

**Impact of Economic Development on Separatist Movement:  
A Case Study of Scotland Independence Referendum**

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**ABSTRACT**

The term separatist is defined as the advocacy of a state of cultural, ethnic, tribal, religious, racial, governmental or gender separation from the larger group. While it often refers to full political secession, separatist groups may seek nothing more than greater autonomy. There may be many motivations for separation. For example some people wished to have a more practical political structure and not relied on those who were located far away to govern them or otherwise give them impractical solutions. Others though their economy and politics were dominated by one group who did not share their power or privilege.

In this paper, the researcher wish to found out why separatist movement occurs and what kind of challenges it encounters especially the impact of economic development on the most recent Scotland Independence Referendum as a case study. Therefore, the researcher not only compared motives behind the Scottish voters who voted “yes” and who voted “no” but also did a historical review of Scotland. Furthermore, the researcher focused on the economic impact to this referendum. Through this paper, the researcher would like to know the severity of economic impact that Scottish would face in order to become an independent country.

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