

# Devolved Institutions

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# The Scottish Parliament

- The Impetus for Devolution
- Powers
  - Primary and secondary legislative power over 'domestic policies' (agriculture, education, law, health, police, etc.)
  - Limited tax-raising power (3p/£)
  - Block grant from London
  - Reserved powers (to Westminster)



# Scottish Parliament



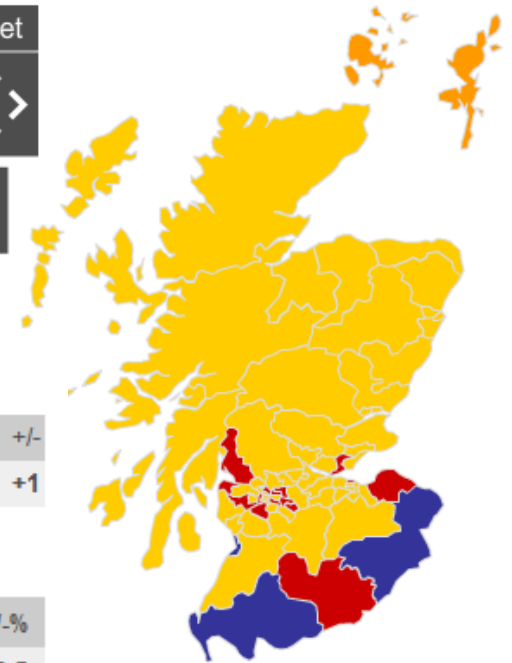
# The Scottish Parliament

- Structure
  - 129 Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs)
  - 73 in single member districts; 56 by PR in by region
  - Elections every four years (last in 2011)
  - Labour-led coalitions at first
  - Currently SNP government under First Minister Alex Salmond →



# 2011 Scottish Parliament Election Results

Reset



## Scotland results at a glance

Party	SNP	+/-	Labour	+/-	Conservative	+/-	Liberal Democrat	+/-	Others	+/-
Total	69	+23	37	-7	15	-5	5	-12	3	+1

## Constituencies scoreboard

Party	Seats	+/-	Votes	%	+/-%
SNP	53	+32	902,915	45.4	+12.5
Labour	15	-20	630,461	31.7	-0.5
Conservative	3	-3	276,652	13.9	-2.7
Liberal Democrat	2	-9	157,714	7.9	-8.2
Others	0	0	21,480	1.1	-1.1

After 73 of 73 constituencies declared

## Regions scoreboard

Party	Seats	+/-	Votes	%	+/-%
Labour	22	+13	523,559	26.3	-2.9
SNP	16	-9	876,421	44	+13
Conservative	12	-2	245,967	12.4	-1.6
Others	3	+1	241,632	12.1	-2.5
Liberal Democrat	3	-3	103,472	5.2	-6.1
Turnout			1,991,051	50	-1.3

# The Question of Scottish Independence

- Economic and Political Implications
- Referendum – Independence or ‘Devolution Plus’

## Approve / disapprove of Scotland becoming independent?



## When to hold the referendum?



## Scotland better off or worse off if independent?



## In favour of an English parliament, or against?



## Is higher spending on Scotland justified or unjustified?



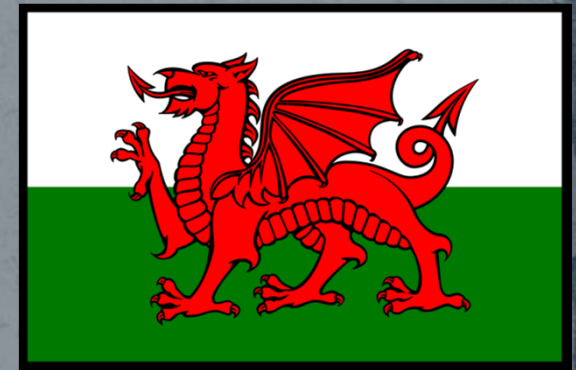
## Preferred option in a three-question Scottish referendum?



ICM Research interviewed an online sample of 1,734 adults aged 18+ in England and 501 adults aged 18+ in Scotland on 11-13th January 2012. Data has been separately weighted to reflect the profile of people in England and in Scotland.

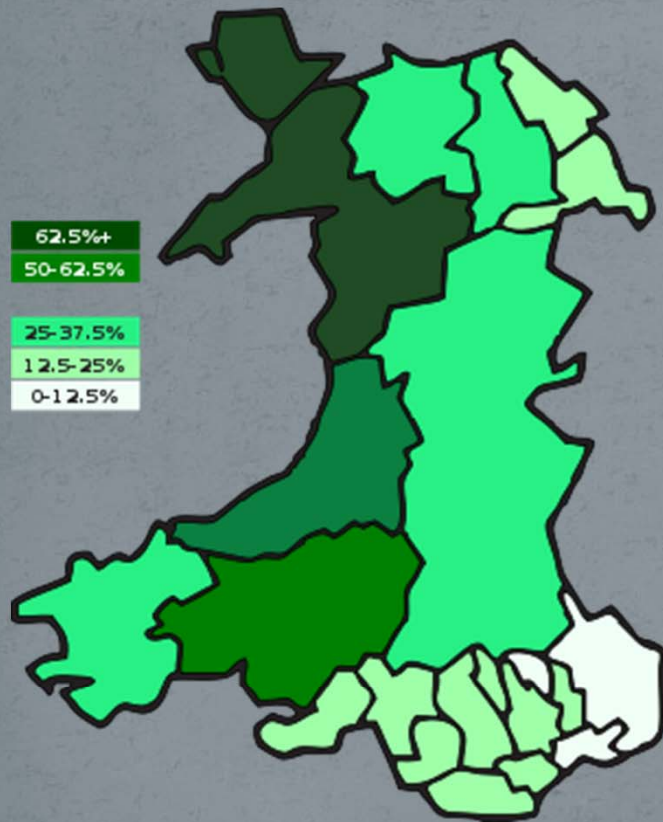
# Welsh National Assembly

- (Limited) sources of Welsh nationalism
  - Plaid Cymru – Party of Wales
- Powers
  - Secondary legislative powers only
  - No tax raising authority
  - Block grant from London
- Structure
  - 60 Assembly Members (AMs); 40 from single member districts, 20 by PR
  - Elections every four years (last in 2011)
  - Minority Labour government under First Minister Carwyn Jones



Welsh flag

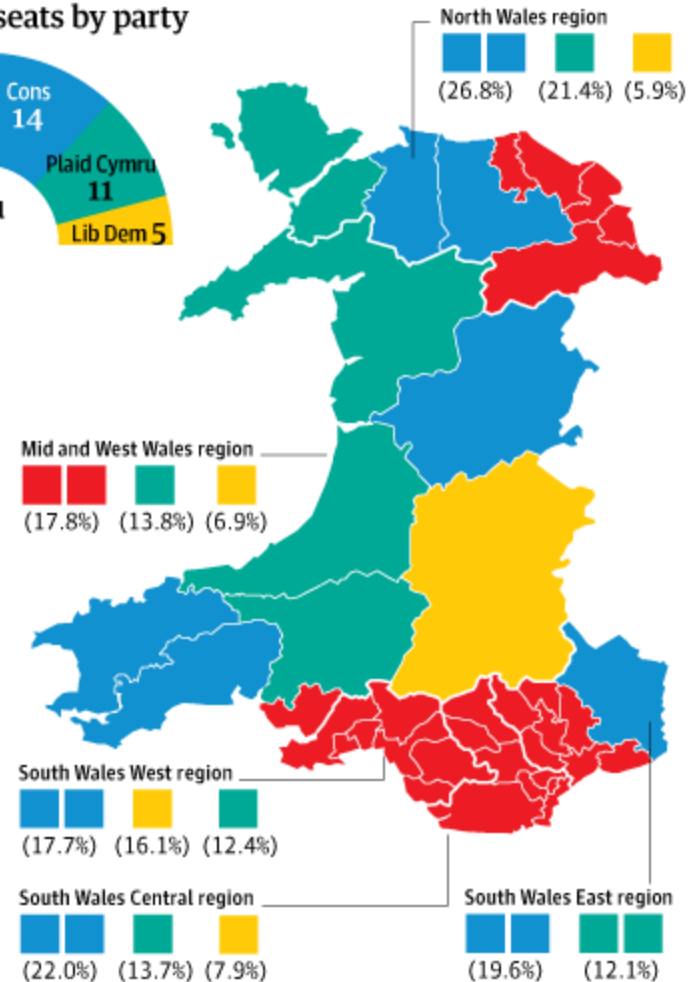
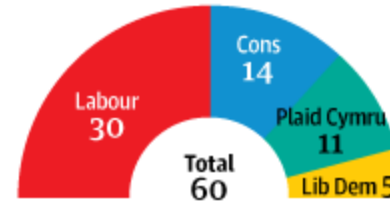
# Language and Elections



Welsh language speakers by region

## 2011 Welsh Assembly Elections

### Breakdown of seats by party



Welsh assembly election results



# Welsh National Assembly



# Northern Ireland Assembly

- Early devolution, The Troubles, and direct rule
  - Protestant/Unionist versus Catholic/Republicans
  - NOT really a religious conflict; more political/national
- The peace process
- The Good Friday Agreement (1998)
  - Devolution
  - Consociationalism
  - Cross-border and intergovernmental cooperation



Republican and Unionist murals in Belfast



# The Northern Ireland Assembly

- Assembly
  - 108 members, elected via single transferable vote
  - Must declare allegiance (unionist, republican, or other)
- First Minister and Deputy First Minister (from opposite camps)
- Ministers shared proportionally

First Minister Peter Robinson (DUP) and Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness (Sinn Fein) meet with President Obama



# Northern Ireland Assembly



The Assembly Chamber

Stormont



# Political Parties in Northern Ireland

- UNIONIST
  - Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)
  - Democratic Unionist Party (DUP)
- REPUBLICAN
  - Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP)
  - Sinn Fein

Ian Paisley, DUP



Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein



Former enemies  
became partners...  
No more Troubles?

# Devolution and the British Union

- Relations between Westminster, Edinburgh, Cardiff, and Stormont
- The 'West Lothian Question'
  - Named for Tam Dalyell, then MP for West Lothian
- The English Question
  - The strange case of English nationalism
- The Future of the Union

The future of the union?





England World Cup fans 1966 (last time they won!)

England World Cup fans 2010

