

Opinion poll conducted by ORB (Opinion Research Business) for BBC Two Newsnight, BBC Scotland and BBC Wales

- Results from a telephone survey conducted among: 883 adults in England, 543 in Scotland and 527 in Wales.
- Interviews conducted 5th - 8th January 2007.
- Data are weighted according to the age, gender and geographic profile of each country.

INTRODUCTION:

I would now like to ask a few questions about current affairs. As you probably know Scotland, England and Wales form what is collectively known as Great Britain. Wales was finally united with England in the sixteenth century. But the name and the full Union was completed exactly 300 years ago when Scotland signed up to an Act of Union.

1. If the Union were to end, and the countries became independent, what do you think the financial impact, if any, would be on the following countries? Would they benefit financially, lose out financially or would it make no difference? **ORDER IN WHICH COUNTRY NAMES READ OUT ROTATED**

a) England

| | England | Scotland | Wales |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Base: | 883 | 543 | 527 |
| | % | % | % |
| Benefit | 25 | 20 | 27 |
| Lose out | 24 | 28 | 22 |
| Make no difference | 44 | 39 | 40 |
| Don't Know* | 6 | 13 | 11 |
| | | | |
| * NOT READ OUT | | | |

b) Scotland

| | England | Scotland | Wales |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Base: | 883 | 543 | 527 |
| | % | % | % |
| Benefit | 17 | 31 | 18 |
| Lose out | 43 | 37 | 38 |
| Make no difference | 33 | 21 | 30 |
| Don't Know* | 7 | 11 | 15 |
| | | | |
| * NOT READ OUT | | | |

| c) Wales | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | England | Scotland | Wales |
| Base: | 883 | 543 | 527 |
| | % | % | % |
| Benefit | 9 | 14 | 14 |
| Lose out | 51 | 39 | 49 |
| Make no difference | 31 | 32 | 25 |
| Don't Know* | 8 | 15 | 12 |
| | | | |
| * NOT READ OUT | | | |

2. Scotland, England and Wales have their own cultural identities that reflect unique characteristics, traditions and experiences. At the same time the three countries share many characteristics common to all British people. If the Union were to end what impact if any would it have on each country's culture? Would the culture of the (English/Scottish/Welsh) people be enhanced, diminished or would it make no difference? **ORDER IN WHICH COUNTRY NAMES READ OUT ROTATED**

| a) English | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | England | Scotland | Wales |
| Base: | 883 | 543 | 527 |
| | % | % | % |
| Enhanced | 11 | 13 | 13 |
| Diminished | 10 | 6 | 10 |
| Make no difference | 76 | 71 | 66 |
| Don't Know* | 3 | 10 | 11 |
| | | | |
| * NOT READ OUT | | | |

| b) Scottish | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | England | Scotland | Wales |
| Base: | 883 | 543 | 527 |
| | % | % | % |
| Enhanced | 27 | 25 | 29 |
| Diminished | 8 | 6 | 10 |
| Make no difference | 61 | 59 | 50 |
| Don't Know* | 4 | 10 | 10 |
| | | | |
| * NOT READ OUT | | | |

| c) Welsh | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | England | Scotland | Wales |
| Base: | 883 | 543 | 527 |
| | % | % | % |
| Enhanced | 27 | 22 | 33 |
| Diminished | 9 | 6 | 12 |
| Make no difference | 61 | 60 | 44 |
| Don't Know* | 4 | 11 | 10 |
| | | | |
| * NOT READ OUT | | | |

3. Would you like the Union to continue as it is or would you like to see it come to an end? If it were to end this would mean that Scotland (in Wales say "Wales") became an independent country? **ORDER IN WHICH "CONTINUE" AND "END" READ OUT ROTATED**

| | England | Scotland | Wales |
|---|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Base: | 883 | 543 | 527 |
| | % | % | % |
| Prefer Union to continue as it is/has done | 73 | 56 | 69 |
| Prefer Union to end - Scotland / Wales became independent | 16 | 32 | 19 |
| Don't mind either way / neutral* | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| Don't know enough about it* | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| No opinion* | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Don't Know* | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| | | | |
| * NOT READ OUT | | | |

4. Regardless of what you would personally like to see happen to the Union between England, Wales and Scotland, how long do you think it will last?
ORDER IN WHICH OPTIONS 1-5 READ OUT ROTATED

| | England | Scotland | Wales |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Base: | 883 | 543 | 527 |
| | % | % | % |
| At least another 300 years | 23 | 17 | 20 |
| At least 100 but less 300 years | 18 | 15 | 18 |
| At least 50 but less than 100 years | 19 | 14 | 20 |
| More than 10 but less than 50 years | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| No more than another 10 years | 10 | 17 | 10 |
| Don't Know* | 9 | 16 | 12 |
| | | | |
| * NOT READ OUT | | | |
| | | | |
| Summary: | | | |
| At least 100 years | 41 | 33 | 38 |
| At least 50 years | 60 | 47 | 58 |
| Less than 50 years | 31 | 37 | 30 |

5. In 1998 the creation of a Scottish Parliament and a Welsh Assembly gave these countries certain powers that were previously held by the UK parliament in Westminster. Do you think that an English Parliament should now be established?

| | England | Scotland | Wales |
|---|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Base: | 883 | 543 | 527 |
| | % | % | % |
| Yes – should have an English Parliament | 61 | 51 | 48 |
| No – should not have an English Parliament | 32 | 35 | 40 |
| Don't mind either way / neutral* | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Don't know enough about it/need more information* | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| No opinion* | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Don't Know* | 2 | 9 | 7 |
| | | | |
| * NOT READ OUT | | | |

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF INTERVIEWS:

| ENGLAND: | % |
|------------------------|----------|
| North East | 5 |
| North West | 14 |
| Yorkshire & Humberside | 10 |
| West Midlands | 11 |
| East Midlands | 8 |
| East of England | 11 |
| South East | 16 |
| London | 15 |
| South West | 10 |

| SCOTLAND: | % |
|---------------------|----------|
| Highlands & Islands | 8 |
| North East Scotland | 13 |
| West of Scotland | 13 |
| Central Scotland | 14 |
| Fife & Mid Scotland | 13 |
| Lothians | 13 |
| Glasgow | 13 |
| South of Scotland | 13 |

| WALES: | % |
|-----------------|----------|
| Gwynedd | 8 |
| Clwyd | 15 |
| Powys | 4 |
| Dyfed | 13 |
| Glamorgan West | 13 |
| Glamorgan Mid | 18 |
| Glamorgan South | 14 |
| Gwent | 15 |
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