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A United Ireland in our lifetime?

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Jul 3, 2019 🔗 #361



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Divil himself, Napoleon complexed echo chamberist

Staff member

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Member

Old Mr Grouser said: ⬆

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They don't however it somewhat throws a bit of shade on your not believing in democracy as it is invoked in needless wars.

👍👎 Harry Barmier and Shaadi

Jul 3, 2019 🔗 #362



Shaadi

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👍 Sidewinder, Derryman, Harry Barmier and 2 others

Jul 3, 2019

🔗 #363



Harry Barmier

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🔗 #364



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To coin a phrase old rich men make war young poor men fight them.

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Jul 3, 2019

🔗 #365



Rural

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English is not your first language, obviously.

👍👍 Vega1447 and Harry Barmier

Jul 6, 2019

🔗 #366



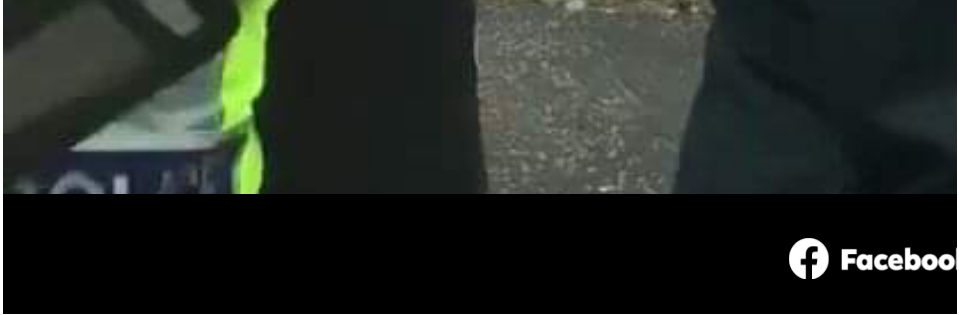
ruserious

Member



IndyCelts





Jul 7, 2019

#367



Michael McMahon

Member

I don't think it should be about a United Ireland or a United Kingdom. I think it's about ensuring that everyone, both Catholics and Protestants, feel represented in government. We need minority rights. I wrote a thread about this elsewhere concerning proportional representation of the military: <https://www.debatepolitics.com/gun-control/353082-minority-rights.html>

Jul 8, 2019

#368



Michael McMahon

Member

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Don't see how, if you have appropriate division of power.

Jul 8, 2019

 #370



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Member



How a military overhaul in Venezuela keeps troops ...

How Venezuela overhauled its military to jumble the chain of command, make its troops more partisan and keep the armed forces loyal to President Nicolás Maduro

 www.reuters.com

Even if minorities are in the military, they are outnumbered in every military base rendering them ineffective in deterring tyranny. It would be hard for them to defect and they would be mistaken for the enemy by fellow minorities due to the uniform they have on. Ideally minorities would have their own military bases, their own uniform and their own recruitment procedures in proportion to the democratic mandate that they have received.

Jul 8, 2019

 #371



Derryman

Member

<https://www.irishnews.com/news/northernirelandnews/2019/07/08/news/james-nesbitt-open-to-discussing-new-union-of-ireland--1657648/>

Nesbitt said Northern Ireland has "moved on hugely from being a sectarian place, but I don't think the politics has moved on from being sectarian".

On this I largely agree with him.
It is time for new politics and politicians.

Jul 8, 2019

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Well, elections will be the test of that. And I think the recent euros and locals were an opening salvo in that regard.

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Firefly123

Member

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Arlene has already said she will leave the north in the event of unity and she's probably one of the milder ones in her party.

Perhaps when the writing is really on the wall pragmatism will kick in.

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It might be more wishful than hopeful , but sometimes I sense a change in this. But not from the DUP.

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Its possible that the dup will have little or no say in the matter. Signs are that electoral patterns are under serious threat.

 mac tíre

Jul 8, 2019

#376



twokidsmanybruises

Member

IPO Supporter

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And that was part of a question as to which form of an independent Re-United Ireland would you accept - and he dismissed every single available independent option - and came up with his own. 🙄

That's the mentality we're dealing with.



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In my more optimistic moods, I like to believe this also.



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Member

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Jul 8, 2019

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The mods aren't touchy about any such thing. Being abusive, however is a very different matter.

 NMunsterman

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If unionists had kept their eye on the union prize instead of gloating over themmuns then chances are the north would have been a much nicer place and the majority would be happy enough. Unfortunately for them the urge to be the big cheese won out and look at them now.

It's a lesson all nationalists should learn from.

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Hardline Unionists are fully entitled to hold such hard-line views.
However, I will challenge hardline Unionists every time, especially those trying to masquerade as progressives and liberals.

I have zero interest in lording it over Unionists in the Re-United Ireland - and that certainly is the case for the vast majority of people in Ireland - but I'll call a hard-line Unionist a hard-line Unionist every time - and challenge these hard-line views.

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 #384



Erudite Pieman

Member

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Hardline Unionists are fully entitled to hold such hard-line views. However, I will challenge hardline Unionists every time, especially those trying to masquerade as progressives and liberals.

I dunno about the hard-line thing. From where I'm sitting it looks like you don't hold nationalists to the same standard as unionists when it comes to their constitutional preferences.

By definition, a unionist is someone who will choose union of UI or independence. Nationalist will equally choose UI over union or independence. (Understandably, pretty much nobody likes the idea of independence it seems). It is not a contradiction to be a unionist and a liberal or progressive. And there are no shortages of conservative nationalists.

Simply suggesting that the only UI you'd like to see is a UI within the UK is a perfectly acceptable, and in many ways, logical position for a unionist to hold. The fact that the vast majority in Ireland recoil from the idea like a vampire on a garlic farm means it is impractical, but hard-line? It's no more hard line than saying the only UI you'll accept is within a sovereign all-Ireland entity - which is very widely held.

The difference between the two is that former hasn't a snowballs chance in hell of happening - and the DUP and other Brexiteers have done a fabulous job in the past 4 years of ensuring that - and the latter is far more difficult than it should be, and SF's previous incarnation did a fabulous job in ensuring that.

 milipod, Statsman and hollandia

Jul 9, 2019

 #385



hollandia

Divil himself, Napoleon complexed echo chamberist

Staff member

Moderator

Member

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1. No contradiction to be a Unionist and liberal and progressive - agreed totally - and there were a few such posters on P.ie at some point who would have fitted that bill - but my point is that "Cruimh" is very definitely not one of them.

2. *Simply suggesting that the only UI you'd like to see is a UI within the UK is a perfectly acceptable, and in many ways, logical position for a unionist to hold.*

Hmmmm...bit irrelevant though when the question that is asked is what kind of *independent* UI do you want.

Yeah, sure, hardline Unionists can keep beating that drum - but the fact is that Unionists are now below 50% in the North and possibly looking at south of 40% at some point post-Brexit - meaning that the "No Surrender" strategy is not going to solve the various severe challenges facing Unionism.

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Member

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Penury wouldn't render the question moot, bankrupting the NI will ultimately be what brings about a UI. It shouldn't be that way, but it will. I don't believe the DUP will settle for a UI in any other situation. A UI would be the very last choice.

I just hope it doesn't go that far.

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The north desperately needs an alternative unionist party. I'm no fan of unionism, but I'm not naive enough to believe that a large percentage of unionists will vote for a "non-unionist" party, but unionists deserve a party that will look after their economic and cultural interests more effectively than the DUP.

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Erudite Pieman

Member

Neither does he believe that a united Ireland is inevitable.

“What will come will come but I am not a doom-gloom merchant, saying it is around the corner,” he says.

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Surprisingly un-no-surrenderish from Mervyn Gibson, Grand Sec of the Orange Order.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/we-are-not-going-to-be-bribed-out-of-the-united-kingdom-orange-order-chief-1.3951739?mode=sample&auth-failed=1&pw-origin=https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/we-are-not-going-to-be-bribed-out-of-the-united-kingdom-orange-order-chief-1.3951739>



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Erudite Pieman

Member

Sounds like he won't be doing a Ray D'Arcy on it.



AhNowStop

Member

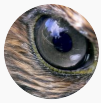
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He was on the radio last week saying he would find it very difficult to stay He'll be badly missed 😞 lol

Aug 17, 2019

 #397



Seabhac Siúlach

Member



New settlement on the island - here are the challen...

RTÉ News Political Editor David Murphy looks at the challenges of a potential new settlement on the island.

 www.rte.ie

I thought this was interesting. According to a new economic study the annual subvention for N.Ireland is £9.2 billion (not 10,12 or the other increasingly inflated amounts bandied about). Of this £9.2 billion approximately £1 billion is the North's contribution to UK defense, another £1 billion is the North's contribution to UK debt. Altogether some £2.2 billion of the £9.2 billion would not need to be replaced by the Irish government following a possible unification (as the article mentions further savings are possible by reducing the inevitable duplication in the public services North and South, especially in the civil service). Clearly an approx. £7 billion bill for the Irish exchequer is not negligible, but clearly much more achievable than the usual £10 billion figure commentators lazily use



NMunsterman



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These are the details that need to be looked at now to build a knowledge base on how to successfully build a new Ireland.

Kongming and NMunsterman



Old Mr Grouser

Member

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Aug 17, 2019

 #400



midlander12

Member

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Yes you would assume so. I very much doubt that the UK paid the pensions of Irish civil servants who retired in the 1920's. Even if they did, the liabilities would have been infinitesimal compared to the enormous public sector that the United state will be inheriting from NI. I presume there would have to be some agreement about the transfer of the existing pension schemes and funds to the new State, but it's difficult to imagine that pensions of public servants who retire post-unification would be paid out of the UK exchequer. Those who retire beforehand - I presume theirs would continue to be paid by the UK.



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