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Unweighted base	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	
Weighted base	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	
Very important	(10)	165 16%	108 11%	450 45%	418 42%	426 42%	352 35%	389 39%	417 42%	227 23%	217 22%	88 9%	399 40%	223 22%
	(9)	53 5%	43 4%	110 11%	103 10%	75 7%	86 9%	90 9%	77 8%	89 9%	59 6%	41 4%	61 6%	40 4%
	(8)	128 13%	116 12%	210 21%	179 18%	132 13%	192 19%	160 16%	137 14%	204 20%	107 11%	74 7%	106 11%	92 9%
	(7)	112 11%	139 14%	106 11%	95 9%	74 7%	132 13%	83 8%	97 10%	186 18%	88 9%	88 9%	81 8%	65 6%
	(6)	95 10%	136 14%	43 4%	64 6%	40 4%	67 7%	74 7%	74 7%	90 9%	67 7%	74 7%	58 6%	51 5%
	(5)	178 18%	253 25%	48 5%	70 7%	102 10%	92 9%	112 11%	91 9%	133 13%	170 17%	190 19%	98 10%	169 17%
	(4)	70 7%	68 7%	12 1%	22 2%	41 4%	34 3%	21 2%	36 4%	26 3%	54 5%	67 7%	63 6%	45 5%
	(3)	51 5%	57 6%	10 1%	18 2%	32 3%	19 2%	25 2%	21 2%	19 2%	52 5%	89 9%	39 4%	46 5%
	(2)	58 6%	39 4%	8 1%	17 2%	37 4%	20 2%	25 3%	25 2%	10 1%	82 8%	107 11%	48 5%	73 7%
Should never be done	(1)	94 9%	45 5%	7 1%	17 2%	45 5%	11 1%	25 3%	28 3%	19 2%	109 11%	186 19%	50 5%	200 20%

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NET: 9-10	218 22%	151 15%	559 56%	521 52%	500 50%	438 44%	479 48%	495 49%	316 31%	276 27%	129 13%	460 46%	263 26%
NET: 7-10	458 46%	406 40%	876 87%	796 79%	706 70%	762 76%	722 72%	729 73%	706 70%	471 47%	291 29%	647 64%	420 42%
NET: 1-4	273 27%	209 21%	38 4%	74 7%	155 15%	84 8%	96 10%	111 11%	76 8%	296 30%	449 45%	200 20%	365 36%
NET: 1-2	152 15%	84 8%	16 2%	34 3%	82 8%	31 3%	51 5%	53 5%	30 3%	191 19%	294 29%	98 10%	273 27%
Mean	6.02	5.99	8.47	8.11	7.60	7.82	7.77	7.80	7.38	6.04	4.77	7.29	5.57
Standard error	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.11

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NET: 1-2	72 7%	153 15%	80 8%	263 26%	14 1%	81 8%	13 1%	77 8%	28 3%	72 7%	36 4%	457 46%
Mean	7.47	5.83	7.02	4.72	7.98	6.22	8.76	6.24	6.92	7.62	7.79	3.98
Standard error	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.09

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Table 28

Q.2 Which of the following comes closest to your view...?**Base: All respondents**

	Gender		Age					SEG				Region								
	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Central Scotland	Glasgow	Highlands & Islands	Lothians	Fife & Mid Scotland	NE Scotland	South of Scotland	West of Scotland
Unweighted base	1004	471	533	208	176	201	175	244	335	200	162	286	145	115	94	143	124	137	127	119
Weighted base	1004	482	522	288	199	179	139	199	345	213	165	259	146	115	93	142	124	137	130	119
The Scottish Government should decide for itself how much it has to spend - and all the money should come out of taxes paid by people in Scotland	219 22%	119 25%	99 19%	74 26%	43 22%	32 18%	32 23%	38 19%	75 22%	46 22%	37 23%	59 23%	38 26%	28 24%	20 22%	29 21%	23 18%	26 19%	19 15%	36 30%
The Scottish Government should have greater powers to decide how much it has to spend - and more of the money it spends should come out of taxes paid by people in Scotland	468 47%	206 43%	263 50%	160 56%	96 48%	81 45%	54 39%	78 39%	148 43%	116 55%	80 48%	113 44%	60 41%	58 50%	36 39%	75 53%	62 50%	69 50%	64 50%	45 38%
The UK Government should continue to make nearly all the decisions about how much money the Scottish Government has to spend - and the money should continue to come out of taxes paid by people across the UK	294 29%	153 32%	141 27%	51 18%	54 27%	64 36%	49 35%	76 38%	114 33%	47 22%	46 28%	79 30%	44 30%	26 23%	33 35%	35 25%	35 28%	40 29%	46 36%	35 29%
Don't know	23 2%	4 1%	19 4%	3 1%	7 3%	2 1%	4 3%	8 4%	7 2%	3 2%	2 1%	7 3%	4 2%	3 2%	3 4%	3 2%	5 4%	2 2%	- -	3 3%