

Questionnaire Results

Do you feel that your voice is heard?

Several ways to answer this. Nationally, yes my voice is heard in that I belong to the majority who don't want independence. If you recall the vote was 55% in favour of staying in the Union. The same result came out in the last General election when those that didn't vote for SNP totalled 55% of the voters. So, my answer is 'yes' (nationally). But in the Scottish context, my voice along with the rest of the 55% is being ignored. This is justified by the Brexit result not falling in line with the Scottish electors who overall are significant EU remainers (maybe 60%++ in favour of staying in the EU). My view is that if it wasn't Brexit, it would be some other feeble excuse (like the price of Irn Bru) to get the Nats demanding Independence again. In all other matters locally I think we are largely ignored: health, education, economy, all of which are getting worse by any reasonable standard. Additionally, because of the lack of PR, the Nats managed to secure a disproportionate level of representation in the House of Commons which in SNP terms translates into a mandate from the Scottish people for Indyref 2.

That depends on who I'm speaking to and if the other party want to listen. If it is my dog and I have a treat he hears my voice but not if there are other distractions. This is similar to other situations...my voice can be heard if people want to listen without interruptions and there is a benefit to them whether it be in a business situation or home environment. I was in a situation recently when I felt my voice was not heard because it was convenient for the other party. They

felt they had rules to follow and were not prepared to compromise. Conversely when I spoke to my friends about this event I felt my voice was heard as they were sympathetic. You can only be heard if the other party wants to listen.

No, my voice is not heard and my presence not noticed, my actions make a difference.

No

Definitely not

Not in parliament

No

No

No

No not in the slightest

Yes sometimes but as a woman there's a lot of things that affect us that we don't have a say on.

No

No

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

No

Yes

Not by Westminster

I have a vote I guess?

Within Scotland yes, wider sense of community

Yes

No

Not really

To an extent, on bigger social issues I don't feel as heard compared to smaller issues

No

Not really, I feel like I have a lot to say people don't listen.

No

No

No

Nope

No Not within the UK as a whole.

No lol

No

I think majority of the time it is but I think that sometimes we're outspoken.

No

Not enough to matter

Not at all

Yes, but due to advantages of education/background that many don't have.

To a certain extent e.g. within school/uni community but I'm not sure about on a larger scale.

No, especially not politically.

Not as a nation. Define heard. Heard by whom. Politically not hugely on the grand scale (yes for local elections), socially yes, academically I have no voice.

Do you think that Scotland's voice is heard?

No

Do I think Scotland's voice is heard? In the Independence debate it has been heard, so it follows that Scotland's voice has been heard as well because we remain part of the UK and the Brexit vote said leave, by a much smaller margin of course (52% to 48%).

At an English uni people tend to overlook your accent or only use it as a joke.

No

Alex Salmond's trial gets under way on Monday, so fingers crossed we'll be looking at a change of SNP leadership and that might give us all some peace!

No

Most of the time yes.

Mine personally not really because of my age people don't associate me with intelligence.

My immediate reaction to this question leads me to the political debate on whether Scotland should leave the EU as part of the UK since the overwhelming vote in the Referendum

I guess.

suggested Scotland wanted to remain in the EU. In that situation I don't think Scotland's voice is heard. However if we look at sporting events and the Five Nations Rugby at Murrayfield as an example then I would say Scotland's voice is heard when you hear the crowd singing Flower of Scotland- a very powerful voice.

Yes but I think it's quick to lay blame blame and not making a positive noise.

No

Nope

It's definitely not heard as much as it should be.

Within the UK – no, but outside of the UK – yes.

Not in the slightest

I think the Scottish are often overlooked by the English as a bit of a joke

More so now than a few years ago, I think Scotland is being encouraged to speak up more.

I mean we are massively overruled by other powers.

Definitely not.

Not in parliament

No

No

No

No not in the slightest

Within the country yes, but I feel like it's a bit disregarded by the UK as whole/internationally.

Sometimes

Westminster regards us as a colony. Europe hears us (to some extent) but is it just for show? Just to coax us back into the EU? Internationally we are small fish.

No

No

No

No

Yes

Not always and not as strong as England

Scotland's voice is overshadowed by England but that's inevitable

Heard but no listened to

Yes and no. It's forgotten about as England is the main attraction.

No

Rarely. Brexit is a key example of this. Also Trident and Scottish opposition to conservatism.

Why is Scotland special to you? What does it mean to you?

No matter where in the world you are if you meet someone Scottish there's an instant bond, we're g.

It's the place I've stayed the longest in consecutive years (moving around a lot as a kid)

It's home, whether I always appreciate it or not it's where I belong deep down.

Because it's like no other place in the world, beautiful country full of nice funny people. Plus the only country in the world taking a stand against period poverty.

Home.

It's my home and where my family lives.

It's where I grew up and was raised, it means a constant memory of family and love.

It's my home.

It's where I am from and have lived all my life. And it's really beautiful

The friendliest people and it's got such a unique personality.

It's vivid history as a part of my heritage, I hold that close.

Losing everyone international match and proud.

We are internationally appreciated for our culture and people and value.

It's small but mighty.

It is my home, has unique history, culture is banging, very good education.

The people.

My whole life has happened here. I have family all over. It's amazing.

It's beautiful and I feel so patriotic thinking about my country.

The people. The family.

It's my home, all I know when I think of Scotland I think of safety.

It's a symbol of home and pride. I love the feeling of coming home and hearing the accents again.

History is very important to Scotland today.
Drinking culture lol.

Means home.

It is distinct and subtly rich in culture and heritage.

Having grown up here and being well travelled there is no place better to live in the world.

Safe place, beautiful, my own culture.

It's not English.

Deep frying anything.

Drinking.

I personally love haggis but I also love the idea of preserving our heritage.

Being overly patriotic and our good crack.

Rugby and ceilidhs

The alcoholism and the bagpipes.

The word 'wee,' cranachan on Burns' night, kilts!

The first country to provide free sanitary products to women!

The different accents that places have.

Entertainment (eg. The Fringe)

The humour

Ceilidhs

Rugby is definitely up there, but more so the larger sense of community.

Kilts and ceilidhs

Warmth and camaraderie, a spirit of unity.

Social interactions. Just the way people treat others, friends, strangers.

Probably the drinking and the class patter.

Carrying on traditions.

Drinking ability.

Edinburgh is the best place for LGBT people in Europe! Very accepting and forward country.

How kind we are to one another; it's the little things like opening doors for someone.

On the whole we don't give a fuck and that extends to letting people be who they are.

I love ceilidhs and wearing kilts. I've missed them in England and I love that when you play ceilidh music every Scottish person will dance or at least know the song – love it.

Drink.

Hot rugby boys.

Tartan, I never wear it but like some are genuinely stunning. Or all of us being cunts but it's just patter.

The friendliness of people.

Lochs, I think they're really weird and cool and pretty.

Scotland is the most beautiful country I know. It means a lot because we are so small.

Pragmatism and down to earth people and values.

The music, food, accent and language!

I feel a very strong connection to the culture and land having been brought up around it.

The fact that everyone is so friendly just the people make it feel like home.