

Is the UK over?

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I noticed [this Tweet yesterday](#).

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Northern Ireland First Minister Michelle O'Neill: "I think we should have a border poll by 2030"

Border poll = a vote on Irish reunification.



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I also did not watch the original programme from which it is taken, so I am not sure whether there is more information to contextualise what was said, but the clip is long enough to be sure of Michelle O'Neill's message. She wants a Northern Ireland border poll by 2030. The right to hold one is provided for in the Good Friday Agreement. I am sure the timing is deliberate: she knows that the Catholic majority in Northern Ireland is growing by the year. She and Sinn Féin know they have the power to deliver this deal now.

Does this mean we should assume the Union is over? I think so.

And once Northern Ireland decides to leave the Union, the constitutional grounds for

objecting to polls in Scotland and Wales will likewise fall away.

It's time to think about another country. Or rather, other countries. The UK is going to be over.

The question is, then what?