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

#### Scotland results at a glance

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#### Constituencies scoreboard

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After 73 of 73 constituencies declared

#### Regions scoreboard

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Turnout: 1,991,051, 50% -1.3%
The Question of Scottish Independence

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

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
Language and Elections

Welsh language speakers by region

2011 Welsh Assembly Elections

Breakdown of seats by party

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Total seats: 60

North Wales region:
- Labour: 26.8%
- Conservative: 21.4%
- Plaid Cymru: 5.9%

Mid and West Wales region:
- Labour: 17.8%
- Conservative: 13.8%
- Plaid Cymru: 6.9%

South Wales West region:
- Labour: 17.7%
- Conservative: 16.1%
- Plaid Cymru: 12.4%

South Wales Central region:
- Labour: 22.0%
- Conservative: 13.7%
- Plaid Cymru: 7.9%

South Wales East region:
- Labour: 19.6%
- Conservative: 12.1%
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
  - 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

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