

The Union
Survey



DEVOLUTION AND THE UNION

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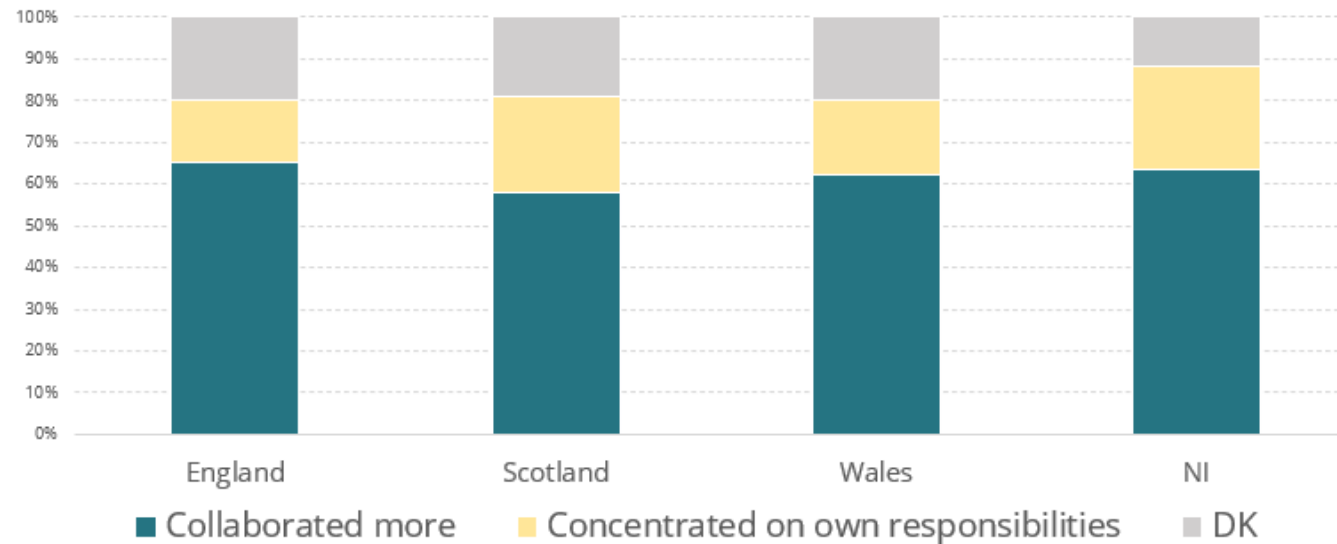
- **Process**
 - **Compared to Welsh Commission?**
- **Polling**
 - **NI, Welsh sample**
- **Public Opinion**
 - **Opportunities**
 - **Challenges**

The Brown report

OPPORTUNITIES

- **Collaboration**

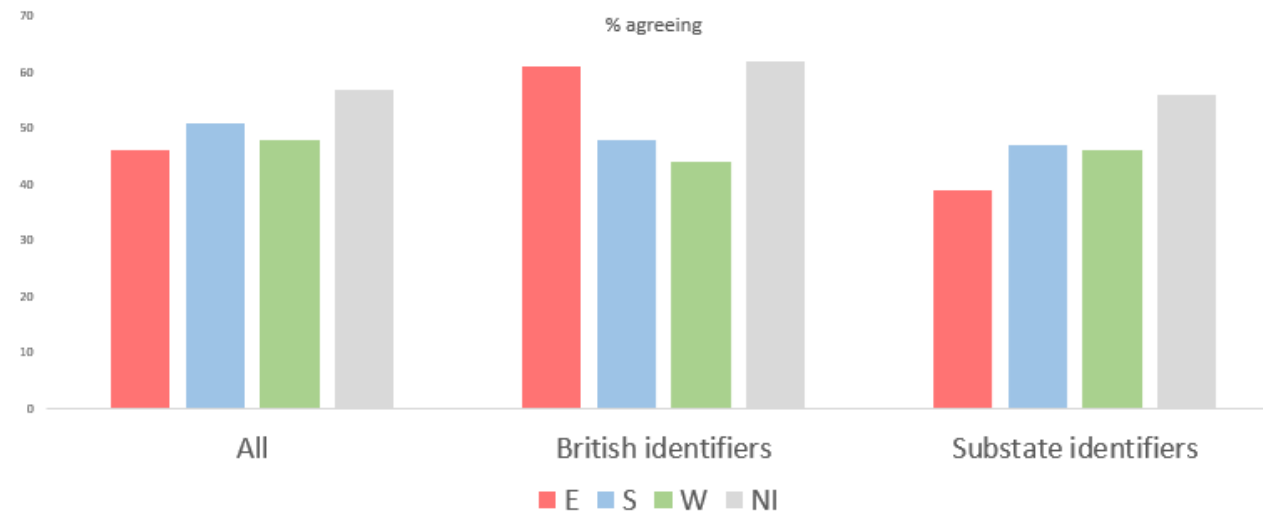
UK governance would be improved if UK and devolved governments ...



OPPORTUNITIES

- **Collaboration**
- **Lords representation**

Territorial representation in Lords, by national identity



When people talk about changing the way the UK is governed, this sometimes includes reforming the House of Lords to formally represent the four territories of the UK. To what extent ...



OPPORTUNITIES

- Collaboration
- Lords representation
- Sewel

Sewel: When should UK Parliament/Gov't ...

legislate in devolved areas?

	E	S	W	NI
Whenever it wants	17	12	14	17
Not normally ... without consent	24	18	20	28
Only with permission	21	24	24	28
Never	5	21	13	9
DK	33	23	29	18

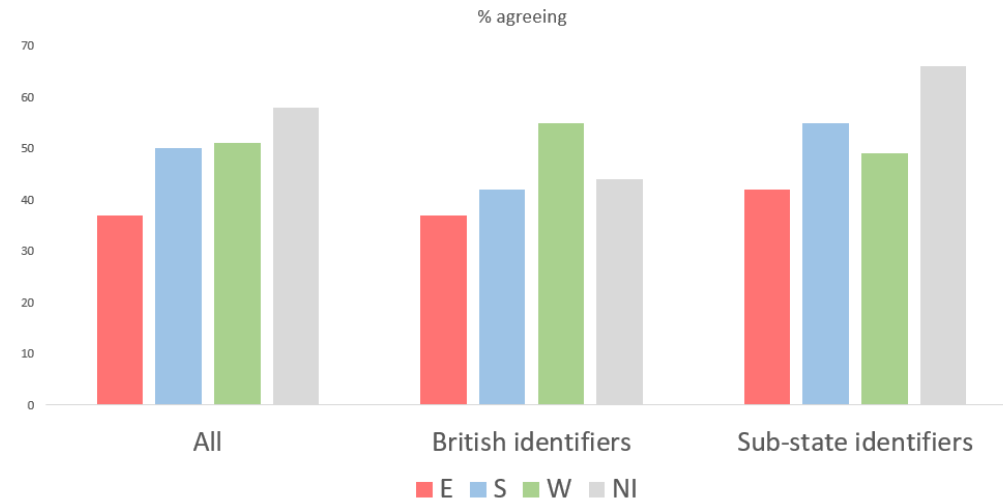
spend in devolved areas?

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- **Lords representation**
- **Sewel**
- **Union of consent**

Remove devolution only with referendum, by national identity

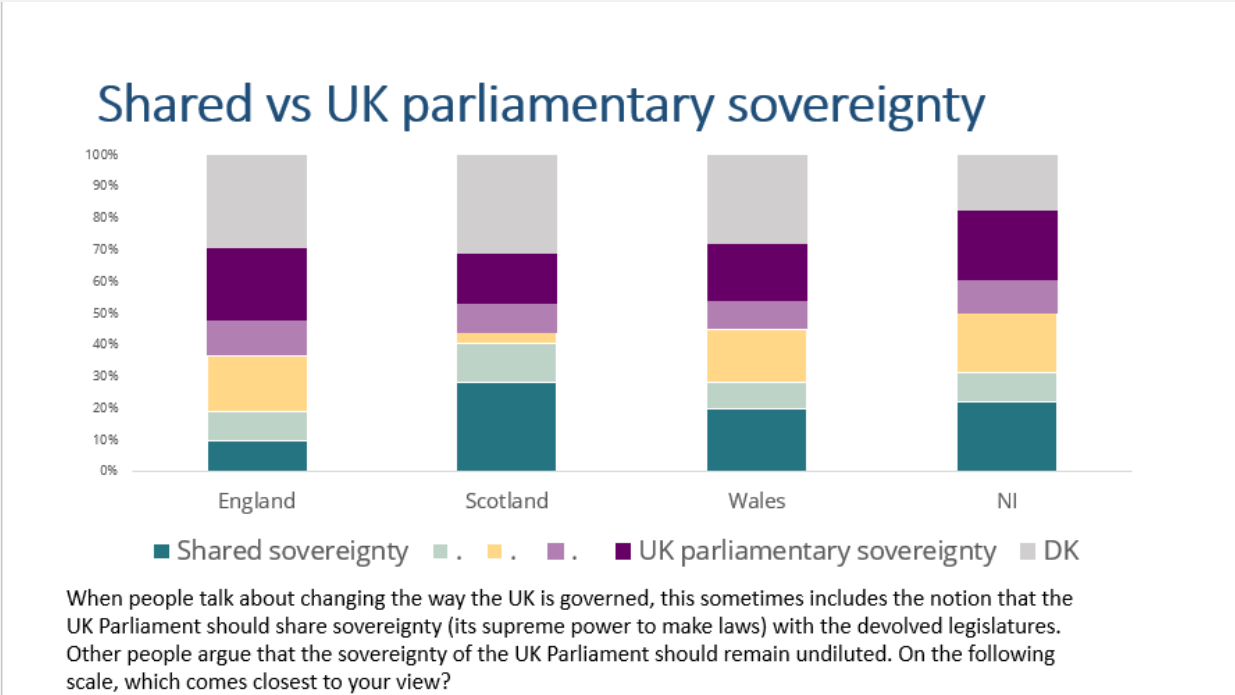


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Unaddressed problems

- Opinion divided



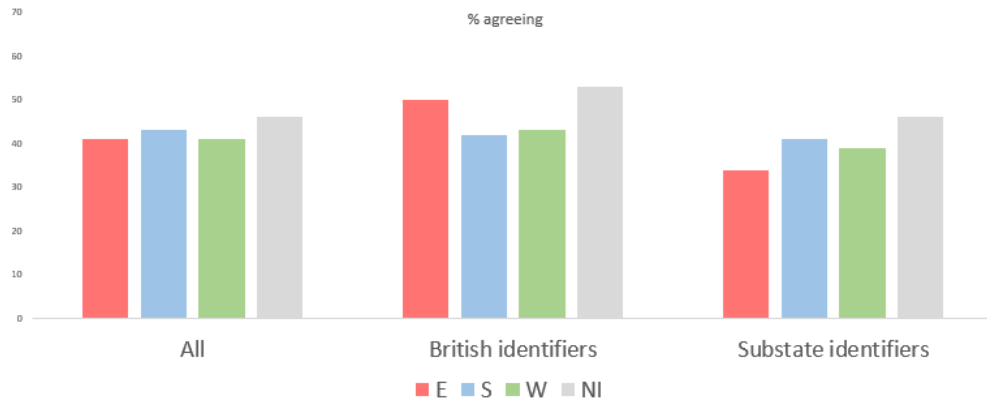
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- Obstacles to getting what want
 - Parliamentary sovereignty

Written constitution, by national identity



When people talk about changing the way the UK is governed, this sometimes includes a written constitution that identifies the rights and responsibilities of citizens as well as the powers of different levels of government. To what extent ...



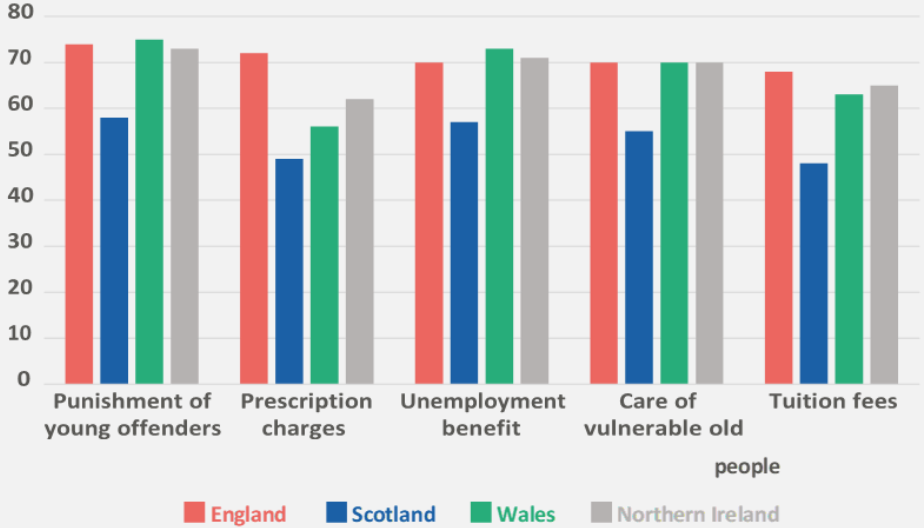
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FIGURE 3.1
Support for policy uniformity across the UK (%)



Source: State of the Union Survey 2021

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- Knowledge and understanding

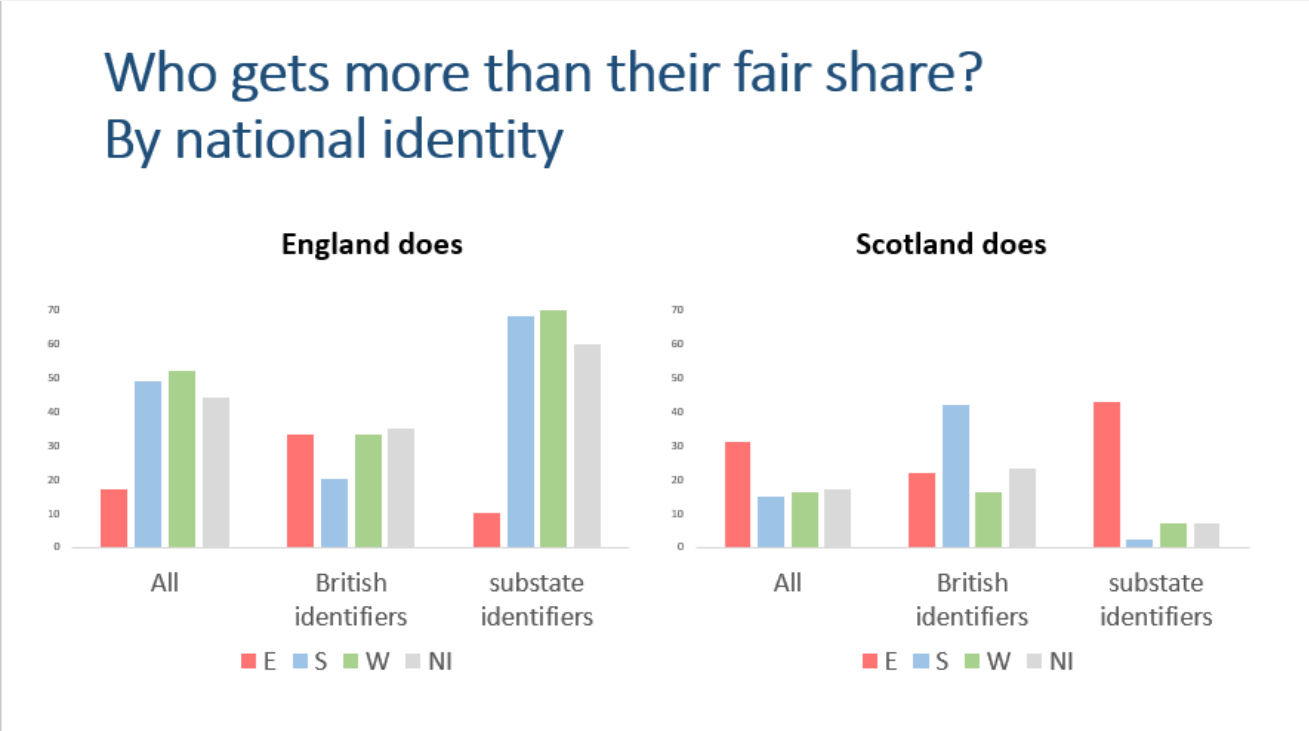
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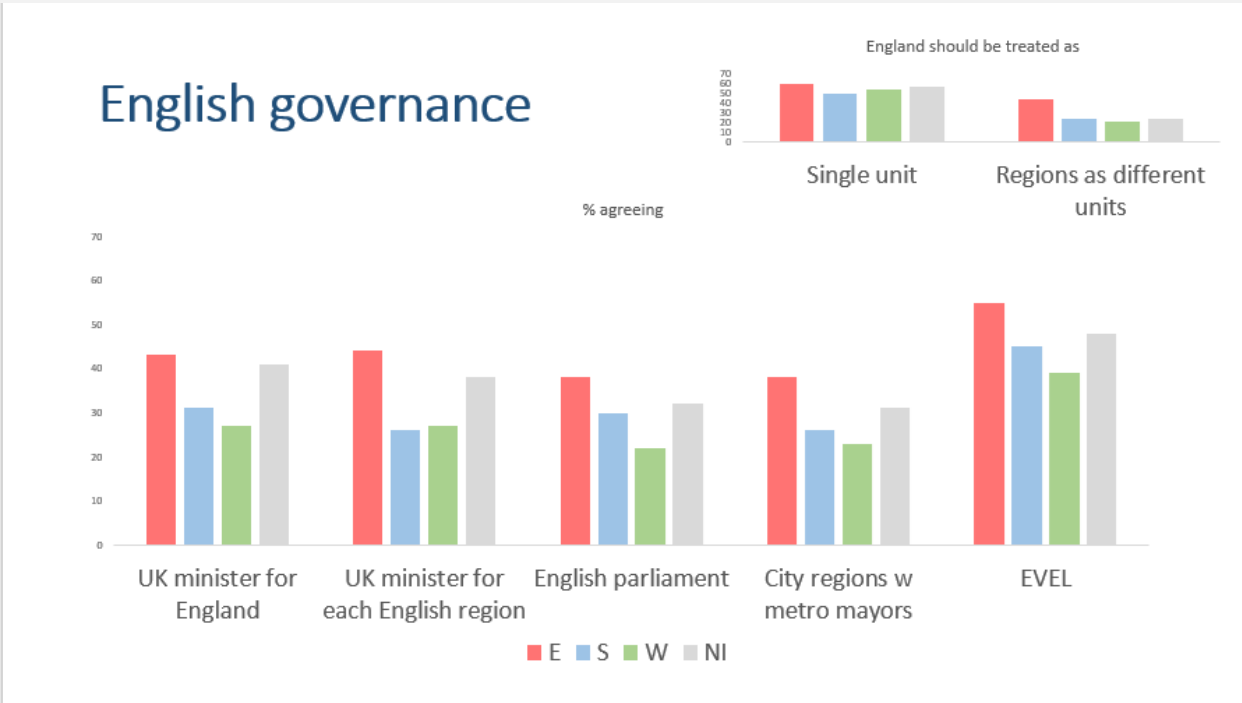
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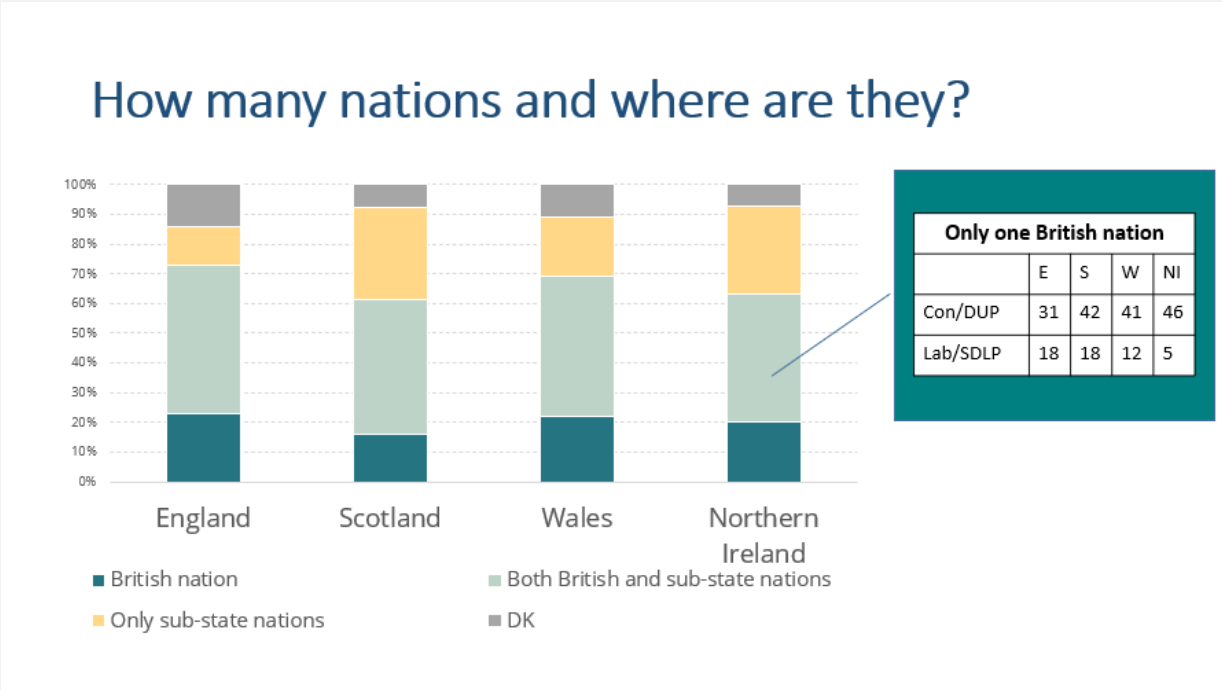
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- Clashing visions of state (incl in Labour)



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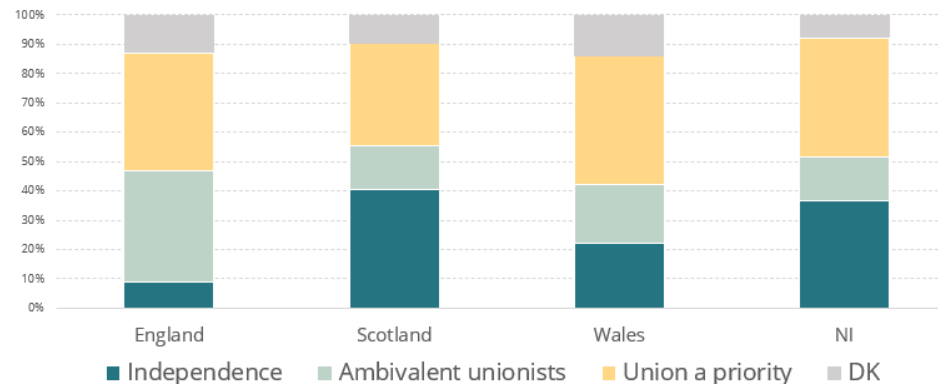
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- Wrong risk

Ambivalent unionism



Thank you

