

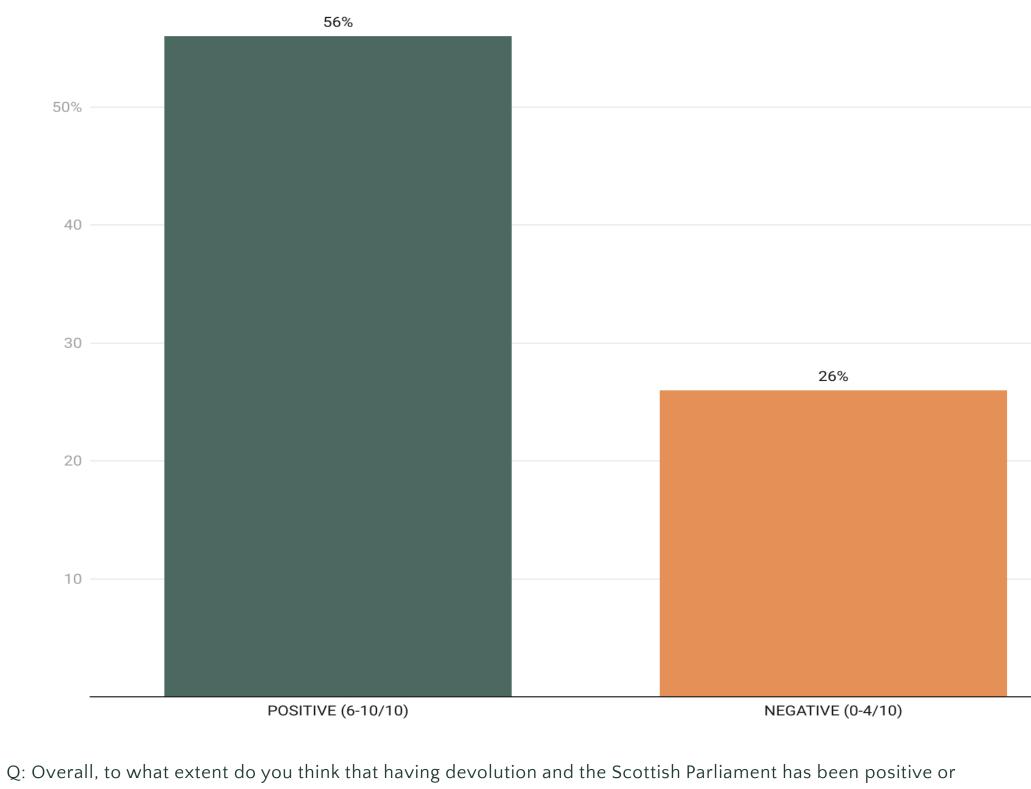


25 Years of Devolution Thursday 21st March 2024

With Mark Diffley

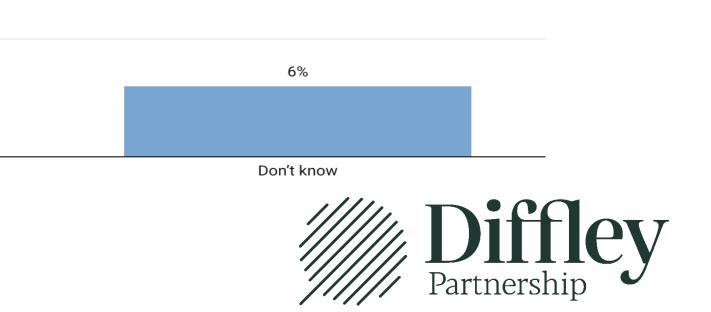
From many voices to smart choices

Positivity about devolution outweighs negativity by around 2:1

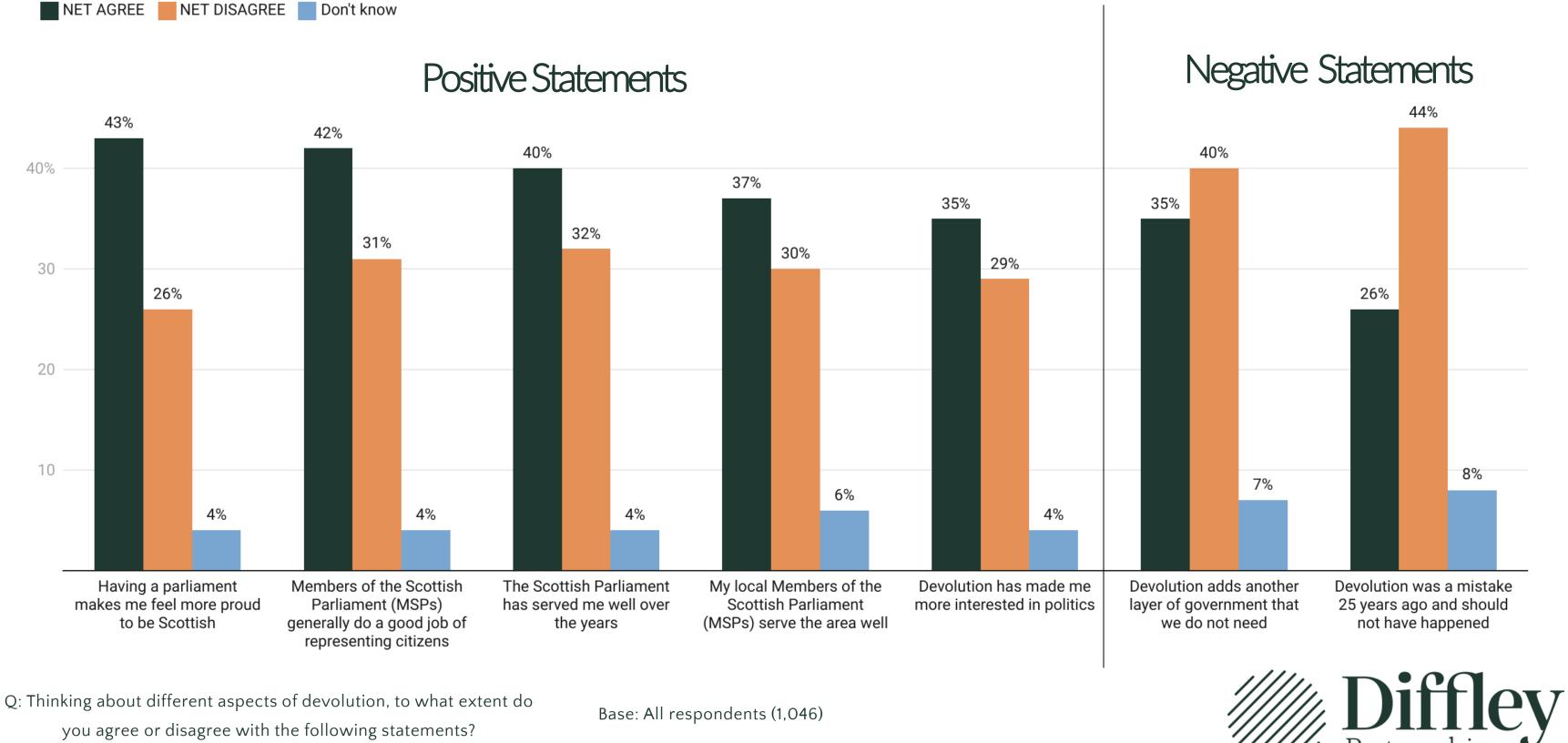


negative. Answer on a scale of 0-10 where 0 is very negative and 10 very positive

Base: All respondents (1,046)



Mixed views about the impact devolution has had on citizens



Knowledge of the balance of powers is not universal

| Scottish Parliament | Shared Scottish/UK | Parliaments 🛛 UK Parliar |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Education | 71% | |
| Housing | 69% | |
| Health and social services | 65% | |
| Taxation | 37% | 41% |
| Welfare benefits | 34% | 39% |
| Energy | 27% | 36% |
| Defence and security | 10% 22% | 68% |
| Foreign affairs | 8% 23% | 69% |

Q: Looing at the list of issues, which do you think are powers of the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood, which are powers of the UK Parliament and which are shared between the two parliaments?

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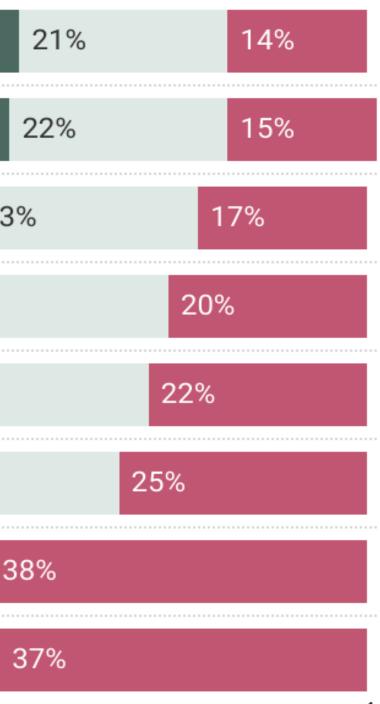
Support for Holyrood to have broader powers

| Scottish Parliament | Shared Scottish/UK Pa | rliaments | UK Parliar | ne |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|----|
| Housing | 65% | | | |
| Education | 64% | | | |
| Health and social services | 60% | | | 23 |
| Welfare benefits | 53% | | 27% | |
| Energy | 50% | | 28% | |
| Taxation | 48% | | 27% | |
| Foreign affairs | 31% | 31% | | 3 |
| Defence and security | 30% | 33% | | |

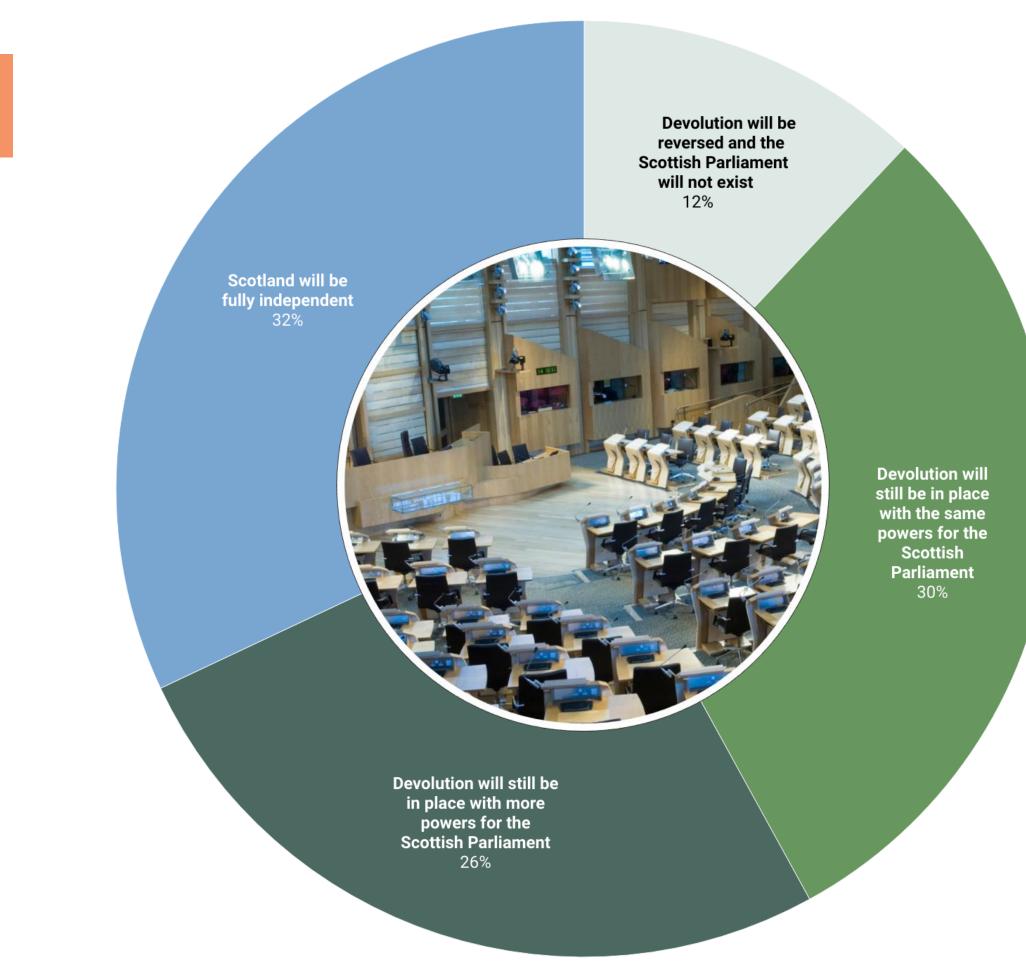
Q: Looking at the same list of issues, which parliament do you think *should* have the powers over each?

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Base: All respondents (1,046)







Q: Looking ahead, which of the following do you think WILL happen in the next 10 years?

Most believe **Scottish Parliament** WILL have more power in the next 10 years...



Devolution should be reversed and the Scottish Parliament should not exist 20%

Scotland should be fully independent 38%

> Devolution should still be in place with the same powers for the Scottish Parliament 20%

Devolution should still be in place with more powers for the Scottish Parliament 22%

... while opinion is split over what <u>SHOULD</u> happen in the next 10 years

