

Kate and I affirm, Resolved: Spain should grant Catalonia it's independence

Our sole contention is what happens in Catalonia doesn't stay in Catalonia.

[Molly Hennessy-Fiske of the LA Times explains in 2017](#) that separatists have eagerly watched Catalan activists declare their independence in a crisis that threatens to fracture not just Spain, but the European Union. The decision by the parliament in Catalonia to declare independence last week has galvanized independence movements. She furthers that European leaders have reacted strongly and violently to the news. [President Trump](#) quickly agreed after learning about the events on Fox News, and held a joint press conference with Rajoy, the Prime Minister of Spain. He condemned the acts with just as much anxiety as the leaders of Europe did. Why would he do this if he had no personal stake in the matter?

The answer here is clear. Texas.

The Catalan independence movement has inspired Texan secessionists. [Lucia Benavides of Texas Monthly](#) explains that despite geographical and political differences, Texas separatists have been following the Catalan independence movement for years. The two regions have some similarities: Both are economic hubs, pride themselves on a deep-rooted identity, and have some citizens frustrated with the way their tax dollars are spent at the federal level. But the core issue isn't economics, it is sovereignty and self-determination.

A Tex-it (Texas-exit) is more likely today than ever before for four compelling reasons.

1. Current legislative momentum. [Mindy of PBS in 2017](#) reports that Last May, the Texas Nationalist Movement came within two votes of adding Texas independence language to the state's Republican platform.
2. National support. [Reuters furthers in 2014](#) that that nearly one in four Americans want their state to secede and that the desire was even higher in Texas.
3. The next generation. [Hawkins of the Washington Post in 2017](#) reports a secession bill won overwhelming support from the mock legislature in Texas Boys State, the American Legion's summer program where youth leaders create and run their own government. These future policy makers are already on it.
4. Russia. [Michel of Politico reports in 2015](#) that Russia has teamed up with Texan secession movements to attempt revenge on the US Government for its economic sanctions. This is especially important when considering that [CNN reports in 2017](#) that Russia has spread misinformation on the Catalan referendum, perhaps enough to push it over the edge into the success that it had in November. This becomes even more concerning when [Tanfani of the LATimes reports in 2017](#) that Russia had access to election systems in 21 states during the 2016 presidential election.

All this taken together leads [Madogre](#) to declare that secession today is more likely than ever before.

This is extremely beneficial to three communities.

1. Texas. [THC Staff of Texas Hill Country in 2016](#) explain that Texas, due to the natural resources of the land, it has more farms and ranches than any other U.S. state, and it also is responsible for producing 35 percent of the crude oil in the U.S. If Texas were independent it would bank about \$1.5 trillion per year, putting it between Australia and Spain in 13th place in terms of large economies. Additionally, because Texas has 25 military bases and the only nuclear assembly plant in the United States in its borders, these could be used to advantage should war become a real issue. Texas would do just fine without the rest of the United States.
2. Students. [Collins of the New York Review in 2012](#) explains that no matter where you live, if your children go to public schools, the textbooks they use were very possibly written under Texas influence. If we are free of these textbooks we are also free of evolution-denial and evangelical injections into the education system.
3. The United States. [Ashtari of the Huffington Post in 2013](#) explains that the United States would be far better off without pesky Texas in the way, dragging our international rankings down. Losing Texas would be losing dead weight, dead weight that includes the worst healthcare in the nation, strictest abortion laws, discriminatory voting laws, and a state called one of the worst for women.
4. The world. [Simmons of the Shorthorn confirms in 2012](#) that Texas seceding from the United States would essentially hand the government over to the Democratic party. This is important because [Henry of the Hill in 2017](#) confirms what we already knew, which is that Democrats really don't like climate change and will hopefully do something to stop it if only they were in power. This is super important, and needless to say the biggest impact in today's round, because [NASA](#) reports that climate change is really bad and we need to stop it. Climate change kills through drought, rising sea levels, extreme weather, and more. Just one more degree and we all die.