

# Scotland builds momentum for referendum

British Prime Minister David Cameron has offered talks with Scotland's First Minister, Alex Salmond, on a proposed vote on Scottish independence

Scottish National Party (SNP)  
wants referendum on  
independence  
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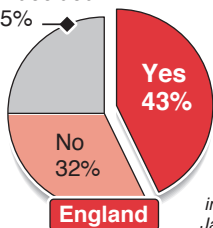
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700 years  
since Robert the  
Bruce defeated English  
army at *Battle of Bannockburn*

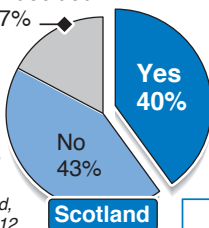
## ▼ OPINION

Support for Scottish independence is stronger in England than in Scotland

Undecided  
25%



Undecided  
17%



*Polled:  
1,734  
adults in  
England and 501  
in Scotland,  
Jan 15, 2012*

Scotland lays claim to  
majority of **North Sea oil**

**Scottish  
maritime  
border**

UNITED  
KINGDOM

## ► THORNY ISSUE

Some believe Scotland gains financially from UK grants, but SNP argues that does not take account of North Sea oil revenue

## ▼ INDEPENDENT ECONOMY (GDP, 2010)

\$300 billion

*Among smaller European economies*

