

NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE POLL

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TNS BMRB was commissioned by the Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament to conduct research into attitudes towards nuclear weapons in Scotland, and how these relate to views on Scottish Independence.

TNS BMRB is a member of the British Polling Council (BPC) and abides by its rules. We also operate within the Code of Conduct of the Market Research Society (MRS). In accordance with these rules the following information is provided:

Sample size	1001
Sampling points	61 Scottish parliament constituencies
Fieldwork dates	20 th – 28 th February 2013
Interview method	Face-to-face, in-home
Population sampled	All adults aged 16+ in Scotland
Sampling method	The poll was conducted through our Omnibus, Scottish Opinion Survey. For this survey, sampling points are selected to be representative of Scotland demographically and geographically. Within each sampling point, a quota sampling method is used for respondent selection.
Data weighting	Data is weighted to the profile of all adults aged 16+ in Scotland, based on population profile estimates from the BARB (Broadcasters' Audience Research Board) Establishment Survey 2 Years Ending December 2008 and the 2001 Census. Weighting is carried out in relation to working status within gender, age, social grade and electoral region. Unweighted and weighted bases are shown at the top of each data table.
Questions	The data tables show the question wording in full
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Q2. The UK Government plans to replace the existing Trident nuclear weapons with a new system, at a cost of £65 billion. Do you support or oppose the UK Government buying a new nuclear weapons system to replace Trident?

BASE: All adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	GENDER		AGE						SEG				AREA			URBAN/RURAL		
	Total	Male	Female	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	West	East/ South	North	Rural	Urban
Unweighted base	1001	464	537	111	142	122	155	170	301	157	228	218	398	412	309	280	293	708
Weighted base	1001	478	523	142	150	180	179	152	197	195	275	221	310	447	309	245	292	709
Support	145 14%	91 19%	53 10%	10 7%	15 10%	24 13%	24 13%	31 20%	41 21%	36 19%	47 17%	27 12%	34 11%	60 13%	48 16%	36 15%	45 15%	100 14%
Neither	175 17%	82 17%	93 18%	29 21%	30 20%	29 16%	29 16%	26 17%	31 16%	31 16%	38 14%	56 26%	49 16%	79 18%	49 16%	46 19%	59 20%	116 16%
Oppose	601 60%	275 58%	326 62%	90 63%	78 52%	123 68%	112 63%	87 57%	111 56%	112 57%	165 60%	125 57%	199 64%	267 60%	180 58%	154 63%	171 59%	430 61%
Don't know	80 8%	30 6%	51 10%	12 9%	27 18%	4 2%	14 8%	8 5%	15 7%	16 8%	25 9%	12 6%	27 9%	41 9%	31 10%	8 3%	17 6%	63 9%

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	Total	CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD		VIEW ON REPLACING TRIDENT (Q2)				INDEPENDENCE (Q3)		
		Yes	No	Support	Neither	Oppose	Don't know	Yes	No	Don't know
Unweighted base	1001	290	706	148	176	599	78	318	528	155
Weighted base	1001	363	634	145	175	601	80	327	523	151
Support	145 14%	37 10%	106 17%	145 100%	- -	- -	- -	35 11%	98 19%	12 8%
Neither	175 17%	65 18%	108 17%	- -	175 100%	- -	- -	42 13%	97 19%	36 24%
Oppose	601 60%	221 61%	378 60%	- -	- -	601 100%	- -	230 70%	288 55%	83 55%
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No	523 52%	267 56%	256 49%	62 44%	70 47%	84 46%	92 52%	90 59%	124 63%	113 58%	158 57%	124 56%	129 41%	229 51%	167 54%	127 52%	156 53%	367 52%
Don't know	151 15%	52 11%	99 19%	28 20%	18 12%	27 15%	30 17%	17 11%	30 15%	23 12%	43 16%	30 13%	55 18%	67 15%	44 14%	41 17%	38 13%	113 16%

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	33%	35%	31%	25%	24%	38%	25%	100%	-	-
No	523	178	341	98	97	288	41	-	523	-
	52%	49%	54%	67%	55%	48%	51%	-	100%	-
Don't know	151	56	95	12	36	83	20	-	-	151
	15%	15%	15%	8%	21%	14%	25%	-	-	100%