

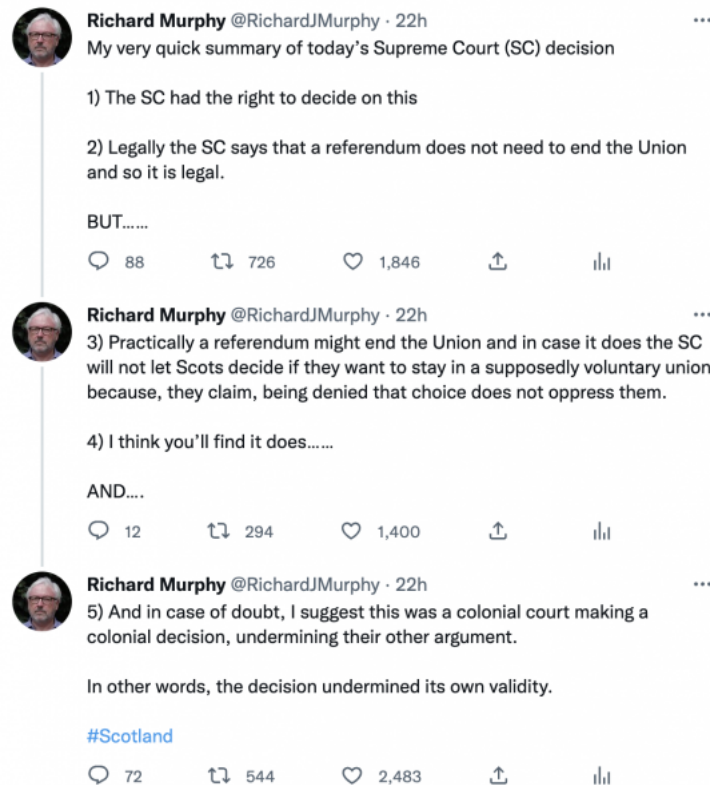
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The demand for Scottish independence is not going away,...

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I wrote these tweets yesterday just after watching the Scottish referendum decision. in the UK Supreme Court:



I have reflected since. In essence, the decision made was intensely political.

It was initially said that the decision was prima facie legal because it need not, by itself, change the nature of the UK.

But it was said that it was practically possible that it would and so it was not within the scope of the powers of the Scottish parliament.

And then it was said Scotland could not use international law as a basis for seeking

independence because it was a) not oppressed or b) subject to violence. In reality, I am quite sure international law has not ever sought to say the right to democracy and self-determination is dependent on being either of these things: democracy is a positive and not a negative.

Unionist politicians have made the matter worse by confirming that, of course, Scotland is in a voluntary Union, but have then refused to say how it might leave it of its own free will.

I can't help but think this is another indication of the march of fascism: holding the people of what is very obviously a country (its own, unbroken, legal tradition; education system, etc) in Union against their will - and denying them the chance to test that will, is hard to interpret any other way. If that were happening to me in England I know how I would feel. I know how the Irish felt. And that is why I feel so passionately about this for Scotland.