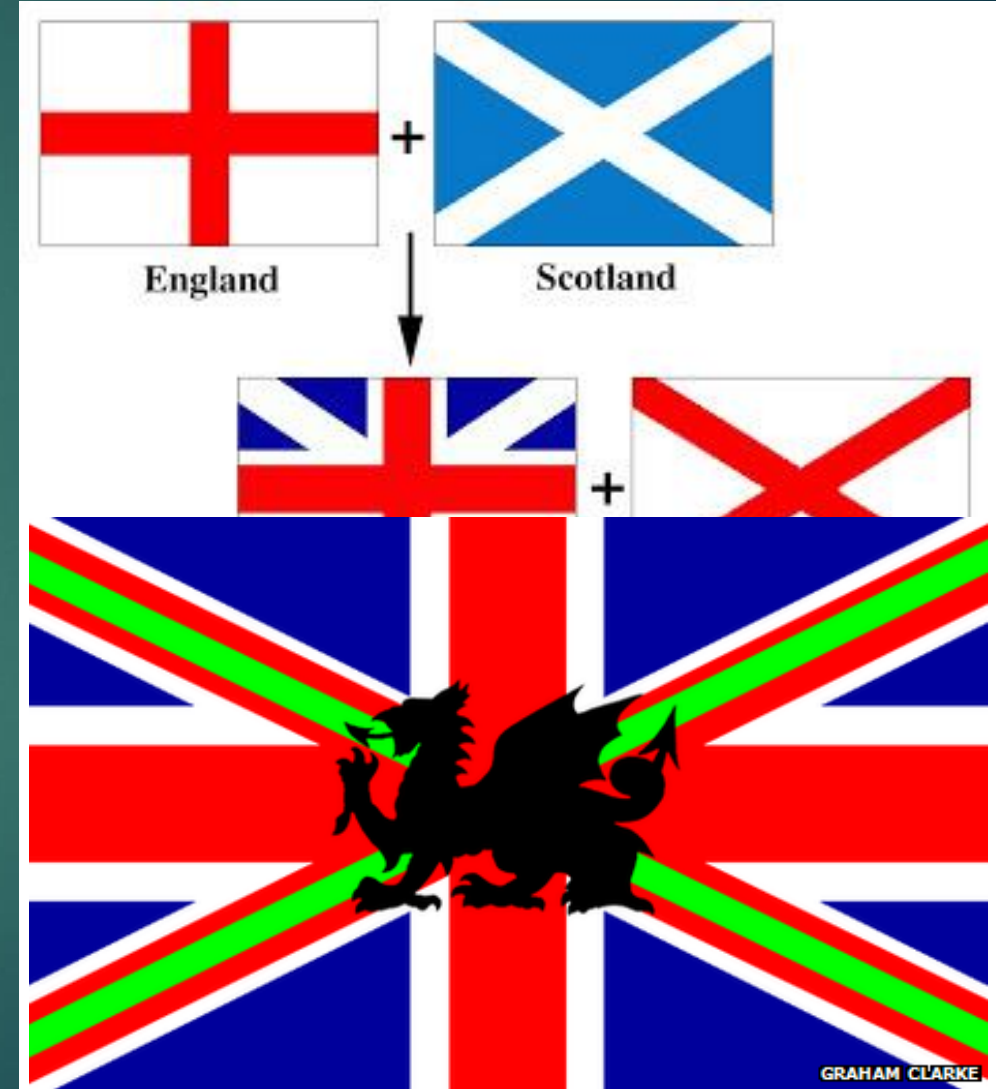




2. SOME CONSTITUTIONAL REMARKS

► National flag of the UK:

- England = St George's cross
 - Scotland = St Andrew's Cross
 - Ireland (!) = St Patrick's Cross
- **Union Flag**, sometimes called the **Union Jack**, = unity of the three countries.
- Welsh national flag = ?
- Complex links



The U.K.

- ▶ member of the United Nations & former member of the EU (since Jan 1st, 2021)
- ▶ one single and unitary **state (land with a sovereign government)**
- ▶ constitutional monarchy
- ▶ Queen = symbol of this state.

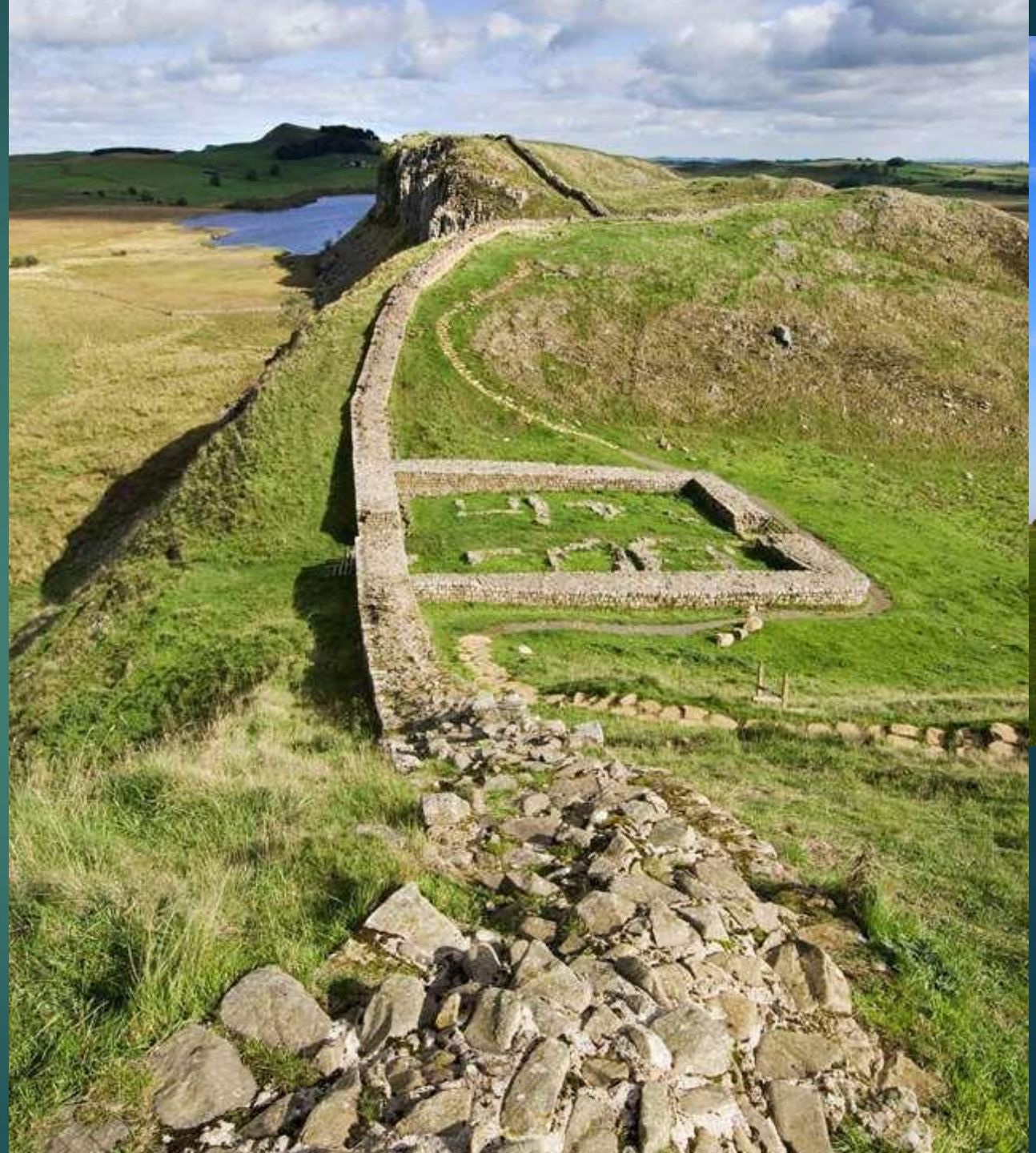
3. POPULATION AND LINGUISTICS

▶ A) Population

- ▶ British identity?
- ▶ No longer only WASP (White Anglo Saxon Protestant)
- ▶ Great diversity of culture thanks to various Migration processes and waves
 - ▶ Sadiq Khan



- ▶ 500 BC :Migration from the Celts (warrior peoples ex. Picts and Scotti)
- ▶ Roman invasion (300 AD)
 - ▶ Pushed the Celts in Ireland, Wales and Scotland
 - ▶ Local resistance (Picts)
- ▶ Vestiges = Hadrian's Wall



- ▶ 5th century: final Roman withdrawal
- ▶ Invasion by Angles, Saxons and Jutes (Germanic tribe) from Northern Europe.
- ▶ Raids and settlements by Vikings from Scandinavia.
- ▶ 1066: Duke William of Normandy defeated the English at the battle of Hastings.



Consequences of the invasion

- ▶ Physical landscape
- ▶ Domesday Book (first census)
- ▶ French language

~~Hic Linguantra Tenentes Terras In Deventes case.~~
Rex **W**illelmus. **xxvii.** Ricard' filius Gislebra.
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iii. Eps Glaftingberie. **xxx.** Robertus Bastard
iv. Eps de Lueftoch. **xxxi.** Ricardus fili' Torulf.
v. Eps de Buefeth. **xxxii.** Radulfus de Limesi.
vi. Eps de horteune. **xxxiii.** Radulfus pagenet.
vii. Eps de Creneburne. **xxxiiii.** Radulf' de felgherel.
viii. Eps de Labatylge. **xxxv.** Radulfus de pomerci.
ix. Eps de homago **xxxvi.** Radulf' uald adobet.
x. Eps de monte s. Michael. **xxxvii.** Robertus filius Berneri.
xi. Eps de Stefani de cadom. **xxxviii.** Turstin' filius Rolf.
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xvii. Willelm' de Moion. **xliiii.** Robertus de Salceid.
xviii. Willelmus Ancure. **xlv.** Vxor heruei de helion.
xix. Willelm' de falcise. **xlvi.** Guald' capellan.
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xxiii. Walterius de clauela. **li.** Harmericus
xxiv. Walterius **lii.** Willelm' seruient' regis
xxv. Eoselmus **liii.** Guald' de ~~...~~

- ▶ Last four centuries: religious persecution, economic hardship, or political considerations => other immigration waves
- ▶ Protestants/Jews
- ▶ Irish people (poverty, famines)
- ▶ 20th century, immigration from the old Empire and the Commonwealth
- ▶ 1948: arrival of the Empire Windrush
- ▶ British multiculturalism (sadly not deprived of tensions/ xenophobia and racism. Cf pro-Brexit campaigns for instance)



B) Local

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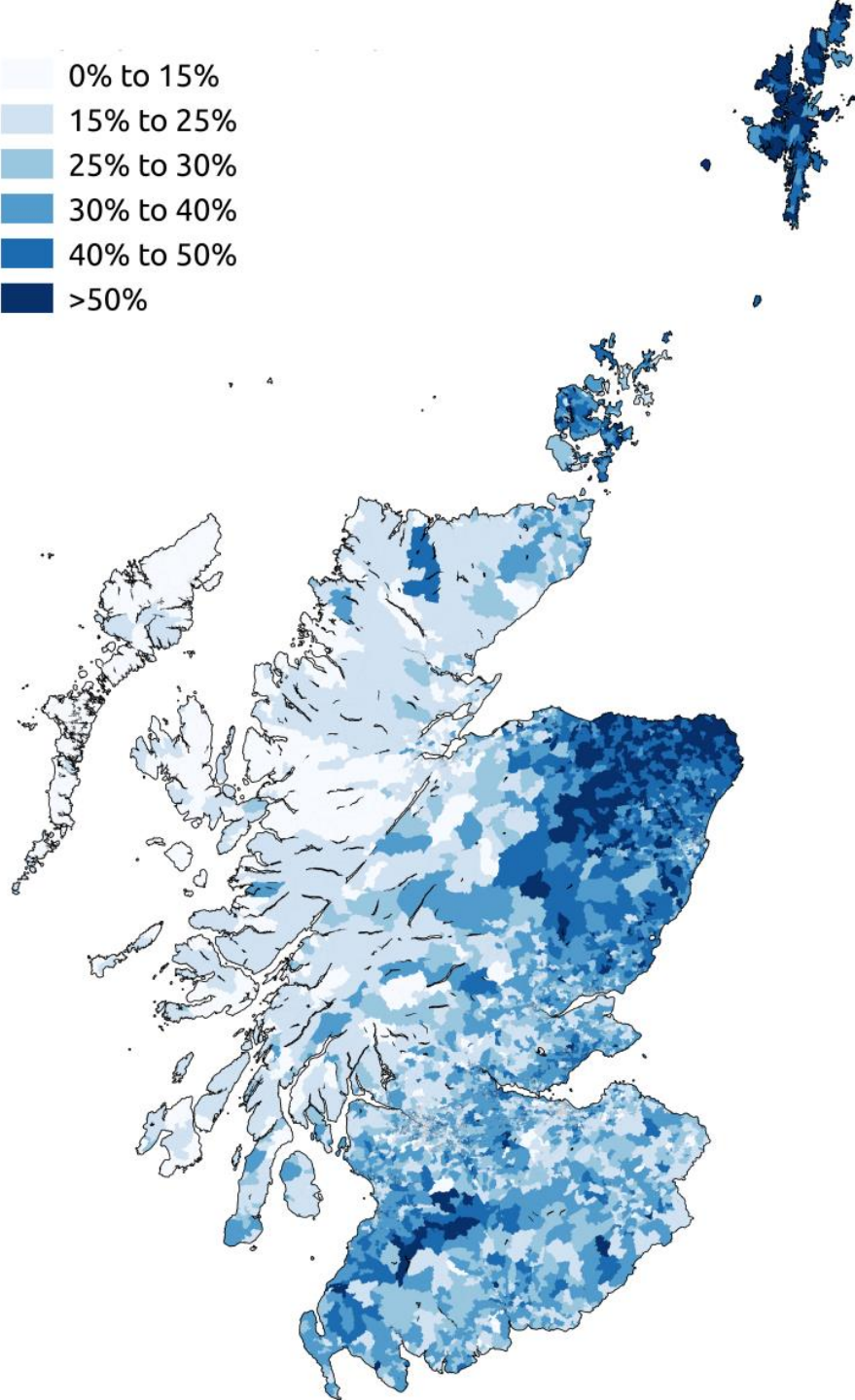
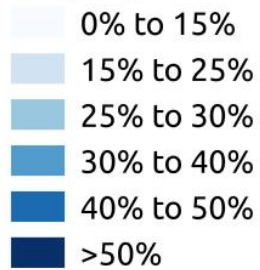
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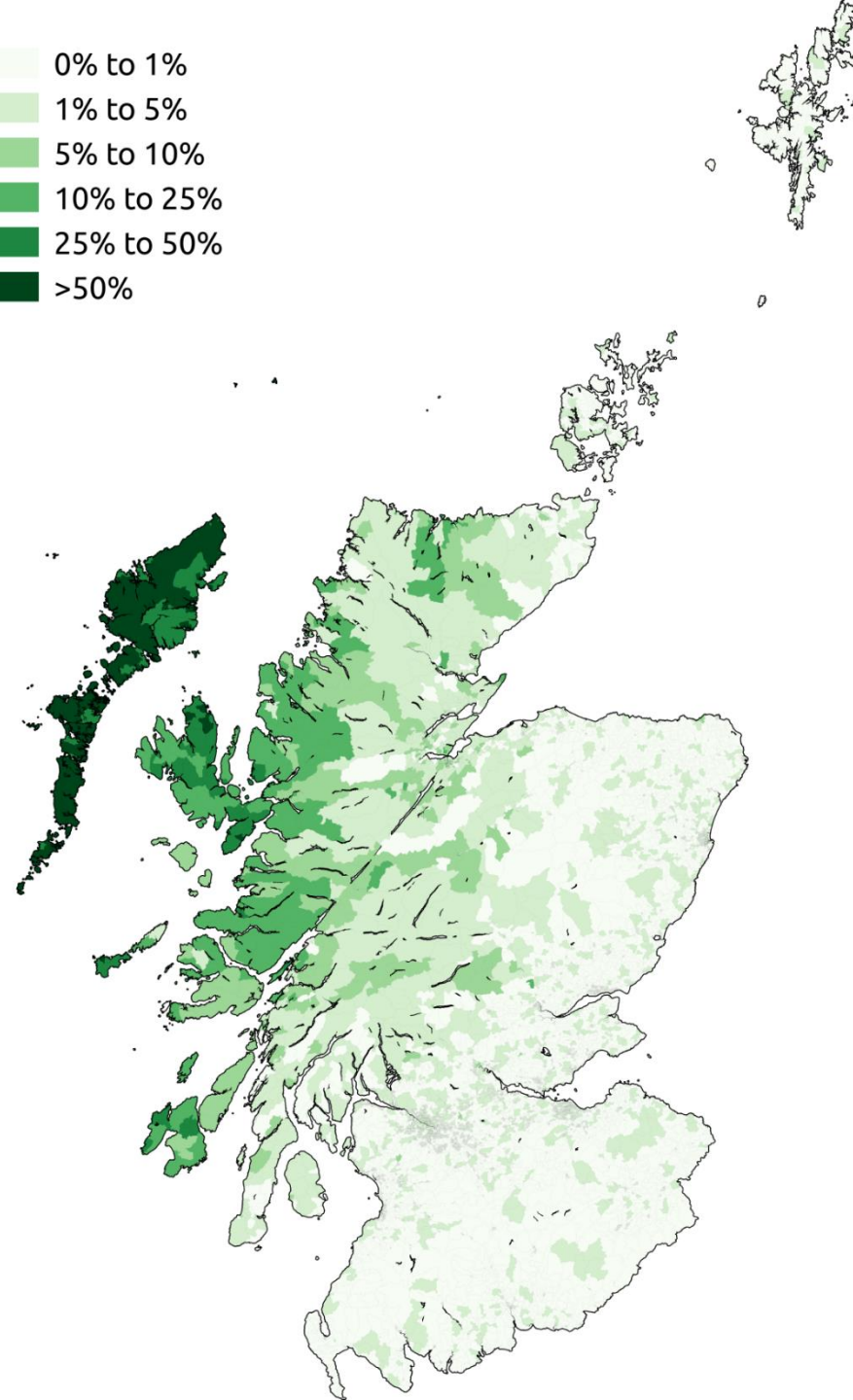
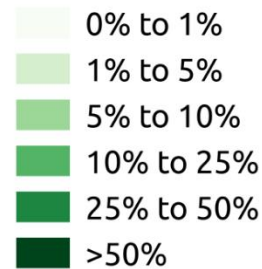
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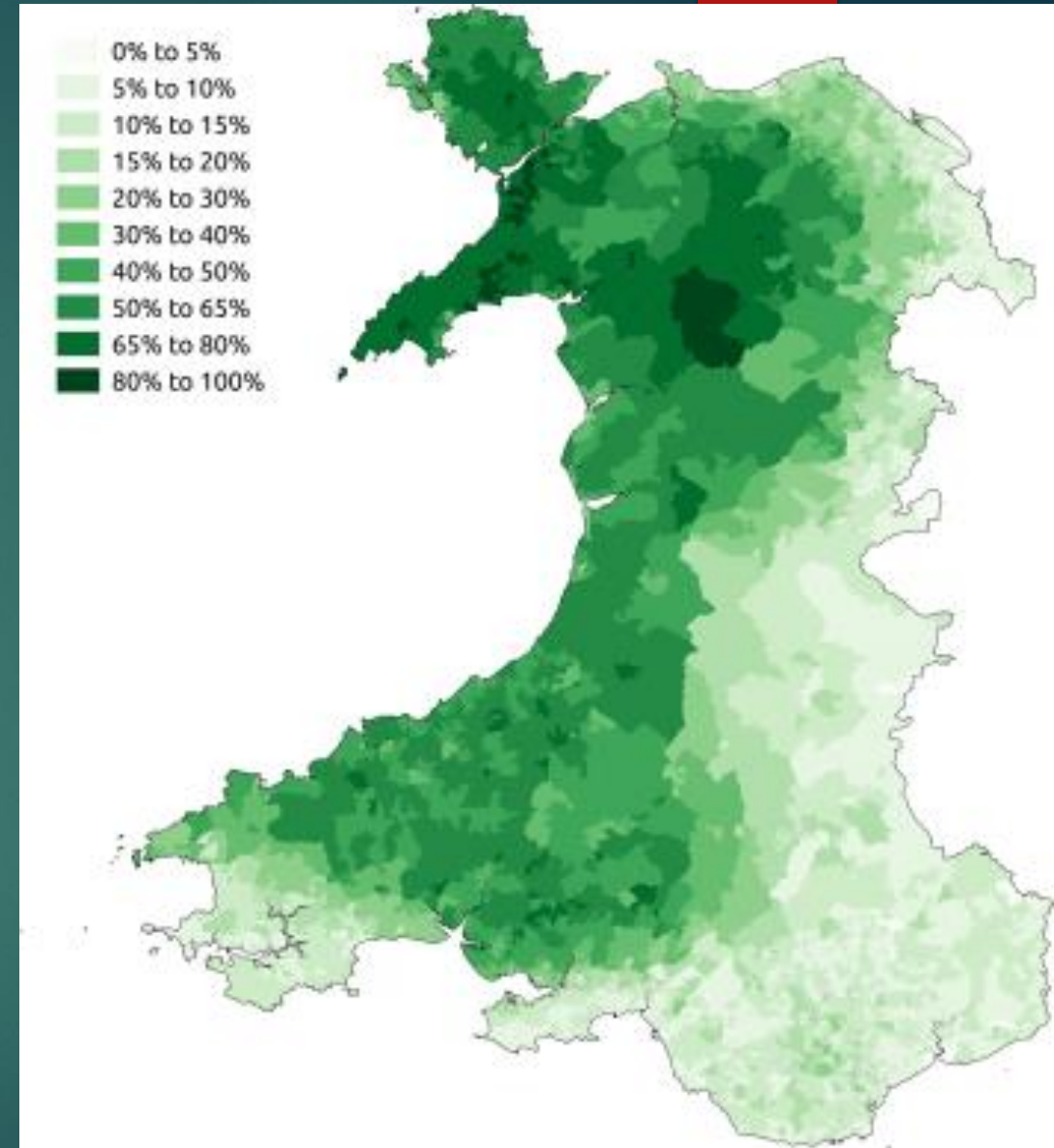


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B) Languages

- ▶ **Wales** = Welsh language (//Breton)
- ▶ From 30% in 1890 to 2% in 1950
- ▶ 2020: ~29% Welsh people said were able to speak Welsh + ~16% speak Welsh daily.
- ▶ 1967 Welsh Language Act: gave some rights to use Welsh in legal proceedings. Cf *Sianel Pedwar Cymru* (S4C) TV station.
- ▶ The Welsh Language Measure (2011): Welsh language given official status in Wales (both the Welsh language and English official languages of the Senedd Cymru/Welsh Parliament)
- ▶ The Welsh government plans to have 1 million Welsh language speakers by 2050.



► Ireland: Irish Gaelic

- Prior to colonisation: first language; now mostly second language.
- Gaeltacht (plu: Gaeltachtaí)
- First and official language of the Republic of Ireland.
- 2019: 170,000~ Irish people using Irish as a first language (daily usage: ~70,000) + about 1.6 million citizens able to use it as a second language.
- Political will to revitalise Irish Gaelic (taught in school)
- Minority language in Northern Ireland. Highly political issue (in 2006 the British government promised to enact legislation to promote the language but has yet to do so)

