

Supplementary Material (Appendix)

Appendix A: Questions wording

Dependent variables: Turnout and non-electoral political engagement

Many people have told us that they didn't manage to vote in Scottish Parliament election on May 6th. How about you – did you manage to vote in the election?

- Yes, I voted
- No, I did not vote

Below you will find a list of some different forms of political action that people can take either in person or online. Please indicate for each one whether you have actually done this thing, whether you might do it or whether you would never, under any circumstances, do it.

- Sign a petition on the internet/ sign a petition not on the internet
- Buy - or refuse to buy - any products for political or ethical reasons
- Contact a politician, government or local government official
- Take part in a public demonstration

Independent variables: Social position

How old were you on your last birthday? [numeric]

Which of the following describes how you think of yourself?

- Male
- Female

In which of the following regions do you live?

- Aberdeen and North East: Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Moray
- Highlands and Islands: Argyll and Bute, Eilean Siar (Western Isles), Highland, Orkney, Shetland
- Tayside, Central and Fife: Angus, Clackmannanshire, Dundee City, Falkirk, Fife, Perth and Kinross, Stirling
- Edinburgh and Lothians: City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian, West Lothian
- Glasgow and Strathclyde: East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire
- Scotland South: Dumfries and Galloway, Scottish Borders

Now please think back to when you were 16 years old. Please indicate to which occupational group the Chief Income Earner in your household belonged, or which group fit best when you were 16. If you lived with parents, one of them was likely the Chief Income Earner. The Chief Income Earner is the person in your household with the largest income (remember we are thinking back to when you were 16). If the Chief Income Earner was retired and had an occupational pension please answer for their most recent occupation. If the Chief Income Earner was not in paid employment but had been out of work for less than 6 months, please answer for their most recent occupation.

- Higher managerial/ professional/ administrative (A) - e.g. Established doctor, Solicitor, Board Director in a large organisation (200+ employees, top level civil servant/public service employee)
- Intermediate managerial/ professional/ administrative (B) - e.g. Newly qualified (under 3 years) doctor, Solicitor, Board director in small organisation, Middle Manager in large organisation, principal officer in civil service/local government
- Supervisory or clerical/ junior managerial/ professional/ administrative (C1) - e.g. Office worker, Student Doctor, Foreman with 25+ employees, salesperson, etc
- Student (C1)
- Skilled manual worker (C2) - e.g. Skilled Bricklayer, Carpenter, Plumber, Painter, Bus/ Ambulance Driver, HGV driver, AA patrolman, Pub/Bar worker, etc
- Semi or unskilled manual work (D) - e.g. Manual workers, all apprentices to be skilled trades, Caretaker, Park keeper, Non-HGV driver, Shop Assistant
- Casual worker – not in permanent employment (E)
- Housewife/ Homemaker (E)
- Retired and living on state pension (E)
- Unemployed or not working due to long-term sickness (E)
- Full-time carer of other household member (E)
- Prefer not to say (excluded)

Independent variables: Socialisation

Have you ever done Modern Studies at school?

- Yes
- No

Have you ever taken a subject in school in which mainly issues about politics and society were discussed?

- Yes (as a course that I had to take, as a course that I chose to take but didn't have to take, or I don't know whether I had to take it)
- No

Who have you talked to about how Scotland is governed in the last three months, if anyone at all? Of the following choose as many or few as apply.

- Nobody
- Family members
- Friends
- Colleagues at work/co-students (excluded)
- Other (excluded)

Appendix B: Results from the robustness check

Table Ab. Logistic regression model for non-electoral participation, N=863.

Dependent variable: Having taken part in at least one non-electoral engagement form (logistic regression)	Socialisation model (16-31 years)	
	OR	s.e.
Age at first vote (Reference: 18 or above)		
16/17	1.08	.29
Age (Reference: 16/17)		
18-20	0.57	.35
21-23	0.50	.31*
24-26	0.76	.38
27-29	0.78	.45
30-31	0.46	.45 ⁺
Gender (Reference: Male)		
Female	1.01	.01
Region (Reference: Tayside/Central)		
North/Islands	0.72	.29
Lothians/South	0.64	.28
Glasgow/Strathclyde	0.62	.25*
Social class of chief household earner at age 16 (Reference: AB)		
C1	0.78	.26
C2	0.73	.27
DE	0.68	.26
Talked with family about Scottish governance (last 3 months)	1.68	.19**
Talked with friends about Scottish governance (last 3 months)	3.10	.19***
Has ever taken Modern Studies in school	1.17	.20
Has ever taken a class in which political issues were discussed	1.76	.19**
Intercept	2.91	.46*
-2 Log Likelihood	826.7	
Nagelkerke Pseudo R ²	0.116	
N (unweighted)	863	

Notes: Significance values: ⁺p≤0.10, *p≤0.05, **p≤0.01, ***p≤0.001; displayed are odds-ratios (OR) with standard errors (s.e.); results are weighted to match population parameters.