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## INTRODUCTION

Dear Voters,

Scotland's future stands at a crossroads.

Are we a united country, outward looking, proud of our culture, prepared to embrace a future beyond the European Union? Or will we roll over and submit to the SNP's obsessive nationalist agenda that has plagued Scottish politics since the creation of the Holyrood parliament in 1999?

The SNP have been defeated at every juncture; in the 2014 referendum on independence and again in the EU referendum. Yet despite this, their attempts have failed, and they have tried to undermine the will of the Scottish people and claim ownership of Scotland's future.

The void between the liberal so-called progressive elite in Holyrood and the Scottish people has never been greater. They are completely deaf to the day-to-day needs of real hardworking honest people and blinded by their rabid and anti-British gameplay.

The British Union can never be secure while overpaid and overpromoted Holyrood politicians go unchallenged relentlessly browbeating the democratic will of the majority.

The impotent opposition from the Tories has left the country in limbo. Ever fearful of the SNP and edging Scotland closer towards abandoning our centuries old political union.

A real alternative is desperately needed. Free from nationalist threats and proud to speak up for the combined Scottish and British values of democracy, individual liberty and freedom of speech.





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The future is for people not politicians. We cannot let the SNP's narrow-minded agenda become inevitable for future generations to bear. We cannot let the politics of division and separation tear Scotland from the British family of nations.

UKIP has a common cause, proud to stand with decent and patriotic working people from right across the United Kingdom.

The Scottish Parliamentary elections on 6 May 2021 are your opportunity to defy the entire political and media establishment in Edinburgh and hold them to account for devolution's twenty years of abject failure.

**Donald MacKay**  
Leader, UKIP Scotland



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## DEVOLUTION

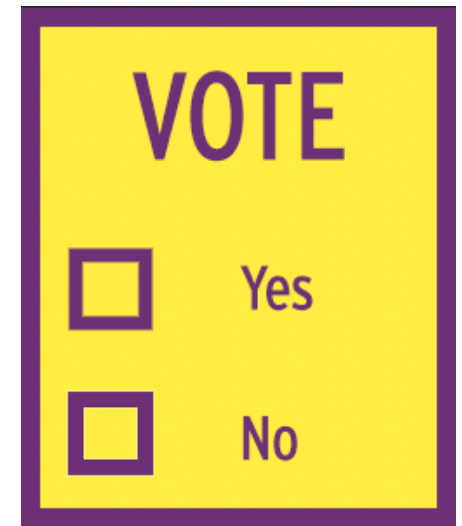
The time has come to let Scots have their say at the ballot box on the question of the Scottish Parliament. After over twenty years of folly and waste, UKIP believes the people are due a referendum to abolish Holyrood. We are fighting for a simple 'Yes' or 'No' binding poll on whether the devolution experiment should continue in Scotland.

When such a referendum is called, UKIP would campaign to scrap the Scottish Parliament. Devolution has been a complete and utter failure, even on its own terms. It was supposed to calm nationalist fervour, yet it has only been inflamed. The very integrity of the United Kingdom is being undermined by a rabidly aggressive SNP. The Act of Union that has served both Scotland and England so well is in danger of expiry. The constitutional mess that devolution has caused must come to end if the United Kingdom and Scotland as we know it is to survive.

What have Scots received from Holyrood? The profligacy and waste are obscene. The Holyrood complex costs the taxpayer approximately £100 million a year. For that amount we could instead hire over 3000 new nurses.

The only political settlement that will ensure the survival of the Union is the abolition of the Scottish Parliament in Holyrood. Its functions should be transferred to local authorities while services required over a wider area should be assigned to combined authorities subordinate to the underlying council areas. We could increase the number of Scottish MPs in Westminster and re-establish the Scottish Office. This would enhance the influence of Scotland compared to its now diminished state thanks to devolution.

UKIP is the only political party in this election offering a referendum on this most important matter for the future of Scotland and indeed the United Kingdom.





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## HEALTH

UKIP are proud to be the first political party in the United Kingdom to endorse the Great Barrington Declaration (<https://gbdeclaration.org/>). Countries that did not impose lockdowns and followed an alternative approach to managing the Wuhan virus (aka COVID-19) demonstrated successful public health outcomes while keeping their economies and societies fully functioning. This has proved more effective in countering the pandemic and produced better results for overall health and wellbeing.

We believe in a more compassionate policy to shield the vulnerable and for the country to stay open allowing the healthy population to get on with their lives. Schools and colleges, universities, churches, shops, restaurants, gyms, cinemas, nightclubs and so on should all be allowed to reopen forthwith. We deplore the intense focus on the Wuhan virus to the exclusion of all other considerations such as mental health, cancer screenings and cardiovascular diseases. Scotland desperately needs a balanced and holistic perspective to public health.

Nevertheless, UKIP have wholeheartedly supported the wonderful work of our healthcare professionals throughout the pandemic, and we remain committed to an NHS free at the point of use. We are firmly opposed to PFI deals which amount to nothing but covert privatisation.





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We regard vaccination passports as a fundamentally bad idea and would never countenance their introduction. The new vaccines do not prevent infection or transmission; when effective the vaccine suppresses the virus so if infected the subject will be asymptomatic or suffer mild symptoms. There is no evidence that vaccinated individuals are not contagious, thus there are no reasons to exclude the unvaccinated on public health grounds. Passports for vaccines would create a two-tier society between the vaccinated and those who are not. Their use would simply be an attempt to mandate vaccines by the back door. Medicine in this country has always operated under the principle of informed consent rather than coercion.

UKIP remains a libertarian party to the core and we will continue to campaign fervently against this emerging public health dictatorship. A vote for UKIP will be a vote for liberty and a return to normalcy.



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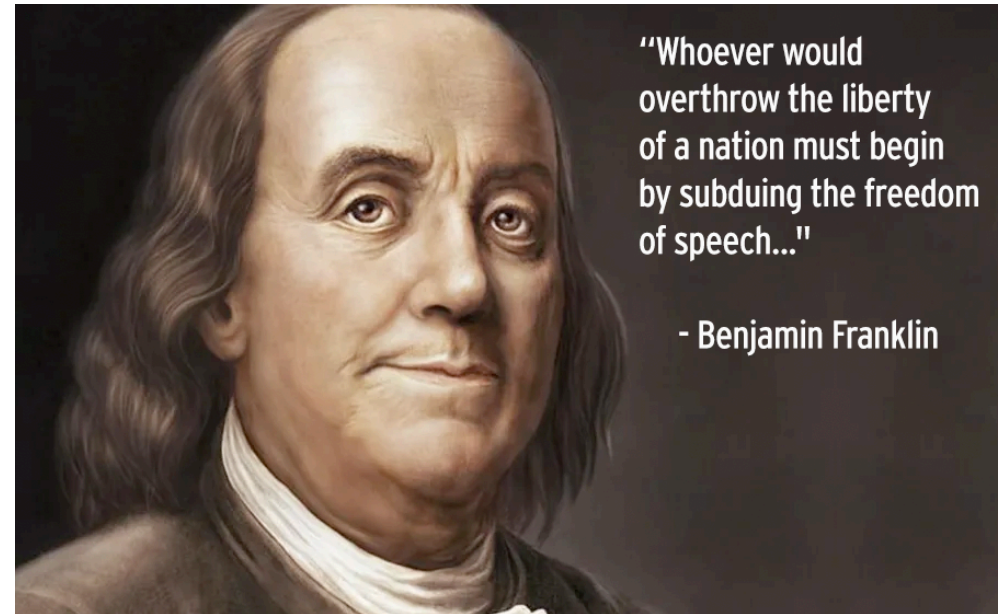
## LAW

UKIP believes in allowing our people their traditional rights of freedom of expression, belief, conscience and speech. Our natural rights have been steadily eroded in recent decades by concepts of so-called 'hate speech' and 'hate crime'. UKIP will halt and reverse this erosion driven by an intolerant agenda to shut down discussion and alternative points of view where only far left opinions are permitted.

UKIP will repeal the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill for its detrimental effects on freedom of speech. Its definition of 'stirring up hatred' is far too vague and open to interpretation. We also will repeal all so-called 'hate speech' guidelines that go well beyond a ban on incitement to violence and seek to criminalise speech and expression according to subjective criteria such as that it might be 'offensive' or 'disturbing'.

The Scottish people must always have the freedom to speak and criticise any social phenomenon, religion or belief system without fear of prosecution. UKIP opposes the creation of statutory definitions of Islamophobia, Transphobia, Misogyny, Misandry and so on which will further curtail freedom of speech.

The government should not intervene to censor news sources that deviate from the mainstream media narrative. A free press is the foundation of any democracy. Social media companies should not deny access to individuals or commentators who do not fit in with the progressive narrative.







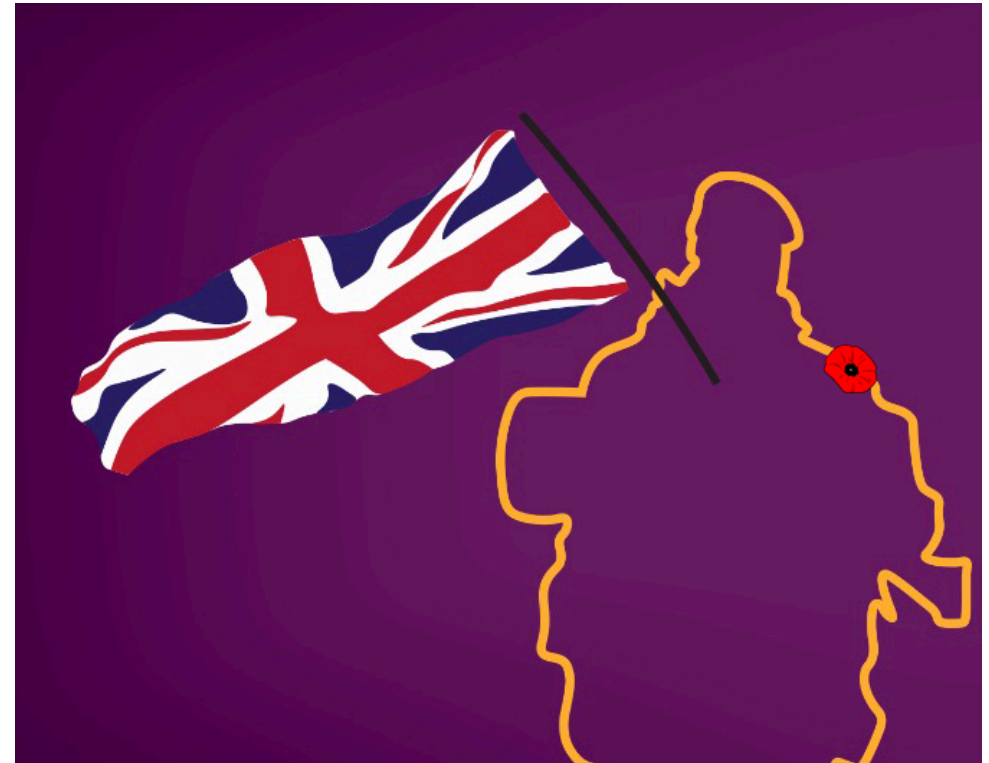
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## VETERANS

Whenever HM Government calls on our brave armed forces to go into action on our behalf, they never let us down. UKIP will not let them down; we will honour the military covenant.

It is a disgrace that veterans who served in Northern Ireland more than forty years ago are being dragged through the courts in grotesque show-trials, while IRA terrorists have been given amnesty. This must end. UKIP would end the spurious hounding of serving personnel and veterans. There must be legislation to prevent veterans from being pursued by police and prosecutors many years after the event, for actions they undertook in good faith whilst they were in the service of the Crown.

We would seek to guarantee a job offer with the police and emergency services, for anyone who has successfully served in the Armed Forces for a minimum of twelve years. Skills gained in the Armed Forces can be useful when running a small business. We will create a 'Boots to Business' scheme to channel loans, grants and access to free professional advice and mentors to veterans who wish to set up and run their own businesses after leaving the forces.





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## BREXIT

UKIP stand for complete, unconditional withdrawal from the European Union. Our vision for the United Kingdom is that of a free, sovereign and independent nation. Above all though the realm remains united; our secession from the European Union must be on the same terms in Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The current half-way house arrangement whereby Northern Ireland remains in the single market and the customs union (de facto if not de jure) is intolerable.



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## ECONOMY

UKIP believes in low taxation. We would strongly oppose any plans to introduce new taxes or increase existing taxes in Scotland. Scotland must be a low tax economy to prosper and attract investment.

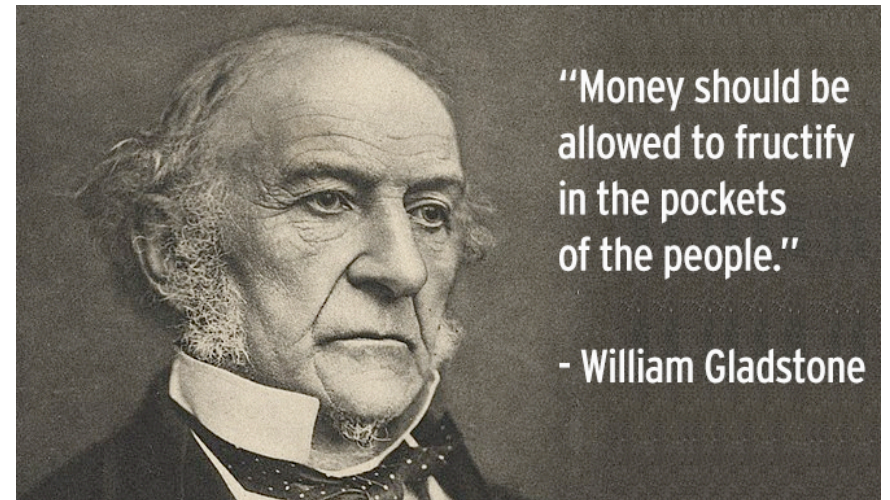
Our aim therefore is to abolish and cut as many taxes as possible. The Scottish Parliament currently has the power to set the rate of Stamp Duty and the Landfill Tax. We favour the effective abolition of these taxes by setting the rates at zero.

High Business rates are crippling to the Scottish economy deterring firms from starting up here and inducing them to move to other parts of the country. UKIP would reduce business rates to allow businesses to invest and hire more staff.

EU regulations and directives which stifle businesses must be scrapped. Leaving the EU is a tremendous opportunity to make Scotland the best place in the world to do business.

We believe balanced budgets are paramount. The Scottish Parliament should not be allowed to borrow money except in the most serious of emergencies. Fiscal prudence is essential for a healthy economy with successful businesses and lively creation of jobs.

UKIP would also seek to abolish the minimum pricing for alcohol. This is not only unfair on low-income people, but it also represents the nanny state at its worst.





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## HOUSING

There is a dreadful shortage of affordable housing in Scotland. This is a particular problem for young people starting off their adult lives. Many are delaying starting families owing to the unaffordability of housing. There is a solution and that is to build new houses for families. UKIP would prioritise building homes on brownfield sites by relaxing planning restrictions and providing grants to bring the land up to standard. We also support the easing of planning laws to convert commercial property to residential use.

Abolishing Stamp Duty Land Tax would make purchasing property less expensive and facilitate young families wanting to upsize and older people who perhaps want to downsize. This policy would lead to a more efficient allocation of Scotland's housing stock.



Jan Massys: The Rent Receiver's Office

UKIP opposes rent controls. While we welcome solutions to make housing more affordable, rent controls do not deal with the underlying issue which is one of supply. Rather such controls exacerbate the problem by discouraging investment into the rental market further restricting the supply of affordable housing.

UKIP believes that people should receive priority in the allocation of social housing if they have parents and grandparents living in that area. Foreign nationals who have not paid taxes for at least five years will be excluded from waiting lists easing the pressure on the stock of social housing.



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## EDUCATION

UKIP supports re-introducing selective schools in Scotland. Selective schools should exist to provide an academic curriculum and technical schools to focus on those suited to a vocational education.

UKIP calls for an end to so-called politically correct education which is all too often political propaganda masquerading as fact. Children should be taught the truth about Scottish and British history and our achievements rather simply a litany of alleged crimes. Our history might not be perfect, but it is not a source of shame; there are many episodes which children can feel proud of, to be the heirs of a great nation.



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## AGRICULTURE

UKIP will replace the current system of farming subsidies with a modified Single Farm Payment system allowing farmers to work the land free from bureaucracy. We believe in a genuine rural economy that is both sustainable and viable.

UKIP favours a complete ban on non-stun slaughter which we believe is inhumane and unconscionable in a civilised society that should not be tolerated. We will also remove unnecessary restrictions on small local and mobile abattoirs which would improve animal welfare, meat quality and shorten the supply chain increasing the profitability of the high quality grass-to-meat industry.

UKIP supports genetically modified food which we believe to have great potential and benefits. We would support a free vote in parliament on their commercial usage.





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## FISHING

Scotland has suffered disproportionality from the disastrous participation in the EU Common Fisheries Policy. The UK had 70 percent of the EU's fishing grounds but only 13 percent of the quota!

UKIP would establish a 12-mile zone around our coastline for British/Scottish fisherman and a 200-mile exclusion zone which is our right under international law. We would look forward to a resurgence of the Scottish fishing industry into a multi-billion-pound concern. We will restore Scotland's seas to their rightful place as the jewel in her crown.



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## TRANSPORT

UKIP firmly opposes HS2. It is an expensive white elephant of no discernible benefit to a compact island like Great Britain. Instead of funds wasted on this project we support enhancement of existing rail lines and projects such as Crossrail Glasgow.

UKIP supports the reintroduction of Postbus services in the Highlands and Islands region. The impact of cancelling former routes has negatively affected the vulnerable communities in these areas.

Speed cameras must be solely restricted to accident black spots. These devices should be for public safety not revenue generation.



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UKIP also believes in investing for the future. That's why we're delighted to back Hyperloop research (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyperloop>) and UKIP Scotland note that the British team are based at the University of Edinburgh (<https://www.hyp-ed.com/>)!

Edinburgh to London in ~40 minutes: what's not to like?





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## ENVIRONMENT

UKIP care deeply about the environment and wish to preserve our natural heritage. We do not however subscribe to the belief in anthropogenic climate change. Many environmental disasters are currently unfolding in the world today such as deforestation and marine pollution but there is no climate emergency.

UKIP does not support the coercive transition from fossil fuels which overwhelmingly penalises the poor by making energy less affordable. We also deplore the prospect of banning the sale of petrol and diesel vehicles, to be replaced by expensive electric cars, the practical result of which will be to place motor transport out of reach for the ordinary person.



Old petrol pumps