Ladies and gentlemen

We gathered here today to debate about Scottish eternal question, „To leave or not to leave". Our house will show you today that a Scottish citizen would rather Scotland seceded from the UK and became the Europe's newest nation state.

//KULTURA, TRADYCJA, NIECHĘĆ

First of all we have to define where my identity as a Scottish citizen derives from.

- Numerous battles for our independence fought with England, such as Battle of Bannockburn where Scotland fought to maintain their sovereignty,
shows that scottish people put their Independence and freedom, before their security, health, comfort and even their life.
- The union of England and Scotland to form the Kingdom of Great Britain that happened over 300 years ago.
- The fact that there has been almost no assimilation of the Scots into the English culture for more than 3 centuries

This is what truly creates our national identity, and we've been told about it from the youngest age. On one side, there's a deep-rooted memory of independence, while on the other side, there's a reluctance towards the English, who are seen as symbols of the invader.

Gathering from what I previously said <u>I want Scottish independence as it is deeply rooted in my culture and history,</u> and I don't want to be dependent from a country which has completely other believes, and tried to deprive Scotland of its independence for centuries.

//BRAK ZAUFANIA, BRAK GŁOSU

Moving on, as the citizen and as a human being I want and expect to have an influence on my environment and my country. That's the reason why people take part in voting, they believe and want for their vote to count.
As a Scot I would like the government to respond to my needs but unfortunately it happens otherwise. For example, 62% of Scots that participated in the referendum in 2016 voted to remain in the European Union. But the UK still decided to leave. Thats due to Scotland population being only 8.2% of the United Kingdom. An EU flag still remains flying outside the Scottish Parliament, and it is unquestionable that as a Scottish I was and still am in favour of European Union. I am not blind, and I see that UK situation gets worst gradually, my favourite shops are closing and everything gets more and more expensive.

 I would rather my country left UK, since as a citizen I want government to respond to my needs and for my vote to matter. I don't understand why Scotland as a small part of UK doesn't have much to say while making decisions that concern Scotland.
We were promised stability and economic prosperity if we voted no to independence in 2014. But after Britain left European Union everything has changed making economy of our country a total chaos. I feel betray by the UK government and I don't want someone I don't trust to govern my country.

To summarize. As a scot I would rather Scotland succeeded from UK, since I do not trust the UK government, as it lied to me many times. I want Scottish independence as it is deeply rooted in my culture and history, and I don't want to be dependent from a country which has completely other vaules.

Thank you