21

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The European Union has accused Britain of discrimination for refusing to pay welfare benefits to EU citizens who cannot prove they have a "right to reside" in the UK. Should the Government:

Reform the benefits system to fit in with EU rules.	10	3	16	22	2	4	16	20	1	24	2	12	8	10	15	9	6	11	8	16	8	10	9	11
Ignore the EU and choose its own benefit rules.	78	94	71	69	97	93	70	69	99	63	94	80	76	67	68	80	88	78	78	70	81	78	77	76
Don't know	13	3	13	9	1	3	14	11	1	13	4	9	16	23	17	11	6	11	14	14	11	12	14	13

New figures show that 371,000 people who originally came to Britain as migrants claimed welfare benefits last year. Over half of them had since become British citizens. Which of the following best reflects your view?

We should allow anyone legally living in Britain to claim benefits if they are entitled to them	15	8	22	27	8	9	23	25	5	29	5	15	14	16	14	16	13	17	12	17	14	15	13	18
We should allow foreign-born British residents to claim benefits if they have a record of working and paying taxes	53	62	48	53	59	63	47	47	63	47	62	54	53	43	50	54	61	54	53	52	55	53	53	53
We should allow foreign-born British residents to claim benefits if they become British citizens	12	13	12	14	12	12	12	18	13	13	11	12	11	14	13	11	11	12	11	11	13	9	13	10
None of these	13	15	10	5	21	14	10	6	18	5	18	12	14	14	13	13	13	11	17	11	12	17	12	14
Don't know	7	2	8	2	1	2	7	4	0	5	3	6	8	13	11	6	2	6	8	10	6	6	9	5