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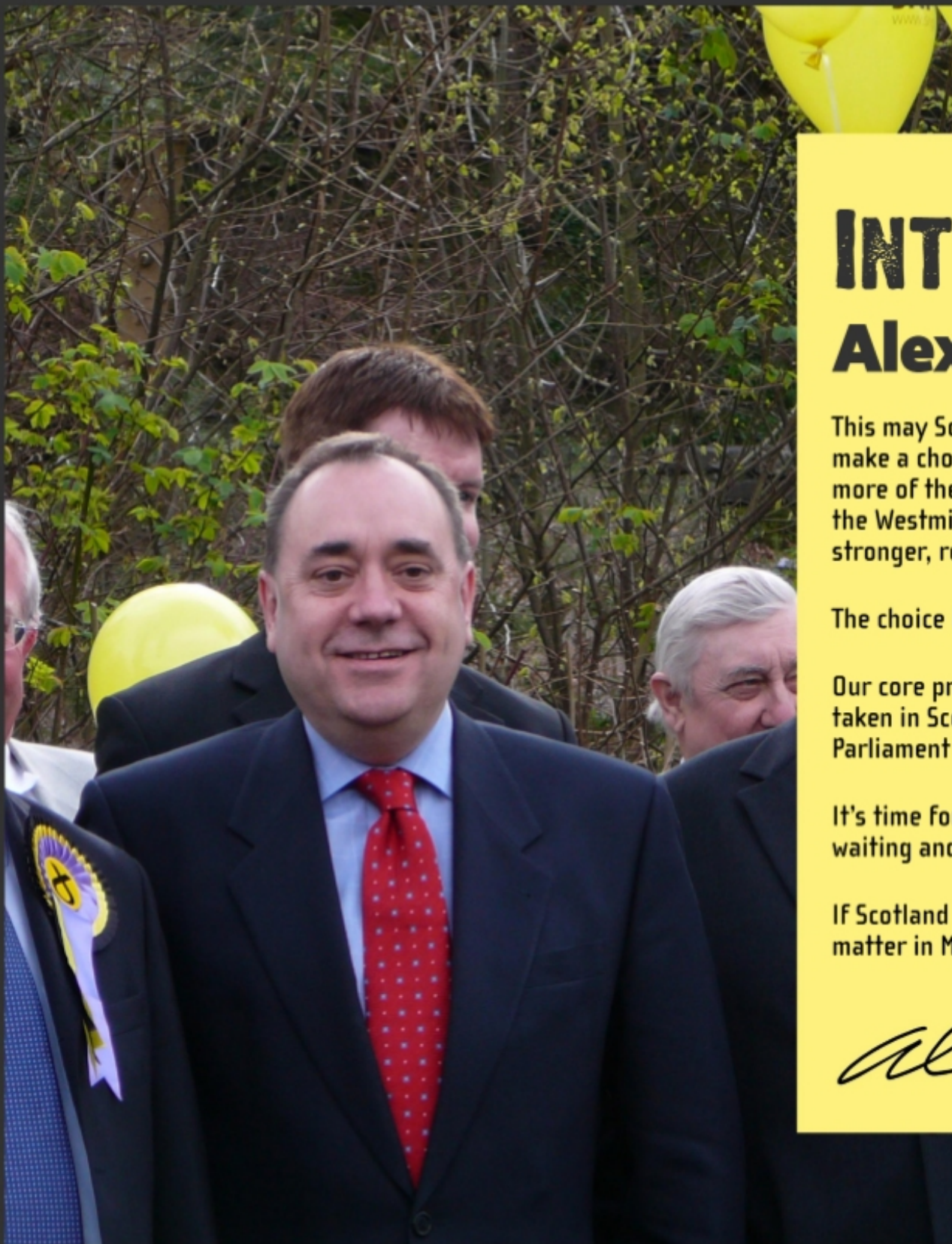
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WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE FOR THE SNP?

This election is our opportunity to choose who represents Scottish communities at Westminster. We need local champions who will stand for Scotland.

The Scottish National Party are fielding candidates in all 72 seats across the country, so if you want better representation and a stronger voice at Westminster. Vote for the SNP. Put Scotland First.



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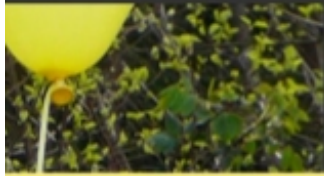
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Scotland will go to the polls, and we will have a choice to make. We will have to
ice between two futures for our country's place at Westminster. Do we choose
e same, more of the broken promises and more of the cronyism and lies from
nster parties, or do we choose progressive policies and forward-thinking,
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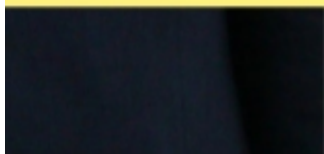
is yours to make and it will affect everyone who lives here.

inciple remains, the decisions that matter to the people of Scotland must be
otland. That being said, we will fight for more powers for the Scottish
and we will continue to make our calls for self-governance for Scotland.

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our time will come.

matters to you and your family, your children and your loved ones, make it
ay. Vote SNP.

Alex Salmond.



INDEPENDENCE

Why not Scotland?

Scotland is comparable to other European countries, like Norway, Iceland and Denmark. Each of those countries are thriving, topping lists for wealthiest and happiest in Europe, so why not Scotland?

For too long, Westminster rule has been holding Scotland back, now is the time to unleash our potential as an independent country and take control of all the economic and political levers.

Why should MPs from another country make key decisions about Scotland, in a parliament that is hundreds of miles away from our people. It is just not right.

That is why it is a fundamental belief of the Scottish National Party that Scotland should be an independent country, and a vote for the SNP in this election is a vote for a referendum on Scotland's future to take place within the UK Parliamentary term.

Scotland's future must be in Scotland's hands. Scotland's finances must be distributed by the Scottish Executive, not spent on vanity projects across London and the South East.

It's time for Scotland to go our own way. It's time for Self-Determination for Scotland. It's time for Independence.

What would Independence mean for Scotland?

For Scotland, Independence means that Scotland would be in complete control over our finances. We would have the opportunity to decide how to invest in our public services and where Scotland's oil revenues are allocated.

We would decide what the tax rates are, and we could ensure that everyone pays their fair share.

Scotland could invest in more public services and people who live in Scotland will be the people that make the big decisions.

Scotland's place in the world.

Scotland has a place in the international community. Independence would allow us to cement that place, and work with other nations and organisations across the world to build a Scotland that all of us can be proud to live in.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Building the Healthier Scotland.

Building the healthier Scotland starts with all of us. We will call for additional funding to mental health services, healthier eating in our schools, better dental services and more opportunities for young people to get involved in the healthcare sector

The Scottish National Party are proposing the following changes to our healthcare services in Scotland:

1. Healthier Eating

A review will be conducted into School meals in Scotland and we will introduce changes into the food that is being offered in Schools. We will call on the UK Government and the Scottish Executive to start a joint campaign on healthier eating.

2. More Doctors & Nurses

We will call for the funding of an additional 100 new doctors posts and 500 new nursing posts across the NHS in Scotland. We will call on the United Kingdom Government to aid this effort. We will hope that all of these places will be filled within 12 months.

3. Better Care Services

We will call for the Scottish Parliament to conduct an inquiry into Care Services in Scotland. We will also call for Local Authorities to work with the Scottish Executive and UK Government to establish centralised care services.

4. Mental Health Matters

We will work with the Scottish Executive to launch a cross-party campaign to lower suicide rates and call for more investment into mental health services across the country. We will work with other political parties and focus groups on a campaign to get more people to talk about their mental health and feelings.

FINANCES

A Prosperous Scotland

Scotland is a wealthy nation, rich in resources and wealth. We must harness that wealth and use it to fund better public services, but for as long as the London Government hold control over the vast majority of our finances, we will be subject to cuts and austerity. Things cannot continue like this.

We will call for the establishment of a Scottish Oil Fund, where all oil profits go straight into the fund, that is at the disposal of the Scottish Executive. Scotland cannot continue to bail out England. It is our oil. It is our money, and we must have control of it. This fund will be established from day one.

Furthermore, we can use this fund to give back to our public sector workers and to fund new infrastructure projects, as set out in the next section of this manifesto.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Investing for the future

We are in dire need of better infrastructure across our land. We have consulted with people across the country and we are proposing the following new infrastructure projects:

Borders Railway Line

Communities in the Scottish Borders are in need of a new railway line, that will connect communities to the big towns and cities. The Scottish National Party support this project and will produce plans to build it in the coming months.

Glasgow Active Travel

In Glasgow, cyclists and pedestrians need a better way to navigate around the city, and we are proposing a £5 million deal that will see the construction of more footbridges, cycle tracks and wider pavements.

Edinburgh Buses

Scotland's capital city has buses that are ageing, and require immediate attention, and we are proposing more investment in bus routes, bus stations and better, modern buses that are fit for a busy city like Edinburgh.

West Highland Line Extension

Commuters in the Highlands need a connection to their main city, and we will hold a review into a possible railway line between Fort William and Inverness.

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