

Candidate 1 evidence

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1a)	<p>The debate over Scottish Independence has been going on for many years, with many people believing Scotland would be better Governed independently, and others believing part part being part of the UK Governance system is better. This essay will outline the reasons why some people think Scotland should be independent, for example, the will of the Scottish people, economic stability and security and defence. However, this essay will argue that Scotland should be part of the UK Governance system and therefore not independent.</p>
	<p>There There are many reasons why people believe Scotland would be better Governed independently. One of those reasons is the will of the people - Many argue that devolution hasn't gone far enough as</p>

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	<p>the Scotland Act does not give us all powers and decisions which mainly affect Scotland are made by a mainly English Government. For example, in the EU referendum, 62% of Scots voted to stay in the EU, however we are now leaving. This shows that Scotland would be better Governed as an independent country because we would then have full control of our own country & we wouldn't have to follow through with decisions we don't agree with. However, it can also be argued that the will of the people is why Scotland should stay part of the UK. There As well as voting against independence, people believe devolution has gone far enough and the Scotland Act gives us enough powers, with people wanting this to continue.</p>

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In the Scottish referendum, 55% of people voted against independence. This shows that Scotland would be better Governed as part of the UK because people don't want more power, with the referendum clearly showing the country ~~wants~~ wants to stay part of the UK.

It is clear that the argument that Scotland would be more effectively Governed as part of the UK ~~is~~ is stronger than the opposing argument because it ^{definitively} ~~definitely~~ puts across how people do not want to be independent as a clear majority voted against it, showing Scottish people believe Scotland would be more effectively governed as part of the UK.

Another reason why people believe Scotland would be better governed independ

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	<p>ently is because of economic stability. Scotland receives the Block Grant which the Scottish Government often complains isn't enough due to the continuous cuts being made to it. By 2020, there will be a £1.6million cut to the block grant. This shows that Scotland would be better Governed independently as we currently have no say over our budget. Therefore, as an independent country, we could have better control of our finances. However it can be argued that in terms of economic stability, we are better as part of the UK Governance system. We are more financially secure as part of the UK and we have some tax raising powers (income tax) as well as receiving financial</p>

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	<p>support from the Block Grant. Scotland makes up for 8.4% of the population but receives 10% of the budget. This shows that Scotland is better Governed as part of the UK because we have the best of both worlds - with both power and support. Clearly, the argument that being part of the UK is a more effective way of governing Scotland in terms of economic stability is stronger than the opposing because leaving would only leave us at risk of our economy crumbling and financially worse off, negatively affecting the Scottish citizens. Whereas part of the UK, we receive a considerable amount of money which allows us to be an economically stable country, as well as having our own power and say over our money.</p>	

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<p>Many people argue that we would be better Governed independently because of defence and security. Scotland has a differing opinion to the rest of the UK about defence as Scotland does not want the nuclear weapon, instead believing we should scrap it and save money. In the upcoming years, Trident is expected to cost £31 billion. This shows that Scotland would be better governed independently because we could be a happier and safer country in terms of defence as well as allowing our citizens to do what they feel is right. However, it can be argued that in terms of defence and security, Scotland is better Governed as part of the UK. Scotland is part of the UK's defence system.</p>	

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	more important things such as education
	<p>Overall, it is clear that the argument that Scotland would be more effectively governed seperately from the UK is strong because we would have complete control of our country, particularly in terms of finance and defence. However being independent would lead to an uncertain future and Scotland would be more effectively governed as part of the UK because we would be financially better off, have stronger security and give the people what they actually want. Therefore, being governed as part of the UK is the most effective way because it leads to a strong future for our citizens.</p>

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<p>There are many ways in which the government has tried to tackle inequalities.</p>	
<p>One way is through the use of the National Living Wage. The national living wage increased in April 2019 to ^{just} over</p>	
<p>£8, £8 this is the minimum pay someone aged 25 and over must receive.</p>	
<p>Unemployment has fallen to 1.36 million which is the lowest in 40 years.</p>	
<p>This shows that the National Living Wage is effective at tackling inequalities because people have been going out & getting jobs with the rise in wages, therefore allowing them to have more</p>	
<p>money and less inequality.</p>	
<p>Another way in which the government has tried to tackle inequalities is through the use of Jobs Seekers Allowance.</p>	

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Unemployed people over 18 can receive £57.90 a week to help them look for work, they must be able and available to work and one can only receive it for a maximum of 6 months. According to the Trussel Trust, one third of their clients used to be in poverty, now it is over half. This shows that Jobs Seekers Allowance is not effective in tackling inequalities because it has not provided enough money for people to get jobs, therefore people are not earning a living and still stuck in the poverty cycle and suffering from inequalities.

The Government has tried to tackle pensioner poverty through state pensions. Pensioners can receive £164 a week which increases every year through the

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triple lock system, meaning it either rises by 2.5%, to meet inflation or to meet the rise in wages. In the 1970's and 80's, 40% of pensioners were in poverty, now it is only 14%. This shows state pensions ^{are} ~~were~~ effective in tackling inequalities because that certain type of inequality is decreasing, meaning pensioners are receiving enough money to stay above the poverty line.

~~The~~ The Government has also used child benefits in order to decrease child poverty. The eldest child in the family will have £20.70 given to their parent every week, and any other subsequent children will be given £13.70 a week. However, child poverty has been on the rise since 2011. This shows that

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child benefits are not effective in tackling inequalities because child poverty is increasing, perhaps because the rate is too low & there is no guarantee it will be spent on the child - therefore it is ineffective as more children are suffering, not less

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When studying ~~the~~ China, it became obvious that they have a huge international influence. Their 1.36 billion population is the largest in the world with any other country struggling to compete. This essay will outline the influence China has, such as their economic influence, their influence over imports and exports, their influence over the global environment, as well as their influence in the UN, recycling and the military. However, this essay will argue that China has an international influence to a huge extent.

There are many ways in which China has an influence. One influence they have is their economic influence. China took over Japan in 2010 for the world's second largest economy and they are

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	<p>expected to take over America for number 1. China has a whopping 1.36 billion population and \$12.2 trillion \$ dollar GDP. This shows that China has a huge economic influence as other countries might follow their actions after seeing how well they are doing - therefore [*]influencing other countries. Another way in which China has a huge influence is over imports and exports. Seen as the factory of the world, China produces vast amounts of products at a cheap price because of their cheap labour. China recently opened up to foreign companies & allowed them to sell their goods to Chinese people. This gives them huge international influence because [*]China is</p>

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<p>it means other countries rely on China to buy products cheaply and businesses rely on China to be able to sell their products to 1.36 billion people. One other way in which China has an international influence is through its influence on the global environment. China is home to 16 of the world's 20 most polluted cities & they agreed to cutting emissions after 2030. Additionally, they signed up to the Paris agreement to tackle climate change for the first time in history. This shows that China has a huge economic influence because their environmental problems affects every single country as it contributes to the killing of the earth, affecting every single person and every single country.</p>	

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on the planet. It is clear that China has the greatest international influence in terms of their imports and exports because without China, international businesses wouldn't do as well and wouldn't make as much money. As well as this, countries would be paying huge amounts of money for products which would only negatively affect their economy and finances. Therefore, clearly China's international influence in terms of imports & exports has the greatest influence on the world.

China has a great influence on the world in terms of their military. They have the world's largest army with 1.6 million active troops and they are the second country in the world to spend most on

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<p>their military with \$90 billion. Additionally, they have 250 nuclear warheads and have the third largest combined military force in the world. This shows that China have a great power influence because any other country would struggle to beat them in a war, therefore China have an influence to how other countries act around them. Another way they have an international influence is through the UN. They are one of the five permanent security council members and can veto any substantive security council resolutions. For example, China vetoed the resolution to have a ceasefire over Syria to give aid to the war ravaged zone. This shows that China have a huge international influence because they can choose what happens</p>	

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	hands ; meaning they can decide what will happen in that country, rather than the country deciding it for themselves.
	Overall, it is clear that China have a huge influence internationally in terms of economics, imports and exports, environment, military and recycling, which all lead to a powerful and strong future for China. However, clearly their biggest influence is through the UN which allow China to have huge amounts of control over other countries ^{*2} . Therefore, it is clear that China has an international influence to a great extent.
*1	out of fear
*2	and what happens to them politically,

