

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding two flags. The flag on the left is the Union Jack (the national flag of the United Kingdom), and the flag on the right is the Saltire (the national flag of Scotland). The person is wearing a dark jacket and a ring is visible on their finger.

## Today in History

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▲ **Scotland voted in a referendum on independence, with 55 percent of the country's 4.2 million voters opting to remain part of the United Kingdom**

**1975:** U.S. fugitive Patti Hearst was arrested six months after her kidnap by the Symbionese Liberation Army

**1981:** France abolished the death penalty, ending use of the guillotine as the legal method of execution

**1995:** Pro-democracy campaigners won a clear victory in Hong Kong's first fully democratic election

**2006:** Anousheh Ansari, a U.S. citizen of Iranian origin, became the world's first female space tourist