

NEWSNIGHT ACT OF UNION POLL

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:	<u>%</u>
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:	<u>%</u>
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:	<u>%</u>
Gwynedd	8
Clwyd	15
Powys	4
Dyfed	13
Glamorgan West	13
Glamorgan Mid	18
Glamorgan South	14
Gwent	15

The opinion poll was conducted by Opinion Research Business

- 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.