

Scottish people want a Scottish currency after independ...

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Tim Rideout has drawn my attention to a poll that the [Scottish Currency Group](#) had included in a recent Scot Goes Pop opinion poll in Scotland. The question and answers were as follows:

| | Total | Age | | |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | 16-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Base: All respondents | 1020 (1020) | 304 (258) | 333 (357) | 384 (405) |
| Q14. The SNP's policy is that if Scotland becomes independent, a new Scottish currency would be introduced as soon as practicable after Independence Day, to ensure that Scotland has control over its own monetary and fiscal policy, and interest rates. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this policy? | | | | |
| 4 - Completely agree | 307 30% | 100 33% | 99 30% | 108 28% |
| 3 - Somewhat agree | 297 29% | 121 40% | 93 28% | 83 22% |
| 2 - Somewhat disagree | 122 12% | 38 13% | 37 11% | 47 12% |
| 1 - Completely disagree | 294 29% | 44 15% | 105 31% | 145 39% |
| Net: Agree (3-4) | 604 59% | 221 73% | 192 58% | 191 50% |
| Net: Disagree (1-2) | 416 41% | 83 27% | 141 42% | 192 50% |
| Net: Difference (4+3-2-1) | 188 18% | 138 45% | 50 15% | -1 <1% |
| Mean score | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.4 |

59% of respondents wanted a Scottish currency after independence. The proportion accords closely to support for independence itself. 89% of those who are pro-independence are also pro a Scottish currency.

Two points follow. The first is that this is welcome, and new finding: confidence in a Scottish currency is growing.

Second, the refusal of the SNP leadership to consider this issue becomes ever more baffling. To commit to a currency union, which is what the SNP is effectively doing, is to commit to the Union still. I simply do not understand their logic.