

Scotland wants out of the mess

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I think it just worth noting for the sake of readers outside Scotland that the [largest ever demonstrations in favour of Scottish independence](#) took place at the weekend.

Unsurprisingly no one would know from the English media coverage. It is because I think that worth noting that I make amends here.

There is also good reason for doing so. Scotland has a positive alternative to the current political malaise afflicting the UK, and I think many are embracing that alternative as a way out of the mess as much as they are seeking to break the Union. The outcome is the same, of course.

The fundamental problem for the rest of the UK is that there is still too little idea about a viable alternative and as such no clear support for it.

No wonder so many turned up in Edinburgh.