

Swapping Connecticut for Greenland

Mr. Trump is right that America should acquire Greenland “For the purposes of National Security and Freedom throughout the world...” and I support him in this. But just throwing cash at Denmark has not so far convinced our ally to sell it. Besides, Greenland has had an autonomous government within the kingdom since 1979 and they don’t want the money either. What are Trump’s alternatives if the Danes remain obdurate?

Trump could potentially follow the lead of his mentor Putin and invade it- after all, we have a conveniently located strategic military base at Pituffik, and a hunting village with a population of 62 should be easier to defeat than Ukraine. But as a member of NATO, Greenland’s allies might object, and though nobody really cares about their whining, an annexation might carry unpleasant consequences. So I propose a friendly, legitimate solution that should make everyone happy: Trade blue Connecticut for Greenland.

Sure, calling ourselves Danes will feel awkward at first, and we will have to learn the language. But consider the benefits. Denmark is a safe, happy place. The people lead generally stressless lives. Education is free as is health care. Child care is excellent and there’s an allowance for all kids until they turn 18. According to the U.S. News and World Report, Denmark is the best country in the world for a child to grow up, seventeen places ahead of the United States. Families enjoy maternity benefits and abortion is legal. The beaches and wilderness areas are immaculate. There’s an excellent public transportation system and the well-maintained roads feature bicycle lanes. Denmark is a safe place to live: the crime rate is so low that the judiciary is out of practice. As a member of NATO, Connecticut’s borders would be protected from foreign aggression. And then there’s the handsome and popular monarch, Frederik X: 80% of all the Danes support him. I suppose they can accept a king who has only had one mistress as long as he remains a benevolent family man. He would bring comfort to many of us here as well.

Of course, the weather can sometimes be problematic, but I’m simply proposing a swap, not a relocation. We’re not going to transport the state to Denmark. They don’t have a lot large enough to drop us on.

Though this idea will instantly appeal to those among us considering moving to Canada (which I hope considers accepting our state as a province if my idea flops) or some other distant, welcoming clime, I encourage the hesitant to give it some serious consideration, especially given the possibilities the next few years portend. Hopefully, Trump and his crowd will want to get rid of us anyway.

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