

Calls for a Border Poll are divisive and unnecessary

Increasingly, almost every issue in this country is viewed myopically through sectarian glasses with orange and green lenses.

So it is with the growing clamour for a Border Poll on a united Ireland, driven largely by Sinn Fein, and now supported by a number of new organisations, some academics, a variety of media commentators and other nationalist parties, north and south, desperate not to be left behind this wave of manufactured urgency.

The Border Poll argument is cynically presented as a [redacted] based on a simple and dangerous concept of territorial realignment. It is, we are being told, only a matter of dotting the [redacted] and crossing the [redacted]

There is no discussion about the nature of Irish society, outside vague and diversionary arguments around the optics. The Border Poll campaign has no time for, and no intention of discussing, the fundamental transformation of our social, political and economic structures. The clear but unspoken message is simple: [redacted] must [redacted]

This construct is simplistically hung on a range of convenient hooks - Brexit, shifting demographics, projected census returns, threats to the Good Friday Agreement, through to [redacted] an indication of the manufactured nature of the arguments.

The cold, hard reality [redacted] which apparently holds little [redacted] FORG@littlejohn.ie / P MID 8 BDC q000RG

