

# Scottish independence, by the numbers



The Scottish Government

Referendum on Scottish Independence

Place a cross in the box to indicate your preference

Y'up firrit?	
Aye	
Naw	
Mibbe's aye, mibbe's naw	
Who's askin'?	

Philip Wadler, LFCS



ON THURSDAY

18

SEPTEMBER 2014

voters in Scotland will be asked:

**Should Scotland be an**

**INDEPENDENT  
COUNTRY?**

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# WHO CAN VOTE?



**UK CITIZENS**  
RESIDENT IN SCOTLAND  
AGED 16 OR OLDER  
ON THE DAY OF THE VOTE



**EUROPEAN UNION  
OR QUALIFYING  
COMMONWEALTH CITIZENS**  
RESIDENT IN SCOTLAND



**GOVERNMENT AND ARMED  
SERVICES PERSONNEL STATIONED  
OVERSEAS BUT REGISTERED  
TO VOTE IN SCOTLAND**



# Official campaigning begins



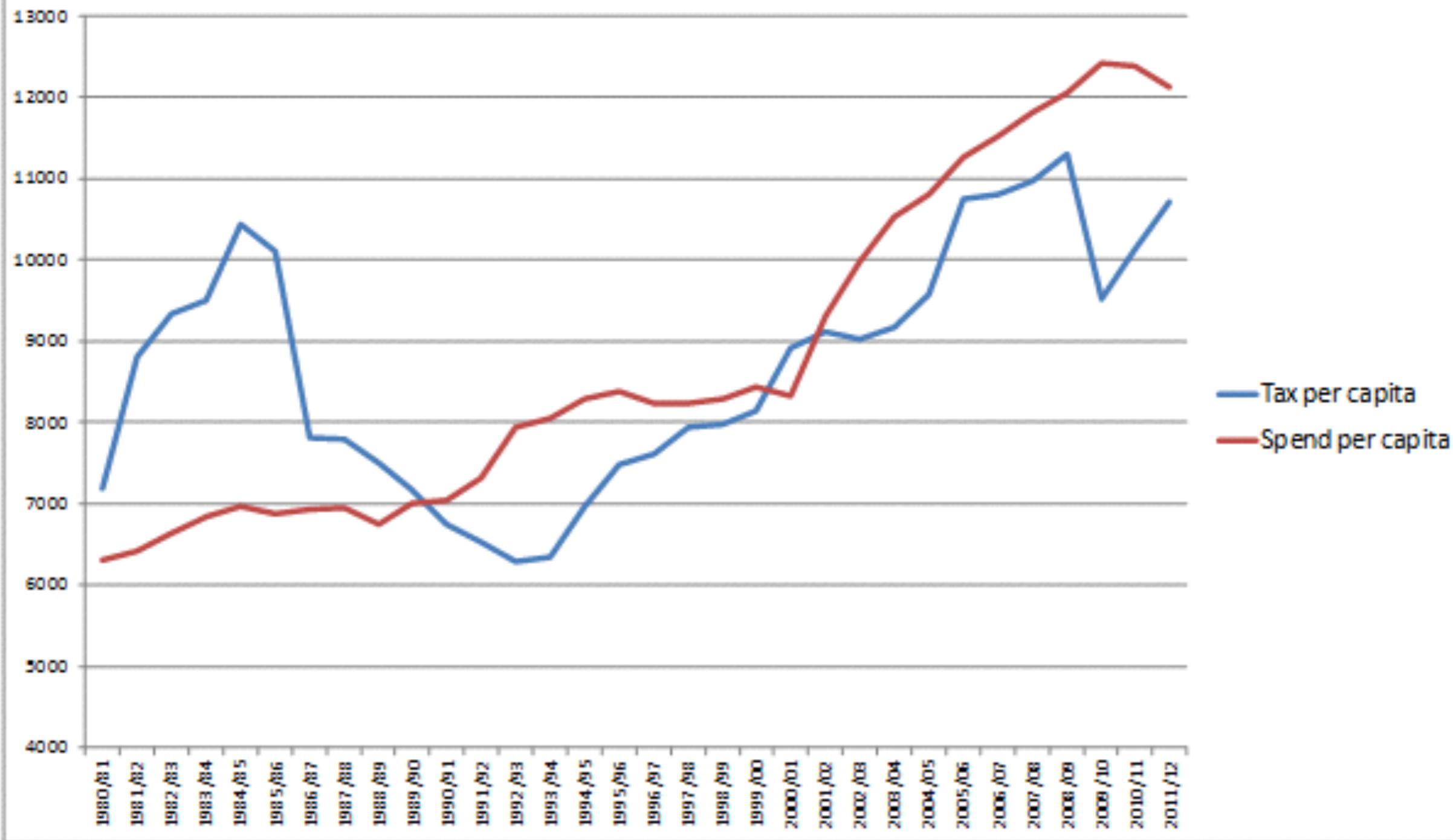
Better Together is campaigning for a no vote, made up of representatives from Labour, Conservatives, and Lib Dems.



Yes Scotland is campaigning for a yes vote, made up of representatives from the Scottish National Party and the Scottish Greens.

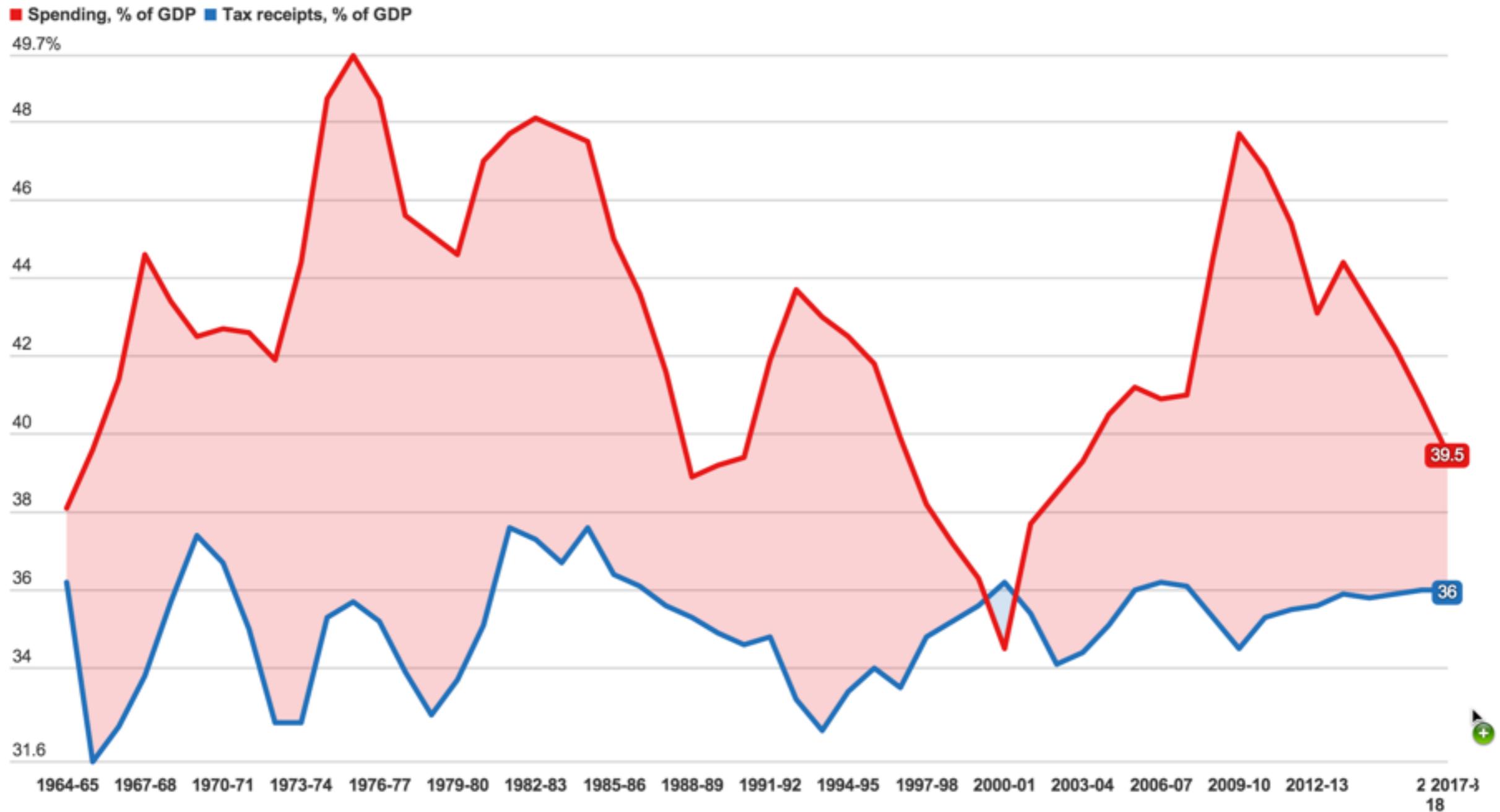
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### Tax Receipts (incl. geographic share of oil revenues) and Spending Per Capita in Scotland at 2001/12 prices



[www.scottisheconomywatch.com/brian-ashcrofts-scottish/2013/07/has-scotland-already-spent-its-oil-fund.html](http://www.scottisheconomywatch.com/brian-ashcrofts-scottish/2013/07/has-scotland-already-spent-its-oil-fund.html)

# The gap between UK spending and tax income



SOURCE: HM TREASURY  
GET THE DATA EMBED FULLSCREEN

theguardian

[www.theguardian.com/news/datablog/2010/apr/25/tax-receipts-1963](http://www.theguardian.com/news/datablog/2010/apr/25/tax-receipts-1963)



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# TRIDENT NUCLEAR FLEET

## COST OF TRIDENT

5-6%

OF ANNUAL  
DEFENCE  
BUDGET

REPLACEMENT COSTS:

£20 BILLION +



## A NEW HOME FOR TRIDENT?

The SNP has pledged that an independent Scotland would be free of nuclear weapons. However, questions exist over where the Trident nuclear fleet would be located in event of independence.

# NATO

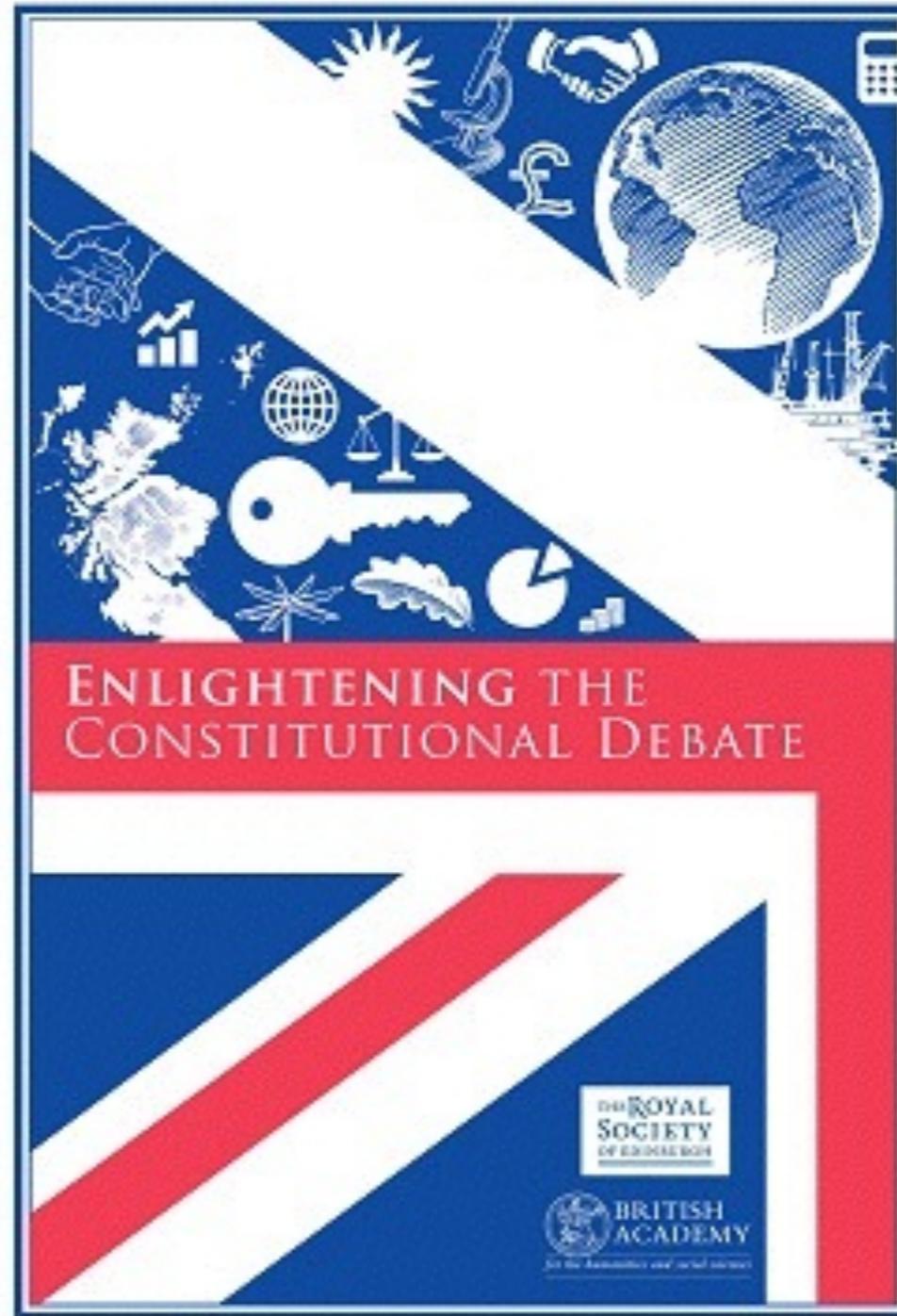
SNP has pledged membership in NATO although concerns exist about whether Scotland could sign up to the strategic concept while maintaining a nuclear-free state.



# 20/28

NATO STATES

DON'T HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS



[www.royalsoced.org.uk/  
1061\\_EnlighteningtheConstitutionalDebate.html](http://www.royalsoced.org.uk/1061_EnlighteningtheConstitutionalDebate.html)



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## Currency Reflections: The Legal Issues



Getting to Maybe: Currency, Debt, and the Pre-negotiation of Independence

The UK government up until now has clearly stated that it is not going to 'pre-negotiate' the break up of the Union. Yet to-day apparently the UK Chancellor George Osborne, along with support from the Labour party, is to rule out in advance a currency union.

In response the Scottish government has raised that they have a card to play: a possible refusal to take on a share of the UK's national debt.

So what is going on? Well it would seem a few polls are showing that support for independence may be on the rise. As a consequence it looks as if the no campaign that had adopted a

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Governments

- Legally under international law the position is clear: if the remainder UK keeps the name and status of the UK under international law, it keeps its liabilities for the debt. The UK took out the debt, and legally it owes the money. Scotland cannot therefore 'default'. It can be argued that international law does, however, contemplate that on dividing, the two resulting states share out assets and liabilities equitably. However, it has no hard and fast formula for what constitutes equitable division. Tangible natural assets such as oil go with the territory they are in. But other matters – in particular debt - must be negotiated. What is equitable will depend on the overall result and context of the negotiation.
- It is not really in either side's interest to tell voters that everything is up for negotiation. It is certainly not in the No campaign's interests to tell people that Scotland has significant cards in its hand in any further negotiation over currency union. It is not in the Scottish government's interests to point out how little it can lock down and promise about the economic future – or indeed many issues - in advance.
- And instead of voting no, the people might simply decide to vote for 'maybe'. For on most of the issues the people care about, the secret no campaign dare tell is: maybe is what a yes vote could be if that was what the people wanted.

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## I Shall Vote No

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[After Christopher Logue, I Shall Vote Labour (1966)]

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We'll be better off after independence.



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Daily Digest: Labour after Indy, Small Nations and Remembering Margo

Posted by **Kevin Gilmartin**, 25.04.14

Labour activists launch site about Labour in an independent Scotland



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Work as if you lived in the  
early days of a better  
nation — Dennis Lee

# Fun stuff

- Lady Alba, Bad Romance

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SvdecwnYJ4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SvdecwnYJ4)

- A. R. Frith: Sonnets for Yes, No, Undecided

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