

Independence - The debate

Posted by Ernhw Ltd - 11 Dec 2012 17:37

What is your view?

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Salmond: Spain is working with UK to thwart Yes vote

Posted by Ernhw Ltd - 22 Dec 2013 10:42

Courtesy Herald

Exclusive By Tom Gordon and Paul Hutcheon

ALEX Salmond last night accused the British and Spanish governments of plotting 'hand in glove' to frustrate a Yes vote in the referendum, after it emerged UK officials last week visited Madrid to discuss Scottish independence.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said earlier this month that any part of an EU state choosing independence would have to re-apply for membership

The First Minister claimed there was a 'stitch-up' between David Cameron and Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy.

'Mr Rajoy is speaking for David Cameron and the Tories by proxy,' Salmond said.

The Scottish Conservatives accused the First Minister of 'paranoia' and Downing Street dismissed claims of Cameron influencing the Spanish government as laughable.

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Scottish independence: Cameron urges 'No' vote

Posted by Ernhw Ltd - 01 Jan 2014 09:29

Courtesy Scotsman

by SCOTT MACNAB

PRIME Minister David Cameron has appealed to Scots to vote to stay in the UK for the sake of their “children and grandchildren” when they go to the polls in the referendum this year.

In his New Year message, the Tory leader insisted it will be the biggest decision Scots have ever faced on 18 September.

He used his message to warn that there will be no let-up in the climate of austerity this year – with a pledge to “redouble” efforts to reduce the UK’s massive annual spending deficit.

Mr Cameron said 2014 would be an “important date in the history of the United Kingdom”.

He said: “The referendum vote will be the biggest decision Scotland has ever been asked to make.

“The outcome matters to all of us, wherever we live in the UK. This is not a vote for the next few years, but a vote that could change our country forever.

“Our family of nations is at its best when we work together with shared interest and common purpose. This year, let the message go out from England, Wales and Northern Ireland to everyone in Scotland. We want you to stay – and together we can build an even stronger United Kingdom for our children and grandchildren.”

Mr Cameron’s comments were dismissed by Nationalists who again stepped up calls for him to face First Minister Alex Salmond in a live televised debate ahead of the historic vote.

MSP Annabelle Ewing said: “David Cameron’s New Year message confirms that the No campaign is Tory-led and Westminster-led.

“But while the Prime Minister is keen for his government to be at the centre of the No campaign, he is too frightened to debate with First Minister Alex Salmond.

“David Cameron’s New Year resolution should be to acquire some courage, and debate Mr Salmond face to face.”

The Prime Minister said the coalition government inherited an economy “on its knees” when it came to power three and a half years ago and embarked on a radical regime of public spending cuts, dubbed the “climate of austerity”, in an effort to drive down the UK’s annual deficit – the shortfall between public spending and taxes raised to fund this.

But the Prime Minister said he believed the country was now “turning a corner.”

He said: “We see it in the businesses that are opening up, the people who are getting decent jobs, the factories that are making British goods and selling them to the world again. The plan is working.

“That’s why this year, 2014, we are not just going to stick to the plan – we are going to redouble our efforts to deliver every part of it, to benefit the whole country and secure a better future for everyone.

“We’ll continue with the vital work on the deficit. We’ve reduced it by a third already and this year we will continue that difficult work, to safeguard our economy for the long term, keep mortgage rates low and help families across Britain.”

Unemployment has been falling in recent months and Mr Cameron said the creation of more jobs will be at the heart of the government’s plans.

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Re: Independence - The debate

Posted by DJ - 01 Jan 2014 11:13

Dear Mr. Salmond,

Why am I still waiting for my copy of your white paper on independence ordered over a fortnight ago?

Why do you think we should be independent from the rest of the UK but not independent from the EU? Surely that's the wrong way around? Are you trying to prove it is possible to be a little pregnant or in this case a little independent if you consider this point along with the next one?

How could we possibly be independent if our fiscal policy and interest rates are controlled by the Bank of

England?

Why have you given a vote to under 18s but only for the referendum? Does this suggest they are more gullible over independence whilst more astute over Holyrood and Council elections?

Given what we get out of the U nion, would you not be more likely to be successful by encouraging a referendum in England asking if they want to keep Scotland and continue to support us with our extreme socialist leanings during times of austerity?

In my local authority we have 4 of your Cllrs. of whom 3 are useless. Can we exchange them somewhere for some more fit for purpose?

When you answer these questions I will formulate my decision on your referendum.

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Re: Independence - The debate

Posted by Gloria - 01 Jan 2014 12:53

DJ wrote:

Dear Mr. Salmond, In my local authority we have 4 of your Cllrs. of whom 3 are useless. Can we exchange them somewhere for some more fit for purpose? Now now DJ you know that there are people out there that say we are 'political' on this forum. So to be fair you must also say that there are two Tories and at least four Labour and one Indy (and that it not Ralph) that are also useless.

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Re: Independence - The debate

Posted by DJ - 01 Jan 2014 12:59

Apologies Gloria. I always try to comply with the rules so yes I'm happy to confirm. Am I allowed to say I think your assessment of numbers might be conservative if I use a small 'c'? 🐼

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Re: Independence - The debate

Posted by Concerned ERC Parent - 02 Jan 2014 12:58

Are we still on the sherry?

Let's be fair here, the whole lot of them are useless.

If we staged a special game of ERC Mastermind with any of the following specialist subjects:

Stampergate

St Ninian's

Robslee

Eastwood High

St Calderwood Lodge / Mearns Castle

Gave a contestant half a day to prepare, then invited on a Cllr to take them on, pretty sure the Cllr wouldn't do too well. Yet they are paid to research this stuff.

This is what puts me off independence.

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