Constitutional and Political Implications of the UK’s Withdrawal from the European Union: Two Unions in Crisis?

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UK as an EU Member State

• Much debate and discussion about role of the UK in the EU
• Euroscepticism – 1990s to the present which explains the referendum and momentum to leave the EU has grown but a debate??????
• Alternatives to EU membership?
• CHALLENGES and Implications?
• ‘Scaremongering’?
• Constitutional Futures?
SHOULD WE LEAVE?
- Stronger border controls
- More power for UK Parliament
- Save on contribution to EU budget

...OR SHOULD WE STAY?
- Millions of jobs at risk
- Easier to work abroad
- Risk losing trade
KEEP CALM AND VOTE FOR BREXIT
EU referendum: Leave leads at nine

European Union referendum voting intention since August 2011

Wording:
1. In a referendum on Britain’s membership of the EU how would you vote? (Remain/Leave)
2. Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union? (Yes/No)
3. Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the EU or leave the EU? (Remain/Leave)
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<th>Scenarios post renegotiation and where the Cameron has recommended a yes vote</th>
<th>OPTIONS</th>
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<td><strong>1: UK public votes to stay in the EU</strong>&lt;br&gt;Single Constituency</td>
<td><strong>UK government accepts the result but still semi-detached</strong></td>
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| **2: UK public votes to leave the EU** | Does UK government accept result?  
No – opts to retain membership  
If not, option 1 is to stage a second referendum for more concessions  
If not, option 2 is to commence withdrawal proceedings under Art.50 (TEU) |
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<th>3: UK vote is fractured by region where England votes no and Scotland votes yes</th>
<th>Does the British government take into account Scotland’s votes – a dual vote needed?</th>
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<td>(But Scotland could vote NO to EU membership And even NO to new Independence poll)</td>
<td>If not – can follow scenario 2</td>
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<td>Which leads Scottish government to launch a new referendum on Scottish independence and secession from the UK this time?</td>
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<th>4 UK vote is fractured by region where England votes no; Scotland votes yes and holds independence campaign; Northern Ireland voted yes.</th>
<th>Does the British government take into account how both Northern Ireland and Wales votes (as well as Scotland) – a dual, triple or quadruple vote?</th>
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<td>If not and follows overall UK vote – case for independence vote in Wales and border poll in Northern Ireland.</td>
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Great Britain

Little England

No services

A special report on the big decisions ahead for Britain
And Northern Ireland?

• Brexit but is there need to approach it as NIeXIT
• Different issues arise
• Funding streams
• Border
• Economy
• Links to the EU
• A debate here.......?
• Is this regions being pulled into a Black Hole?
Cameron’s 4 ‘Baskets’

- **Sovereignty** – greater powers for national parliaments
- **Competitiveness** – to boost it and especially in services
- **Migration and benefits** (4 years)
- **Eurozone vs the rest**
- Also to note
  - Britain Stronger in Europe [http://www.strongerin.co.uk/](http://www.strongerin.co.uk/)
  - Vote Leave [http://www.voteleavetakecontrol.org/campaign](http://www.voteleavetakecontrol.org/campaign)
    - NIGEL LAWSON NOW HEADING