Candidate 1 evidence

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Part B - democracy in the UK

4) One method used by pressure groups to gain influence in a democracy is protesting. This is when a group of people gathe to protest, march and chant to get attention. They usually do this for a specific issue or cause. For example, in 2024 there were many anti-immigration protests.

Another method used by pressure groups is starting a petition. This is when the public try to get signatures from others to change a law or stop one.

5) One reason why some people are more likely to than others to participate in politics is because they want change. This means that people vote for a party who they think will actually help and change the country for better. For example,

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many people vote for Reform because they believe that they will actually do what they say they do.

Another reason is tactical voting. This is when voters vote for/one a party just because they don't want a certain party in charge. This means that they don't actually like any party but they just don't want the one the dislike to be in power. For example, in the 2024 election, ~~because~~ some people voted for Labour just because they didn't want Conservatives in charge.

6) One reason why the House of Lords (HoL) plays an important role in UK parliament is because they scrutinise the government. This means that they keep the government in check and make sure they don't abuse their power. For example, before the Brexit bill was passed the HoL carefully reviewed and scrutinised it.

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Another reason is that they can delay bills. This means that if the HoL ~~Labour~~ are unsure weather or not they want to pass a bill they can delay it for up to 12 months. For example, the HoL recently delayed a bill about banning fox hunting.

7) Labour Party electoral performance

In conclusion, Labour ~~party~~ leading Party ~~lead~~ has improved since 2019. For example, in source 2 it shows that the Scottish results for labour have increased by 16% since 2019. This is backed up in source 3 which shows that since 2019 they have gain 211 seats. This shows that they have almost doubled their amount of seats and have made good improvements.

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Conservative Party electoral performance

In conclusion, the Conservative party have not improved their performance since 2019. For example, in source 2 it shows that Conservatives have decreased their votes by 12% since 2019. This is backed up in source 3 which shows that conservatives lost 251 seats since 2019. This show that conservatives have performed weaker and have lost the majority of their seats.

Proportionality of results

In conclusions, the results were not porportional. For example, source 1 says " the system is not fully proportional and leads many to argue that FPTP is unfair and undemocratic " This is backed up in source 3 which shows that the percentage of votes won do not equal the same as the percentage of seats given. For example, Reform won

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14.3% of votes but only got 0.8% of the seats. This shows that the results were unfair

Dominant Party in Scotland

In conclusion, Labour became more popular in Scotland after the election. For example, Source 1 says "In Scotland... the voter's verdict on SNP was damning with many switching their support back to the Labour Party." This is backed up in source 2 which shows that Labour recieved the highest percentage of votes. This shows that in Scotland voters prefered Labour after the election.

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Part D - Crime and the Law

11) One criminal court that exists in the UK is the Justice of Peace Court (JoP). This court deals with very low level crimes and doesn't require a jury. The judge can sentence a fine or a very short period of time in prison for the perpetrator. These crimes usually involve ~~speed~~ driving laws.

Another criminal court that exists in the UK is the High Court. This is the highest court in the UK and deals with the most serious crimes such as murder and rape assaults. These courts always have a judge and jury, and the judge can sentence the perpetrator to lifetime in jail or an unlimited fine.

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12) One consequence of crime ~~on~~ for the ~~perpet~~ perpetrator is a prison sentence. This is when someone who has commited a crime is sentenced for a certain period of time in jail. This is a good punishment for someone guilty as they will be locked away from the rest of society. For example, Aaron Campbell murdered 6-year-old Aleisha MacPhail and he was sentenced to jail.

Another consequence of crime ~~is~~ for the perpetrator is that they will be fined. This means that the perpetrater will have to pay back ~~the~~ however much money the court has ordered no matter what. This could potentially cause some financial issues for the perpetrator. For example, if someone is guilty of theft they may have to pay back however much they stole.

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13a) One cause of crime is drugs and alcohol. A person may be committing a crime to fund their addiction or they may commit a crime whilst under the influence, this means that they aren't capeable of ~~be~~ knowing right from wrong. For example around 2/3 of non sexual violent crimes were committed whilst under the influence of drugs ~~and for~~ or alcohol.

Another cause of crime is poverty. This is when someone commits a crime because they have no job or income. If someone doesn't have a way of making money legally they might try to do it illegally. For example, the majority of crimes that happen in the UK are crimes of dishonesty. These are when people steal and they usually steal for basic survival things like food and ~~clothes~~ clothes.

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	Another cause of crime is greed. This is when someone has the selfish desire to have more ~~than they~~ than they need. This may be to have nicer things or to live a life they cannot afford. For example, former MP Natalie McGarry embezzled over £25,000 even though she was already making a very good salary.	

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14) I have chosen option 2.

One reason I have chosen to support option 2 is because Mathieson aims cause awareness about drugs. This is backed up in source 1 which says "I would ensure that there is an increase in school-based education programmes in an attempt to raise awareness of the dangers of drugs." This is further backed up in source 3 which says "there has been a focus on educating young people on the dangers of drug use." This shows that there is little being done but Graeme aims to raise more awareness.

Another reason I have chosen to support option 2 is because he aims to help families. This is backed up in source 1 which says "Families who have lost loved ones... I would ensure they recieve the support they need to overcome the trauma this can cause." This is further backed up in source 2 which shows that the majority of the public agree that there

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should be further support for families who have been affected by drug addiction. This shows that families and recovery are important to Graeme.

Another reason I have chosen to support option 2 is because source 1 says "I would improve access to meaningful activities for young people... to give them healthy alternatives to spending time on the streets or getting involved with drugs." This is backed up in source 3 which says "Providing activities for young people... seen as a crucial way to help them make better choices and stay off the streets." This shows that young people would benefit from participating in sports, music and arts to keep them away from drugs.

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One reason I did not choose to support option 1 is because source one says "I would ensure that more resources ... where drug-related deaths are highest, such as Scottish Borders and East Renfrewshire." However, this is not true as source 2 shows that Glasgow and Dundee city have the highest drug related deaths and Scottish Borders and East Renfrewshire have the lowest. This shows that option 1 doesn't know about where the highest drug related deaths are.

Another reason I didn't choose option 1 is because source 1 says "I would campaign ... to decriminalise certain drugs, as this policy has proven to be a sucess wherever it has been implemented." However this isn't true as source 3 says "The decriminalisation of drugs remains an ongoing debate... Sucess in some countries, it has proved to be a failure in others" This

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	shows that the policy may not be effective.	
	Part E - World Powers - USA	
15)	One political representative citizens in the USA have is the right to stand as a candidate. This means than anyone who meets all the requirements can stand as a candidate to try and get votes. For example, Kamala Harris stood as a candidate against Donald Tramp but lost.	
	Another political representative is the right to protest. You can march, protest and chant as long as you don't break any laws and you do it peacefully. For example, when Trump was elected many US citizens were unhappy and were protesting against him outside of the White house.	

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16) One way the USA has a political influence is that they are one of the biggest members of international organisations such as the UN and NATO. This means that they have a lot of decision making powers which means other countries will listen and try to get on the USA's good side. For example, the USA is one of the countries who donate the most amount of money to the international organisations.

Another way is that they helped many other countries become democracies. This means that the USA is like the 'leader' of democracies and other countries will follow what the USA does. For example, if the USA the wants other countries help with something they normally have to follow.

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17) One reason why some people are more socially successful than others is because they have access to better education. If you live in a better area the schools usually get more funding and resources which means more skills and opportunities. For example, over 80% of White Americans continue with their education and get a degree.

Another reason is because they don't live in poverty. Not living in poverty means better income and access to healthcare which means they can get better jobs. For example, around 20% of black ~~BEC~~ Americans ~~don't have~~ access to healthcare live in poverty.

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a) Evidence to SUPPORT Lily Robertson's view.

One piece of evidence to support the view is in Source 1 which says "They argue it is unfair to have a head of state who is not elected or an Australian citizen." This is backed up in source 3 which says "We should be able to choose an Australian citizen instead of having a British King or Queen as the unelected head of state." This shows that they believe that the head of State should be an Australian citizen.

Another piece of evidence to support the view is in Source 2 which shows that the majority of people under the age of 35 want Australia to become a republic. This is backed up in source 3 which says "We should become a republic as this is what the younger generation ... want." This shows that young people are in favour of Australia becoming a republic.

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Another piece of evidence to support the view is in source 1 which says " King Charles III visited Australia and said it is up to the Australian people ~~if they~~ to decide weather the country remains a constitutional monarch or becomes a republic." This is backed up in source 3 which says "We should listen to the King who says we should be able to have a referendum if we want." This shows that the King doesn't mind weather the country remains a monarchy or becomes a republic.

Evidence to OPPOSE the view of Lily Robertson

One piece of evidence to oppose the view is ~~it~~ in source 1 which says "most people ~~prefered~~ preferred Australia to remain as a constitutional monarchy." This is backed up in source 2 which shows that the majority of people want to remain a monarchy.

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Another piece of evidence that opposes the view is in source 1 which says " They argue that Australia should instead focus on current problems, such as unemployment and the cost of living." This is backed up in source 3 which says "We should be adressing ~~the issues~~ important issues such as rising electricity costs rather than wasting time debating weather Australia should become a republic or not." This shows that those who oppose the view believe that Australia becoming a republic isn't a priority and that everday issues are more important

Another piece of evidence that opposes the view is in source 2 which shows the majority of people over the age of 50 believe that Australia should remain a monarchy. This is backed up in source 3 whichsays "Australia being a constitutional monarchy ... gives me a sense of security. This is the view of many older people like myself." This shows that the older generation believe Australia should remain the way it is, as a monarchy.

Candidate 2 evidence

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①	One method used by pressure groups to gain influence in a democracy is petitions. This is from many people with similar views and opinions about a topic. *(a collection of signatures) This shows elected officials and MSP's the amount of support an issue has and they make take it into consideration to avoid losing votes in the next election. For example, in the fans against criminalisation pressure group submitted a petition with 6400 signatures to the Scottish Parliament to have the Offensive Behaviours at football Act repealed and it was successfully revoked in 2018. Another method used by pressure groups is sending letters. This is when people write to MSPs + elected officials to show concern for particular issues. For example,	

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	the surfers against sewage pressure group sent letters regarding plastic pollution and mentioned the idea of a bottle deposit schemes. In 2021 the Scottish Parliament started a study into its introduction.	
(2)	One reason some people are more likely to participate in politics is if they want to make a change to the government. This means that people may be dissatisfied with the current government and the way in which the country is run, therefore vote for a political party that understands their values and ideas. For example, in the 2024 general UK election, the government changed from conservative to Labour due to people across the country (including the UK) voting	

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for Labour to take over power.
Another reason why some people are more likely to participate in politics than others is due to the area that they live in. This means that larger cities often have better electoral facilities, such as better resources and infrastructure. This encourages people to use their vote. For example, larger cities, such as Glasgow and Edinburgh, often have advanced polling stations and more political events to get involved in during election season.

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(7) ~~Conclusion~~

the dominant political party in Scotland after the election

CONCLUSION - after the election, the dominant politicas party in Scotland is Labour, party. This is shown in source 2 ~~from Sophie~~ which shows that Labour won the greatest ~~amount~~ number of seats (37) than any other party. This is backed up by source 3 which shows that Labour won 62.2% of the votes, many more that all other parties combined.

the electoral performance of the Labour Party in 2024 compared to 2019.

Conclusion - the electoral performance of the labour party has dramatically improved from 2019 to 2024. (PTO ;)

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	EVIDENCE - source 2 shows this as it says that Labour has had a 16% increase in votes compared to in 2019. This is supported by Source 3 which shows that they won an additional increase of 211 seats compared to in 2019.	
	the electoral performance of the Conservative party in 2024 compared to 2019	
	CONCLUSION - the Conservative party's electoral performance has worsened from 2019 to 2024.	
	Evidence - Source 1 shows this when it says that Conservatives failed to retain power, winning less than a quarter of the votes. This is supported by source 2 where it shows that only Conservatives	

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had a 12% decrease in votes compared to 2019, suggesting that they weren't as successful in the 2024 election than they were in the 2019 election.

the proportionality of the results of the election.

CONCLUSION - it was not proportional

EVIDENCE - source 1 shows this where it says that this system is not fully proportional. This is supported by source 2 which shows that SNP only gained 9 seats, although they gained 30% of seats. This is similar for Conservative.

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11. One criminal court that exists in the UK is the ~~Sheriff~~ Sheriff Court. These courts deal with less serious crimes than the High Court of Justiciary but more serious than ~~the~~ Justice of Peace courts. The Sheriff courts can impose a maximum sentence of 1year (or 12 month) and a maximum fine of £10,000 to offenders. For example, the Inverness Sheriff court regularly deals with less serious crimes such as theft, reckless driving, and housebreaking. Another criminal court that exists in the UK is the High Court of Justiciary. These courts deal with the most serious types of crime and there is no limit on the sentence or the fine offenders recieve from here. Trials often last weeks or months as many witnesses and

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	victims may be called upon for ~~that~~ interrogation ~~and~~ or questioning. For example, the High Court of Justiciary in Edinburgh deals with serious trials, including, rape/sexual assault, murder and drug crimes.	
12	One consequence of crime for the perpetrator is the sentence ~~they~~ they ~~have~~ may be given. This means that they are isolated from family/friends, which could cause them to develop mental health conditions, such as anxiety and depression. For example, prisoners are given very limited visiting hours to communicate with loved ones, which may cause them to feel lonely. Another consequence of crime for the perpetrator is unemployment. This means ~~that once they~~ it	

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is extremely difficult for ex-offenders to ~~find~~ get a job because of their criminal record and possible lack of qualifications. This may result in them reoffending in order to survive ie stealing food. For example, in 2023, around 27% of adult offenders were reconvicted within a year.

(13) One (biological) cause of crime is genetics. This means that by having particular genes, (such as the warrior gene) someone may be more ~~likely to~~ prone to acting out irrationally, therefore resulting in criminal behaviour.

For example, in 2022 the BBC reported a study which found that ~~people~~ carriers with the warrior gene were 13 times more likely to commit a violent crime.

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Another (biological) cause of crime is having poor mental health/ a mental health condition. This means that people that have psychological issues often have difficulty controlling their emotions, causing them to act out and have behavioural issues. For example, around 30% of male prisoners have ADHD and approximately 70% have a mental health condition in general. One (economic) cause of crime is greed. This means that people may commit crimes, such as theft and fraud, in order to survive or fund a lifestyle they cannot afford. Someone may already be wealthy but commit crimes to increase wealth. For example, in 2022 former SNP MSP Natalie McGarry was fined for embezzling £25,000

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	from the SNP, some of which was intended to be a charity donation.	

(14) RECOMMENDATION

I choose option 2 - appoint Graeme Mathieson.

One reason to choose option 2 is because in source 1, Graeme says that he would ensure there is an increase in school-based education programmes. This is supported by source 3

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where ~~it states that it notes~~ the Daily News states that "while there has been a focus on educating young people on the dangers of drug use, many believe there is still more to be done in this area.

Another reason to choose option 2 is because ~~option~~ in source 1 Graeme also says that families who have lost loved ones to drug addiction also need help. This is supported by source 2 where a pie chart shows that 65% of the public agree that there should be further support for families affected by drug addiction.

REASONS TO OPPOSE/NOT CHOOSE OPTION 1 - APPOINT AVA REID.

~~Some reasons to not~~

Some may choose option 1 as in source 1 ~~a~~ Ava claims that she

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	will support areas where drug-related death rates were the highest, such as Scottish Borders and East Renfrewshire. However, source 2 goes against this where the table shows that the Scottish Borders and Renfrewshire have the lowest drug related deaths, showing 7.5 per 100,000 people for East Renfrewshire and 13.5 per 100000 people for Scottish Borders.	

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15. ~~One political representative that~~ The ~~world~~ world power I have studied is the USA.

One poutical representative that citizens in the USA have is the President.

The President interacts with other world leaders, aswell as negotiating deals and introducing bills to the ~~Cabuniet / Congress to be~~ Cabuniet and Congress / The Supreme Court to be approved / disapproved. For example, as of 2024, the current President of the USA is Donald Trump and he represents the Republican party.

Another poutical representative ~~that~~ that citizens in the USA have is Congress. Congress is made up of The House of Representatives and the Senate and they decide whethers bills are constitutional or not. For (PTO)

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	example, the Senate is made up of 100 senators - there is 2 from each of the 50 US states.	
16	The world power I have studied is the USA. One way that the USA has political influence on other countries is because it is a part of the UN security council This means that other world leaders look to the President of the USA for advice about topics such as democracy and civil rights. For example, in 2025, President Donald Trump attended the Economic Forum and Davos and advised a ceasefire which was taken into consideration by other countries. Another way the USA has political influence on other countries is through the power of	

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	the President. This means that due to the President's strong influence, they can punish other countries by threatening to remove US support and limit resources in order to get what is wanted for the US. For example, in 2025 President Donald Trump placed specific 25% — 50% tariffs on aluminium, steel and other automotive materials.	
(17)	One reason people or The world power I have studied is the USA. One social issue is education. One reason why some people are more socially successful is due to the school they attend. This means that wealthier schools in surburban areas are usually well equipped with resources and good quality teachers, whereas	

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	poorer schools in poorer areas are often not well equipped have shortages of staff as they are given enough funding from the government. For example, Blacks often attend schools in poorer areas and are less likely to attend higher education (48%), whereas Whites often attend schools in ~~poorer~~ wealthier areas and are more likely to attend higher education (68%). Another reason why some people are more socially successful than others is due to parental influence. This means that some families reward good grades and attendance, while others don't have as much respect towards the education system and don't aim to achieve high grades. For example, in Asian culture, typically	

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	Students achieve high grades under the influence, which explains why such a high percentage (81%) attend higher education.	
21	One point that supports Lily Robertson's view is when There is evidence to support Lily Robertson's view when source 2 shows that 52% of people aged under 35 believe that Australia should become a republic. This is supported by source 3 where Masai says that "we should become a republic as this is what the younger generation, who are the future of Australia, want." There is also evidence to support Lily Robertson's view in	

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source 3 where respondent, Shane, says that "we should be able to choose an australian citizen instead of having a British King or Queen as the unelected head of state". This is supported by source 1 ~~which says~~ where it says that people argue it is unfair to have a head of state who is not elected or an Australian citizen.

There is also evidence to support Lily Robertson's view in source 1 when it says that the last time Australians voted on this issue was in 1999. This suggests that the opinions are outdated and ~~means to be brought back~~ the argument should be reintroduced.

There is evidence to oppose Lily Robertson's view in source 1 when it says that some believe

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this was a once-in-a-lifetime decision and that another referendum should not be held. This is backed up by source 3 when another respondent, Luke, stated that "we had a referendum in 1999 - we should not need to vote on this again."

There is also evidence to oppose Lily Robertson's view in source 2 which shows that overall, 57% of the public believe that Australia should remain a monarchy. This is supported by source 3 where another respondent, Alf, said that "having the same head of state as the United Kingdom gives me a sense of security. This is the view of many older people like myself."

~~This is supported by source~~

There is also evidence to oppose Lily Robertson's view in source 1

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