

## For some in the UK, there might be hope

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The National (the newspaper for whom I am a columnist in Scotland) [noted yesterday](#) that:

*SUPPORT for Scottish independence is four points stronger than support for the Union - and would increase massively should Nigel Farage take power, new polling for the Sunday National has found.*

*The survey, conducted by Find Out Now, found that 49.5% of Scots would support Yes if a vote on the constitution were held tomorrow, while 45.2% would vote No and 5.3% said they were undecided.*

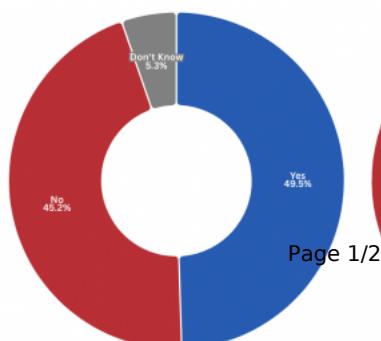
They added:

*Amid the rise of support for Reform UK in political polling, the Sunday National also surveyed Scotland to ask how people would vote should Farage's party take power in Westminster.*

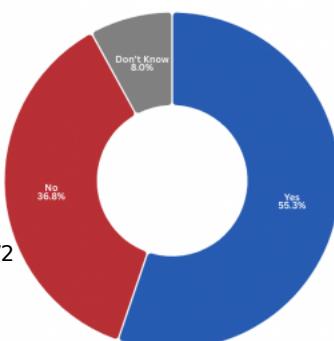
*The Find Out Now survey found that if Farage were in No 10, Scotland would overwhelmingly vote for independence by 55.3% to 36.8%, with 8.0% saying they did not know.*

The data looks like this:

How would you vote in a Scottish independence referendum?



How would you vote in a Scottish independence referendum if Nigel Farage was UK prime minister?



Three thoughts.

First, I have already suggested that I find it encouraging that the Scottish independence movement is now gaining political support despite the problems the SNP has faced of late.

Second, the reaction to Farage is very clearly very different north and south of the border.

Third, so much for the idea of a Union. This blows that apart.

For some in the UK, there might be hope. They just happen to be in Scotland.