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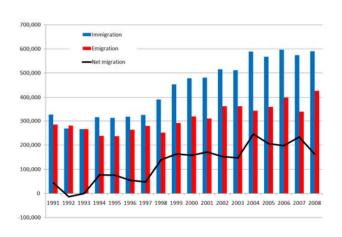
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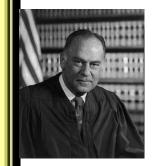
Nationalisms in the UK Causes of nationalism in UK Prospects





What is a nation? What is nationalism?

"I shall not today attempt further to define the kinds of [pornographic] material I understand to be embraced within that shorthand description ['obscene']; and perhaps I could never succeed in intelligibly doing so."



"But I know it when I see it"

Meineckean Manichean nationalisms

Ethnic vs Civic Them vs Us

Union vs independence



Collective community – who belongs?



British identity in crisis?



















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Gordon Brown wants to flog our white cliffs to France!



MPs cheat us out of referendum

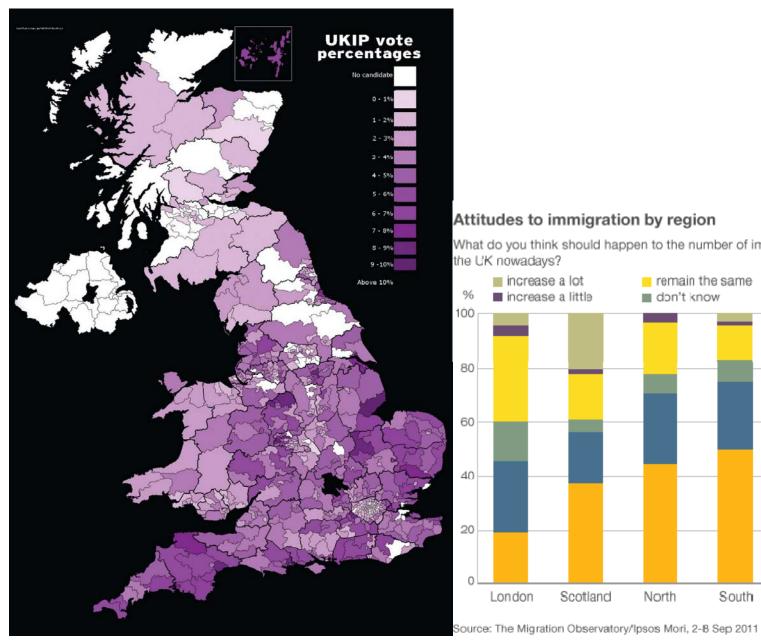




Lord Kerr of Kinlochard, former head of UK Diplomatic Service

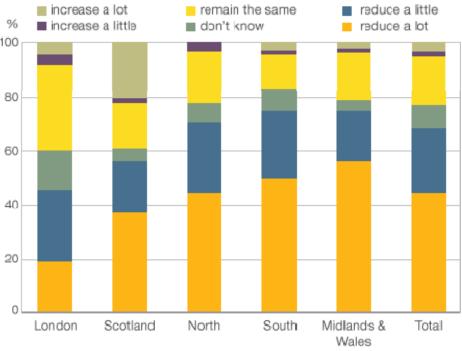
'...Fleet Street wants to hear about a Manichaean struggle, a gallant, lonely, Churchillian defiance of overwhelming odds. Everyone else is a monolithic bloc opposed to us. We stand alone. We triumph, or we veto. It is not really like that over there. It would help us now to rebuild the alliances that we need if we could refrain from pleasing Fleet Street by shouting from the sidelines...The raucous shouting from the stand to those who are engaged in a big fight to save their currency does not readily make friends and influence people. He who refuses to pay the piper should be cautious about calling the tune.'

16 February 2012, col.988 House of Lords



Attitudes to immigration by region

What do you think should happen to the number of immigrants coming into



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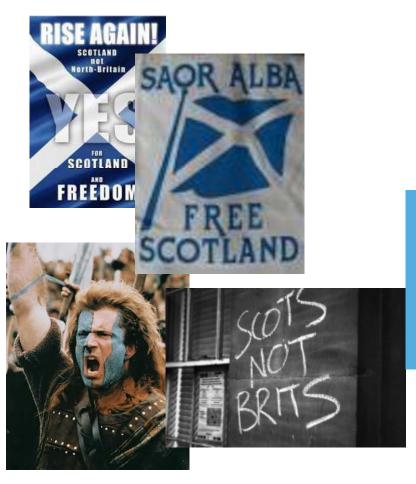
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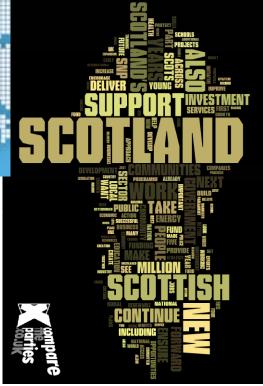




Scottish nationalism: old and new



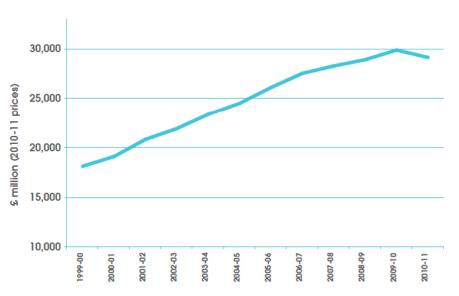




Scotland and the European Union: the enemy of my enemy is my friend



Decade of Devolution





Scottish block grant doubled in cash terms and increased in real terms by 60% between 1999-2010 – 5% annual real terms increase

Devolution as 'divergence machine'



Devolution in age of austerity





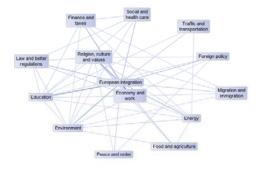






UK's Others

Extra-UK – European 'encroachment' Ever closer union

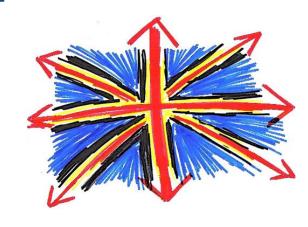


Intra-UK – sub-state challenges

Ever looser union







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