

# Unionism in the United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is composed of four [constituent countries](#): [England](#), [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).

The [Union Jack](#), in addition to being the flag of the United Kingdom, also serves as a significant symbol of UK/British unionism.

**Unionism in the United Kingdom**, also referred to as **UK unionism** or **British unionism**, is a [political](#) opinion. It is in support of keeping [England](#), [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#) as one [sovereign state](#), the [United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland](#). The people who support the union are called "*Unionists*".<sup>[1]</sup> Although not all unionists are [nationalists](#), UK or British unionism is associated with [British nationalism](#). It says that the [British](#) are a [nation](#). It is also for the the [Britons](#) having a single [culture](#).<sup>[2]</sup><sup>[3]</sup> This cultural [unity](#) would include people of [English](#), [Scottish](#), [Welsh](#), [Irish](#), [Cornish](#), [Jersey](#), [Manx](#) and [Guernsey](#) descent.

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