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## LABYRINTH OF DIVISION BENEATH SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE FIGHT

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To the outsider, Scotlands rival political camps may look as deeply entrenched as ever. But the sands have been shifting.

The broad dividing lines remain the same. On one side, proponents of independence, their sights set firmly on a second referendum and the promise of self-rule. Opposite, supporters of the status quo: a union with England, Wales, and Northern Ireland dating back over 300 years.

However, a labyrinth of new divisions lurks below. Brexit, coronavirus, the Scottish National Party (SNP)s internal meltdown over its handling of sexual abuse allegations against former First Minister Alex Salmond; all are new considerations since Scots rejected independence in 2014.

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