CODEBOOK: Foreign Policy Attitudes within the United Kingdom—Comparing Scotland to England, 2022

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Overview: This is a project aimed to study the foreign policy attitudes of Britons, with the specific aim of comparing attitudes in Scotland and England. Respondents were recruited using the Momentive/SurveyMokey endpage recruitment methodology between October 3 and October 22, 2022.[1] As a key aim of the project was to compare Scottish and English respondents, oversampling Scottish respondents was necessary. To achieve this aim, two parallel online surveys were fielded: 1) in the entire United Kingdom; 2) in Scotland. The content of both surveys was the same.

The raw samples are not representative of the target populations, necessitating weights to be used. Three weighting variables are available: 1) "weight" which weights the respondent to demographics representative of the UK population; 2) "weight_eng" which weights English respondents to demographics representative of the English population; and 3) "weight_sct" which weights Scottish respondents to demographics representative of the Scottish population. For convenience, the finaldataset contains "weight_eng_sct" that creates weights in a single variable for English and Scottish respondents. Respondents from Wales and Northern Ireland were too few, resulting in large Modelled Error Estimates. Thus, we excluded these respondents from the final data release.

The baseline for the weights were demographic data from the census and the Annual Population Survey (ONS/NRS/NISRA). The Modelled Error estimate for the combined English and Scottish sample is 2%, for England only 2.5%, and for Scotland 3%. The variable names are as they appear in the dataset. Respondent numbers are as follows: Scotland+England: 6,579; England Only: 4,479; Scotland Only 2,100.

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[1] Respondents to SurveyMonkey surveys received this particular instrument as follows: After completing an unrelated, user-authored survey on the platform, respondents were presented with an invitation to complete this survey.

q1location

Q: In what part of the United Kingdom do you live?

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q1location		
range:	[1,13]	missing:	0/6579
unique values:	13		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
282	1	North East
550	2	North West
399	3	Yorkshire and the Humber
334	4	East Midlands
440	5	West Midlands
497	6	East Anglia
573	7	London
864	8	South East
540	9	South West
2100	10	Scotland

q2interest

Q: Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs...?

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q2interest		
range:	[1,4]	missing:	28/6579
unique values:	4		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
4536	1	Most of the time
1621	2	Some of the time
462	3	Only now and then
282	4	Hardly at all

q3mii

Q: As far as you're concerned, what is the single most important issue facing the country at the present time?

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q3mii		
range:	[0,7]	missing:	23/6579
unique values:	8		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
700	0	Other
142	1	Defence/Foreign affairs
2966	2	Economy
159	3	Relations with the European Union
346	4	Immigration
728	5	NHS
1793	6	Poverty/Inequality
72	7	Unemployment

q4coop_io

Q: The UK should work more through international organizations, like the UN.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q4coop_io		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	41/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
2365	1	Strongly agree
2287	2	Somewhat agree
1572	3	Neither agree nor disagree
436	4	Somewhat disagree
228	5	Strongly disagree

q5allies

Q: In deciding on its foreign policies, the UK should take into account the views of its major allies.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q5allies		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	48/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1673	1	Strongly agree
3199	2	Somewhat agree
1285	3	Neither agree nor disagree
505	4	Somewhat disagree
219	5	Strongly disagree

q6consensus

Q: The best way for the UK to be a world leader in foreign affairs is to build international consensus.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q6consensus		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	56/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
2694	1	Strongly agree
2554	2	Somewhat agree
1331	3	Neither agree nor disagree
195	4	Somewhat disagree
99	5	Strongly disagree

q7diplomacy

Q: The UK should be more committed to diplomacy and not so fast to use the military in international crises.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	diplomacy		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	51/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*	
2322	1	Strongly agree	
2217	2	Somewhat agree	
1606	3	Neither agree nor disagree	Q7di
578	4	Somewhat disagree	
155	5	Strongly disagree	

q8interests

Q: The UK's interests are best protected by avoiding involvement with other nations.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q8intersts		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	52/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
502	1	Strongly agree
879	2	Somewhat agree
1239	3	Neither agree nor disagree
1823	4	Somewhat disagree
2434	5	Strongly disagree

q9wellbeing

Q: The UK shouldn't risk its citizens' happiness and well-being by getting involved with other nations.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q9wellbeing		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	43/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
893	1	Strongly agree
1254	2	Somewhat agree
1305	3	Neither agree nor disagree
1823	4	Somewhat disagree
1611	5	Strongly disagree

q10interference

Q: The UK needs to simply mind its own business when it comes to international affairs.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q10interference		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	44/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
501	1	Strongly agree
968	2	Somewhat agree
1151	3	Neither agree nor disagree
1928	4	Somewhat disagree
2337	5	Strongly disagree

q11autonomy

Q: The UK doesn't need to withdraw from international affairs, it just needs to stop letting international organisations tell us what we can and can't do.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q11autonomy		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	53/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1847	1	Strongly agree
1795	2	Somewhat agree
1431	3	Neither agree nor disagree
970	4	Somewhat disagree
833	5	Strongly disagree

q12selfint

Q: The UK should always do what is in its own interest, even if our allies object.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q12selfint		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	49/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1367	1	Strongly agree
2019	2	Somewhat agree
1247	3	Neither agree nor disagree
1594	4	Somewhat disagree
653	5	Strongly disagree

q13preaggr

Q: The UK should take all steps including the use of force to prevent aggression by any expansionist power.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q13preaggr		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	55/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1849	1	Strongly agree
2572	2	Somewhat agree
1358	3	Neither agree nor disagree
698	4	Somewhat disagree
398	5	Strongly disagree

q14strmil

Q: The UK needs a strong military to be effective in international relations.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q14strmil		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	53/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
2380	1	Strongly agree
2250	2	Somewhat agree
1180	3	Neither agree nor disagree
649	4	Somewhat disagree
417	5	Strongly disagree

q15wshare

Q: The UK should be more willing to share its wealth with other nations, even if it doesn't coincide with our political interests.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q15wshare		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	43/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
785	1	Strongly agree
1495	2	Somewhat agree
1478	3	Neither agree nor disagree
1674	4	Somewhat disagree
1454	5	Strongly disagree

q16faidspd

Q: The UK should spend significantly more money on foreign aid.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q16faidspd		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	45/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
866	1	Strongly agree
1273	2	Somewhat agree
1621	3	Neither agree nor disagree
1456	4	Somewhat disagree
1668	5	Strongly disagree

q17aidpoor

Q: The UK already does enough to help the world's poor.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q17aidpoor		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	40/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1645	1	Strongly agree
1596	2	Somewhat agree
1355	3	Neither agree nor disagree
1234	4	Somewhat disagree
1059	5	Strongly disagree

q18natobedrock

Q: NATO is the bedrock of the UK's national security.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q18natobedrock		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	95/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
2098	1	Strongly agree
2293	2	Somewhat agree
1703	3	Neither agree nor disagree
439	4	Somewhat disagree
301	5	Strongly disagree

q19leavenato

Q: The UK should leave NATO.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q19leavenato		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	89/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
231	1	Strongly agree
192	2	Somewhat agree
1047	3	Neither agree nor disagree
1002	4	Somewhat disagree
4368	5	Strongly disagree

q20expandprovoke

Q: The expansion of NATO to include former communist countries such as Romania, Poland, and Bulgaria only serve to provoke Russia.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q20expandprovoke		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	93/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
989	1	Strongly agree
2100	2	Somewhat agree
1870	3	Neither agree nor disagree
967	4	Somewhat disagree
910	5	Strongly disagree

q21natoexitthreat

Q: Leaving NATO would seriously threaten the UK's security.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q21natoexitthreat		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	86/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
3970	1	Strongly agree
1498	2	Somewhat agree
897	3	Neither agree nor disagree
237	4	Somewhat disagree
241	5	Strongly disagree

q22removenukes

Q: Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statement.The UK should get rid of its nuclear weapons, regardless of what other countries do.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q22removenukes		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	82/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1028	1	Strongly agree
822	2	Somewhat agree
1205	3	Neither agree nor disagree
1430	4	Somewhat disagree
2362	5	Strongly disagree

q23trident

Q: The UK's current system of submarine launched nuclear weapons, known as Trident, is coming to the end of its useful life and will soon have to be scrapped or replaced. What do you think the UK should do when Trident reaches the end of its useful life?

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q23trident		
range:	[1,3]	missing:	236/6579
unique values:	3		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
2987	1	Replace Trident with an equally powerful nuclear missile system
2100	2	Retain a nuclear missile system, but it should be less powerful and cost less than replacing Trident
1670	3	Give up nuclear weapons completely

q24sanctrus

Q: Imposing further economic sanctions on Russian interests in the UK.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q24sanctrus		
range:	[1,4]	missing:	119/6579
unique values:	4		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
4555	1	Strongly support
1496	2	Somewhat support
425	3	Somewhat oppose
334	4	Strongly oppose

q25ruscyb

Q: Conducting cyber-attacks against Russian military capabilities.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q25ruscyb		
range:	[1,4]	missing:	134/6579
unique values:	4		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
2446	1	Strongly support
2367	2	Somewhat support
1183	3	Somewhat oppose
799	4	Strongly oppose

q26armukr

Q: Increasing the number of weapons and ammunition given to Ukraine.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q26armukr		
range:	[1,4]	missing:	126/6579
unique values:	4		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
2975	1	Strongly support
2589	2	Somewhat support
699	3	Somewhat oppose
540	4	Strongly oppose

q27humasstukr

Q: Increasing the amount of humanitarian assistance given to Ukraine.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q27humasstukr		
range:	[1,4]	missing:	103/6579
unique values:	4		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
3396	1	Strongly support
2262	2	Somewhat support
471	3	Somewhat oppose
293	4	Strongly oppose

q28settleukr

Q: Assisting Ukrainian citizens fleeing the war to resettle in the UK.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q28settleukr		
range:	[1,4]	missing:	109/6579
unique values:	4		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
3499	1	Strongly support
2415	2	Somewhat support
590	3	Somewhat oppose
316	4	Strongly oppose

q29ukexprus

Q: Using force to expel the Russian military from Ukraine.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q29ukexprus		
range:	[1,4]	missing:	118/6579
unique values:	4		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1571	1	Strongly support
2406	2	Somewhat support
1605	3	Somewhat oppose
1229	4	Strongly oppose

q30euclodist

Q: To what extent do you think relations between the UK and EU should be close or distant?

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q30euclodist		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	90/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
2306	1	Very close
2760	2	Close
1395	3	Neither close nor distant
259	4	Distant
119	5	Very distant

q31euview

Q: Do you have a favourable or unfavourable view of the EU as a whole?

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q31euview		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	80/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1334	1	Very favourable
2273	2	Favourable
1809	3	Neither favourable nor unfavourable
964	4	Unfavourable
469	5	Very unfavourable

q32brexit

Q: Do you identify yourself as a supporter of the Remain or Leave causes, or do you not think of yourself in this way?

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q32brexit		
range:	[1,3]	missing:	92/6579
unique values:	3		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1750	1	Yes, I think of myself as a 'Leaver'/'Brexiteer'
3458	2	Yes, I think of myself as a 'Remainer'
1629	3	No, I do not think of myself in this way

q33apolcol

Q: The UK needs to apologise for its colonial legacy.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q33apolcol		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	115/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1492	1	Strongly agree
1159	2	Somewhat agree
1517	3	Neither agree nor disagree
936	4	Somewhat disagree
1710	5	Strongly disagree

q34growenv

Q: The UK government should make economic growth its priority, not protecting the environment.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q34growenv		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	112/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
788	1	Strongly agree
1230	2	Somewhat agree
1377	3	Neither agree nor disagree
1697	4	Somewhat disagree
1725	5	Strongly disagree

q35wellgrow

Q: The UK government should make human wellbeing its priority, not economic growth.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q35wellgrow		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	116/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
2045	1	Strongly agree
2029	2	Somewhat agree
1587	3	Neither agree nor disagree
855	4	Somewhat disagree
297	5	Strongly disagree

q36tradeenv

Q: The UK should not sign trade agreements with other countries unless the agreement protects the environment.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q36tradeenv		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	129/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
2703	1	Strongly agree
2239	2	Somewhat agree
1257	3	Neither agree nor disagree
375	4	Somewhat disagree
226	5	Strongly disagree

q37tradewom

Q: The UK should not sign trade agreements with other countries unless the agreement protects women's rights.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q37tradewom		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	125/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
3217	1	Strongly agree
1865	2	Somewhat agree
1260	3	Neither agree nor disagree
276	4	Somewhat disagree
186	5	Strongly disagree

q38tradehr

Q: The UK should not sign trade agreements with other countries unless the agreement protects human rights.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q38tradehr		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	116/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
3508	1	Strongly agree
1925	2	Somewhat agree
961	3	Neither agree nor disagree
252	4	Somewhat disagree
167	5	Strongly disagree

q39mpwill

Q: Members of Parliament need to follow the will of the people.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q39mpwill		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	127/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
3506	1	Strongly agree
2115	2	Somewhat agree
737	3	Neither agree nor disagree
366	4	Somewhat disagree
78	5	Strongly disagree

q40peoppol

Q: The people, and not politicians, should make our most important policy decisions.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	Q40peoppol		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	133/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1730	1	Strongly agree
1961	2	Somewhat agree
1211	3	Neither agree nor disagree
1312	4	Somewhat disagree
582	5	Strongly disagree

q41elivpeop

Q: The political differences between the elite and the people are larger than the differences among the people.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	Q41elivpeop		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	143/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
2774	1	Strongly agree
1857	2	Somewhat agree
1558	3	Neither agree nor disagree
418	4	Somewhat disagree
179	5	Strongly disagree

q42comprom

Q: What people call 'compromise' in politics is really just selling out on one's principles.

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q42comprom		
range:	[1,5]	missing:	132/6579
unique values:	5		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1105	1	Strongly agree
1812	2	Somewhat agree
1960	3	Neither agree nor disagree
1251	4	Somewhat disagree
669	5	Strongly disagree

q43idbrit

Q: Identity: British

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q43idbrit		
range:	[1,7]	missing:	195/6579
unique values:	7		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
2742	1	Very strongly British
953	2	2
868	3	3
947	4	4
332	5	5
306	6	6
586	7	Not at all British

q44idscot

Q: Identity: Scottish

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q44idscot		
range:	[1,7]	missing:	4866/6579
unique values:	7		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1139	1	Very strongly Scottish
294	2	2
185	3	3
200	4	4
50	5	5
63	6	6
132	7	Not at all Scottish

q46ideng

Q: Identity: English

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q46ideng		
range:	[1,7]	missing:	2563/6579
unique values:	7		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1947	1	Very strongly English
566	2	2
612	3	3
619	4	4
175	5	5
155	6	6
292	7	Not at all English

q48ideur

Q: Identity: European

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q48ideur		
range:	[1,7]	missing:	409/6579
unique values:	7		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1537	1	Very strongly European
882	2	2
936	3	3
1237	4	4
483	5	5
465	6	6
1091	7	Not at all European

q49scotindy

Q: Should Scotland be an independent country?

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	Q49scotindy		
range:	[1,4]	missing:	4847/6579
unique values:	4		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1023	1	Yes
820	2	No
34	3	Would not vote
195	4	Don't know

q52partyid

Q: Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat or another party?

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q52partyid		
range:	[1,11]	missing:	93/6579
unique values:	11		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
413	0	Other
1472	1	Conservative
1719	2	Labour
532	3	Liberal Democrat
696	4	Scottish National Party (SNP)
26	5	Plaid Cymru
65	6	Reform UK
78	7	United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)
298	8	Green Party
23	9	British National Party (BNP)
1514	10	None

q53leftright

Q: Ideology- Left to Right

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q53leftright		
range:	[0,10]	missing:	233/6579
unique values:	11		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
432	0	0 - Left
239	1	1
583	2	2
836	3	3
691	4	4
2244	5	5
537	6	6
527	7	7
346	8	8
85	9	9
176	10	10 - Right

q54gender

Q: Which gender best describes you?

type:	numeric (integer)	units:	1
label:	q54gender		
range:	[1,3]	missing:	0/6579
unique values:	3		

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
3818	1	Male
3034	2	Female
77	3	Not listed/non-conforming

age3

Q: Which age bracket do you fall under?

type: Factor
label: age3

units: 1

range: [1,3]
unique values: 3

missing: 0/6579

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
767	1	18-34
2068	2	35-54
4094	3	55+

Edu5

Q: What is your education background?

type: Factor
label: Edu5

units: 1

range: [1,5]
unique values: 5

missing: 0/6579

tabulation:

Freq.	*Numeric*	*Label*
1491	1	O level/GCSE/None
748	2	A level
1429	3	HNC
1684	4	Bachelor's degree
1577	5	Postgraduate degree