

# Is Scotland Set to Separate?

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## **Biography**

John Curtice is Professor of Politics at Strathclyde University and a Research Consultant to ScotCen/NarCen Social Research. His research is primarily on voting behaviour, electoral systems and social and political attitudes. A regular commentator in the media on Scottish and British politics, he is currently running a website on polling in the referendum at [whatscotlandthinks.org](http://whatscotlandthinks.org).

## **Abstract**

On 18<sup>th</sup> September voters in Scotland will have to decide whether they want their country to become an independent state, or whether it should remain part of the United Kingdom. In this talk Prof. Curtice will assess the state of the referendum race according to the latest polls, consider some of the longer-term trends in how attitudes towards how Scotland should be governed, and examine what considerations appear to be mattering most in persuading voters to support Yes or No. Amongst the possible influences on the outcome that he will consider are voters' sense of national identity, the arguments about which constitutional solution will better promote greater equality, and the debate about the economic consequences of the choice voters have to make.

