## Where good public policy and politics clash – 23 years of devolution and disappointment?





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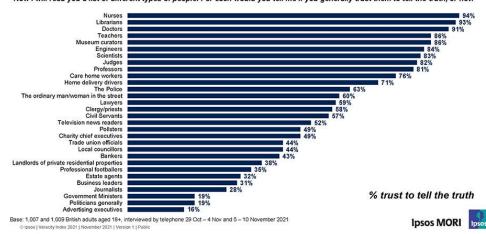
## The Political Context.







"Now I will read you a list of different types of people. For each would you tell me if you generally trust them to tell the truth, or not?"



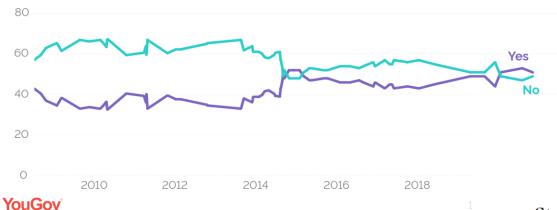




### The **Political** Strategy.

#### The 'yes' vote on Scottish independence has a narrow lead of 51 to 49

Should Scotland be an independent country? % of 1,089 Scots, excludes those who don't know or would not vote





#### Sturgeon's big tent is in danger of collapse

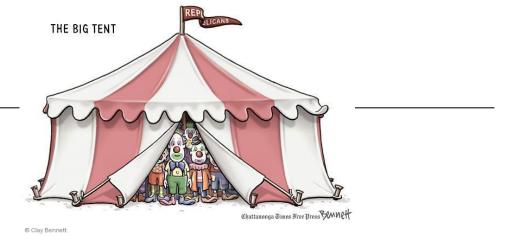
First minister has built a strong pro-independence coalition that could crumble if her referendum dreams are dashed

Kezia Dugdale | Monday May 23 2022, 12.01am, The Times

icola Sturgeon should be congratulated for her resilience as she takes the baton of Scotland's longest serving first minister on Wednesday. Elected aged 28 as the Scottish parliament opened its doors in 1999, she has been central to every stage of its development and standing. She has grown with it and remains one of the most popular politicians after 15 years in ministerial office. A remarkable feat.

This is neither a love letter nor a begrudging dissection of history but the polarising nature of our political debate demands it can be only one or the other. We must either be for her or against her. It is the same political environment that both guarantees her position and stops a second referendum taking place.





# The Devolution Story.





Spotlight on Housing:

The Right to a Home?











### Spotlight on Care.



A report on the deaths of looked after children in Scotland 2012-2018

An overview from notifications and reports submitted to the Care Inspectorate

January 2020





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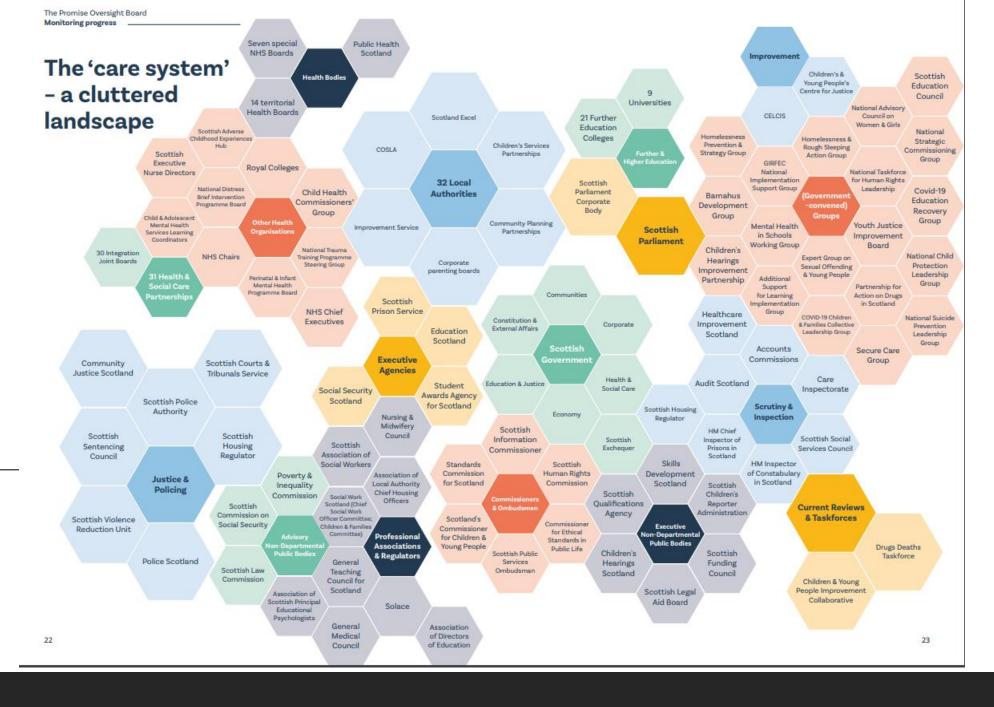






## The Care System.





### In Summary.

Just keep on keepin' on.





