

"We have to recognise that the union as it is, is over."

Mark Drakeford MS
First Minister of Wales
Welsh Labour

YES



Seeing Scotland side-lined at Westminster made me switch to Yes

Edinburgh-based Neil MacPherson's career in business has taken him around the world, having worked in countries like Finland and Australia. With an international outlook he previously hoped being part of the UK was for the best – but now he knows better. Many others have changed their view on Independence for Scotland.

In 2014, I thought our future in the UK meant being part of the EU. Then 2016 came along, and it took away all things that I value – like the European peace project and the freedom to move from one country to another. Being part of the EU is an advantage to the UK and Scotland, but we are suffering as a political appendage to Westminster.

Over the years, I have built up concerns about the UK's foreign policy direction, particularly under Tony Blair's Labour government. I became concerned by the UK's alignment with the US and the decision to go to war with Iraq. That was a complete disaster. It was one of the areas where I realised Scotland's voice was pushed to one side.

I was horrified by the result of the 2019 general election. Despite good policies that the SNP MPs put forward, they will fall by the wayside as there is only so much that 48 MPs can do in the House of Commons. The UK Parliament is completely weighted against voters in Scotland in favour of those in England. Scotland's vote in the EU referendum has been brushed to one side.

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"Should the UK Government proceed with the Internal Market Bill, against the wishes of the Scottish Parliament, it makes the case for a second independence referendum unanswerable."

Scottish Trades Union Congress

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YOUR RIGHT TO REJECT WESTMINSTER TORY CUTS.

When the immediate public health crisis is over, decisions will be made about how Scotland recovers.

Too many Scots know to their cost that, after the last financial crisis, the Tories imposed austerity cuts. And we know they want to do the same again. **Who then should be making the decisions on how we rebuild and recover, the people of Scotland or Boris Johnson?**

Here are five reasons we'll be better off as an independent country because choosing independence means...

1 Control of Scotland's economic policy will be in Scotland's hands – not Boris Johnson's The Boris Johnson who said "A pound spent in Croydon is far more of value to the country than a pound spent in Strathclyde." So we know where his priority lies.

2 Evidence shows that compared to the UK, neighbouring independent countries of similar size to Scotland:

- Have higher levels of productivity – a key driver of living standards.
- Have higher pensions, as a proportion of pre-retirement wages.
- Are more equal.
- Are wealthier per head. In fact, the evidence shows that the UK tends to come bottom of the league table of north-west European countries in terms of economic performance.

3 As an independent member of the EU we'll be inside the huge European Single Market, which is seven times the size of the UK.

4 We'll be spending money on Scotland's priorities, not Westminster's.

- The cost of Trident replacement has been estimated at £205 billion.
- The cost of refurbishing the House of Lords and Westminster has been predicted to be up to £20 billion.

5 Brexit is hitting the Scottish economy hard and on top of that the UK is expected to pay the EU around £40 billion in a divorce bill. That's Scotland's future with Westminster control. ...and build a fairer, happier, more prosperous Scotland. **Find out more at www.yes.scot**