# The Scottish independence referendum: background, implications and campaigns

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# Scotland's 'constitutional moment'

Bruce Ackerman: 'highest kind of politics'

Normal politics as 'inferior' - factions trying to 'manipulate the constitutional forms of political life to pursue their own narrow interests'

To what extent was the referendum a different kind of politics?

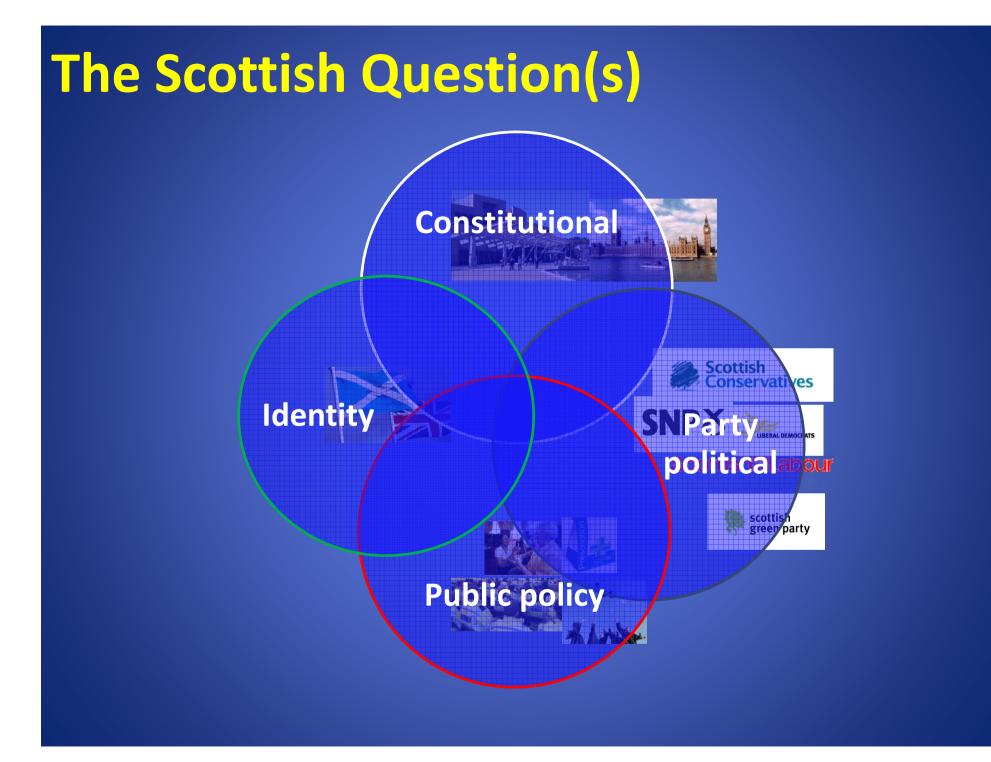
## Thursday 18 September 2014

"It is now up to the people of Scotland to make that historic decision. The very future of Scotland depends on their verdict. It is that important. This agreement delivers the people's referendum."

Prime Minister Cameron, October 2012

"I'm honoured to announce that, on Thursday the 18th of September 2014, we will hold Scotland's referendum - a historic day when the people will decide Scotland's **future**."

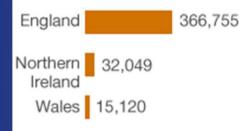
First Minister Salmond, March 2013



# Eligibility

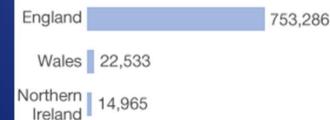
### Eligible to vote 🗸

People born in other parts of the UK who are now resident in Scotland



### Not eligible to vote **X**

People born in Scotland who now live elsewhere in the UK

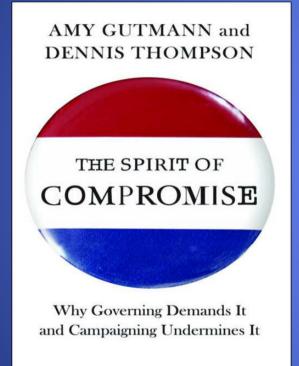


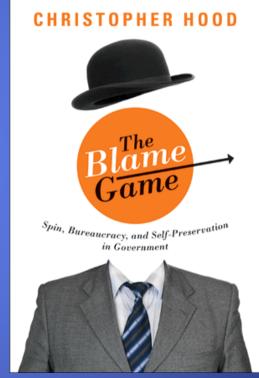
Source: General Register Office for Scotland, 2001 Census (latest available figures) All ages 16+

- 16 years old and over on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2014
- EU citizen living in Scotland
- Commonwealth citizen living in Scotland with permission to enter or remain in UK
- Members of armed forces, Crown servants (eg diplomats) and British council employees

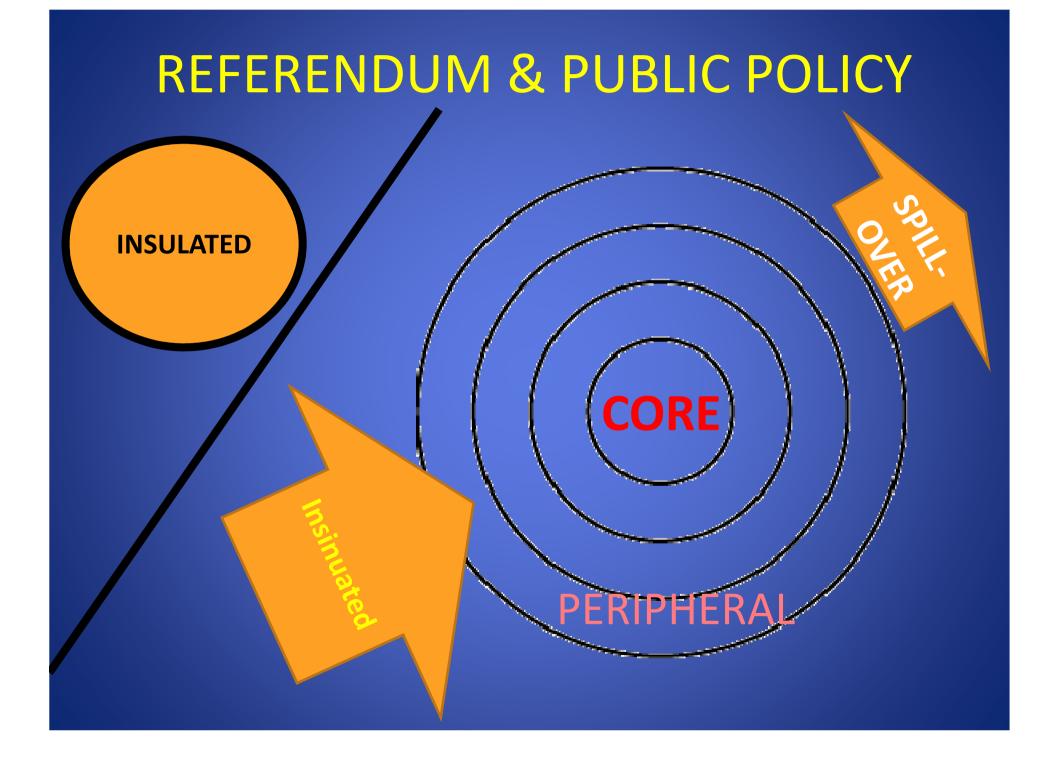


**COMPETING 'MINDSETS'**: a campaigning mindset that blocks compromise and a governing mindset that inclines decision-makers to respect opponents and find common objectives and outcomes.





"Do you agree that Scotland should be an independent country?"







# INSINUATED

Scottish Improving the Lives of Refugees in Scotland after the Referendum: 'aims to stimulate the debate on asylum and refugee policy within the context of the Scottish Referendum on independence in 2014'

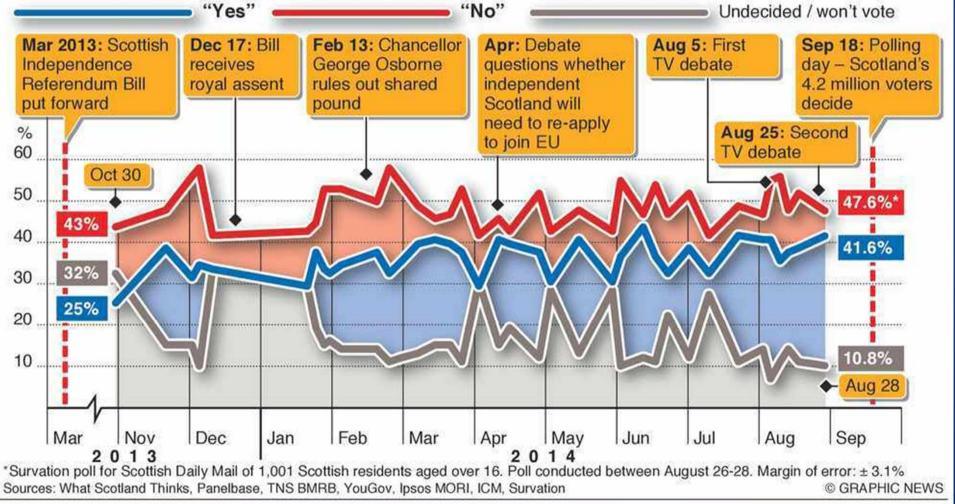




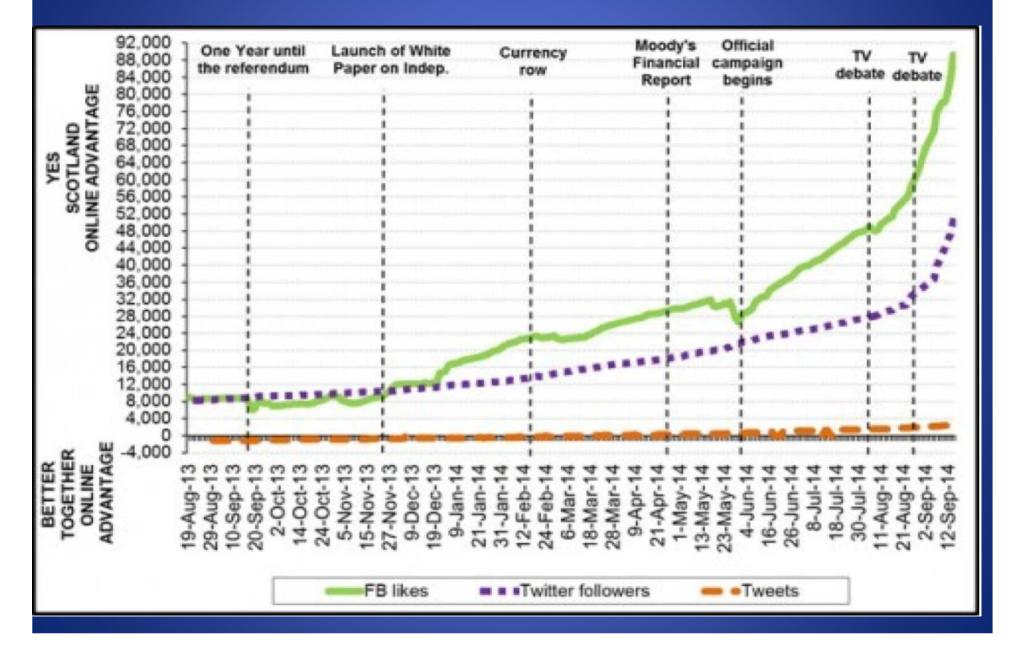
Scotland's three Islands Councils – Shetland, Orkney, and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar representing the Western Isles, have agreed to work together in a programme of positive engagement to ensure that whatever happens over the next two or three years in relation to the constitution of Scotland the position and needs of island areas are adequately taken into account and the particular nature of Scotland's three main islands' areas acknowledged and recognised.

## A long campaign



















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Title	Circulation	Preference
Sun	246,066	Neutral
Daily Record	203,941	Neutral
Daily Mail	93,321	No
Press and Journal (Aberdeen)	62,177	Neutral
Dundee Courier (Dundee)	48,955	Neutral
Daily Express	48,636	No
Daily Star	41,799	Neutral
The Herald	37,728	Neutral
Evening Express (Aberdeen)	34,894	Neutral
Evening Times (Glasgow)	33,397	Neutral
The Scotsman	27,208	No
Evening News (Edinburgh)	25,908	Neutral
The Times	20,420	No
Evening Telegraph (Dundee)	19,766	Neutral
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Daily Telegraph	18,599	No
Daily Mirror	18,079	No
The Guardian	10,623	No
Daily Express (Paisley)	6,477	Neutral
The Independent	2,990	No
Financial Times	2,312	No

### SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS

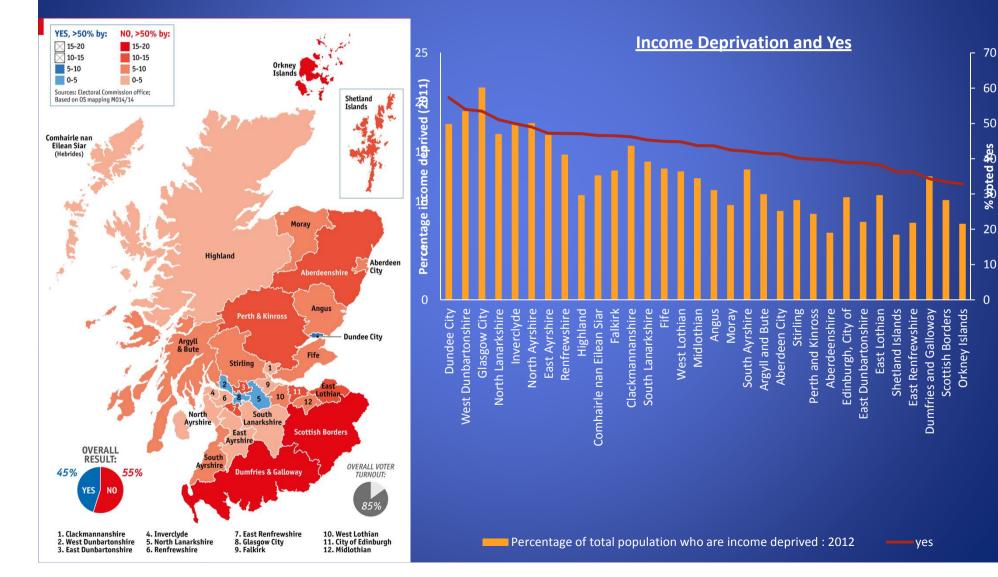
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Title	Circulation
Sunday Mail	231,821
The Sun on Sunday	175,525
Sunday Post	146,940
Mail on Sunday	83,079
The Sunday Times	46,927
Scotland on Sunday	30,297
Sunday Express	28,002
	25,000
Daily Star Sunday	23,161
Sunday Mirror	18,202
Sunday Telegraph 16,543	
The Observer	14,093
Sunday People	9,678
Independent on Sunday	5,896

### Preference



## **RESULT: Turnout: 84.59% NO 55.30% YES 44.70%**



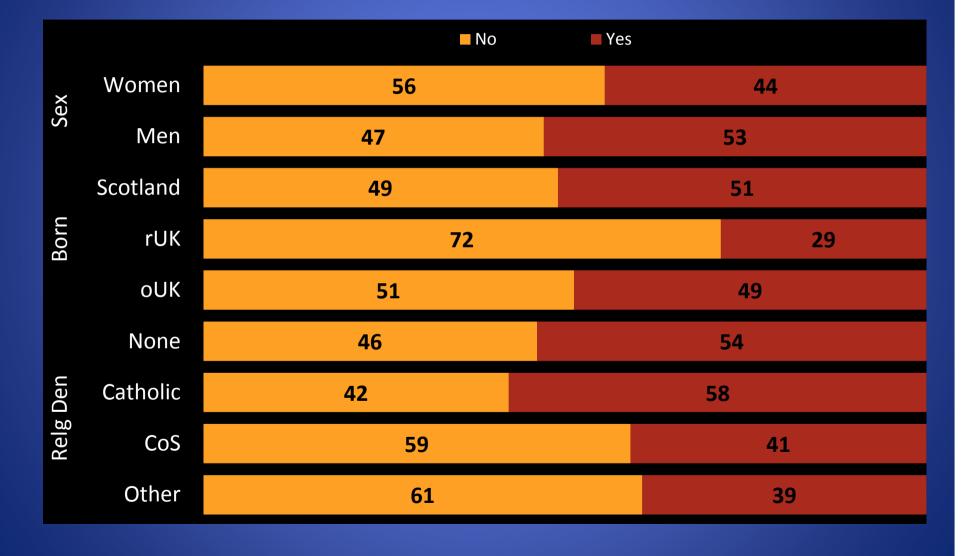
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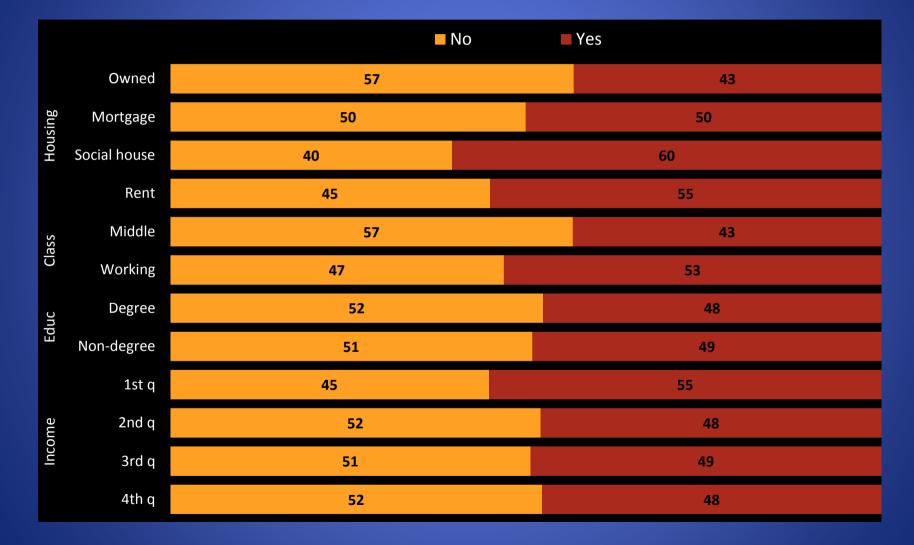
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# 1. Who votes YES/NO



# 2. Who votes YES/NO



# 3. Who votes YES/NO



# Referendum and resolution? Promises, promises...



SCOTTISH QUESTION = IRISH QUESTION

'Gladstone spent his declining years trying to guess the answer to the Irish Question; unfortunately, whenever he was getting warm, the Irish secretly changed the Question.'

W.C. Sellar and R.J. Yeatman (1930), 1066 and All That, Methuen and Co Ltd.