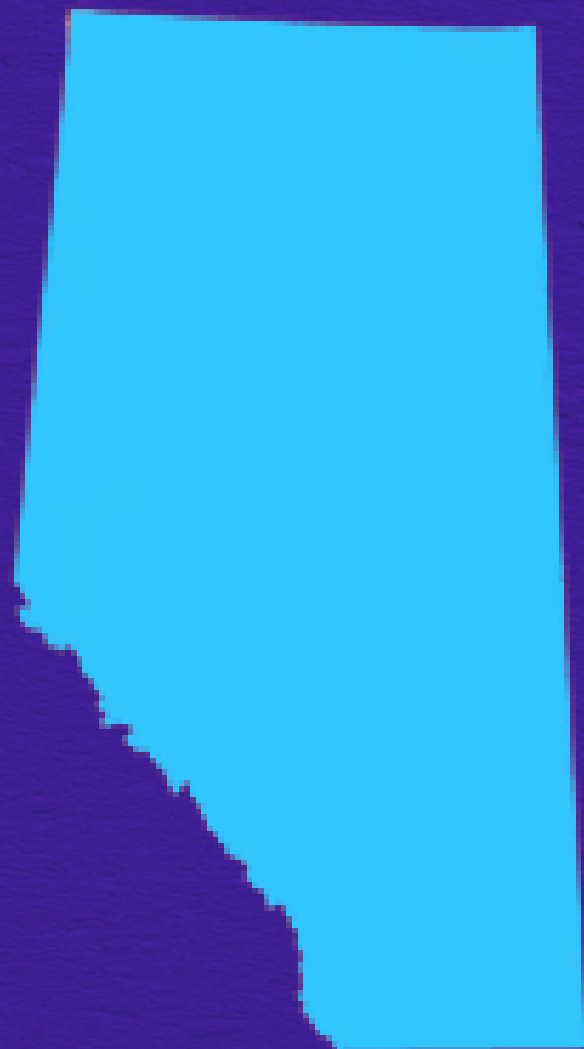


# The Donroe Doctrine





# Venezuela

- On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 the U.S carried out Operation Absolute Resolve, which concluded with the arrest and detainment of the Venezuelan President, Maduro, who is being charged for drug trafficking.
- The Operation followed a month of U.S Military buildup in the region and the seizure of Venezuelan oil tankers.
- It's not completely certain who is in charge of the country, with Trump saying the Vice President was complying with the U.S, but in public the V.P promised to fight back against America.
- Trump has said Venezuelan Oil, which is the largest stockpile in the world, will be open to U.S Oil companies, sparking some to believe the whole capture was for the Oil.





# Location of US Strikes in Venezuela

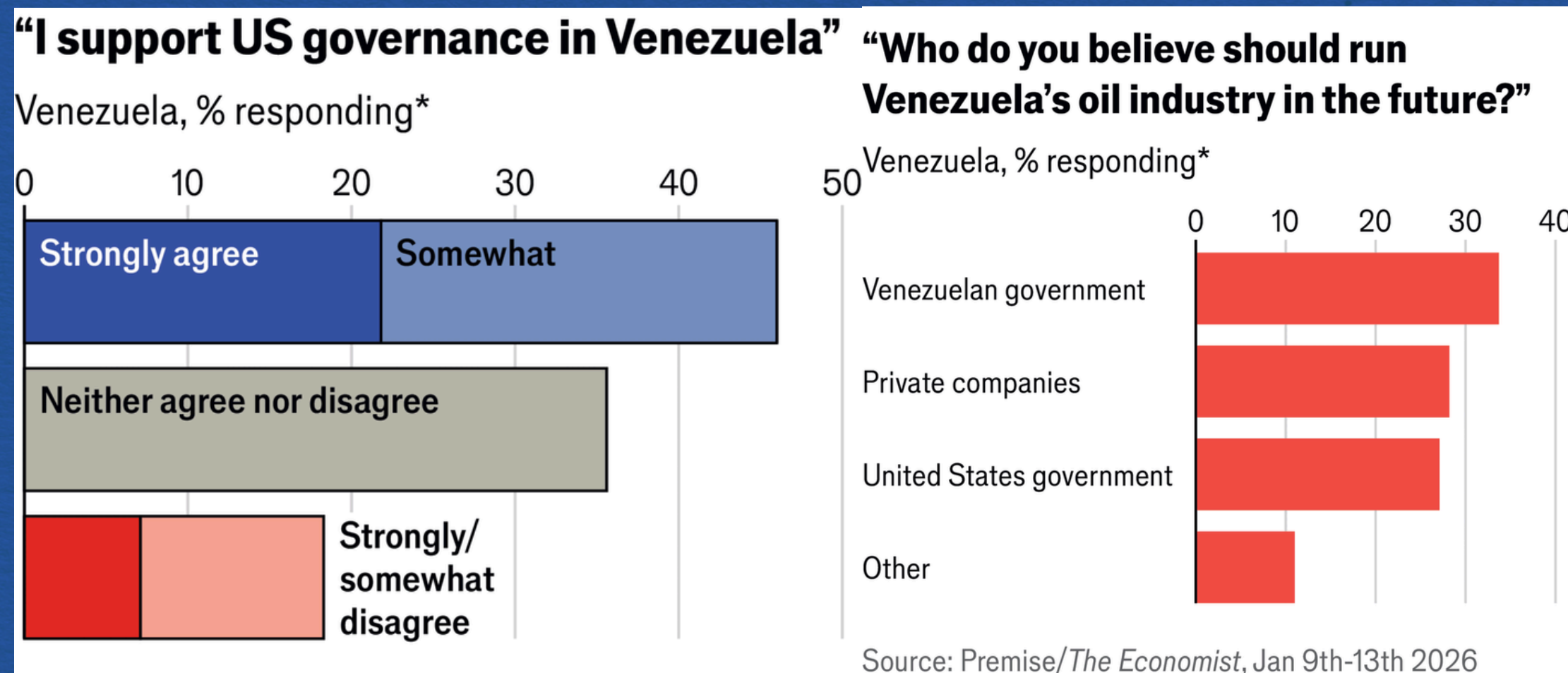
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# Venezuela Polling



- Democrat members of Congress have criticized Trump for not seeking approval from Congress for the “invasion”.
- Venezuelans have celebrated the action as an end to an autocratic dictatorship, and the arrival of freedom in the country.
- The military action that came as a surprise has sparked worries that Trump might intervene in other countries including in the current situation in Iran.



# Greenland

- Since his 2024 election Trump has expressed his desires to purchase Greenland from Denmark. In recent weeks, espically after Operation Absolute Resolve, those desires have escalated into threats of seizure.
  - Just Yesterday he threatned to impose 10% tarrifs on any country who opposes his control of Greenland.
- Greenland holds significant advantages for national security against Russia, who has been increasingly operating their military in the Artic.
- Under the 1951 Defense of Greenland Agreement, the U.S. can build and operate any military bases on the island the country desires.
- NATO members have spoken out against the threats, an action that has increased already mounting tension within the alliance.





◆ NATO Arctic bases    ◆ Russian Arctic bases    ○ Early warning system



## Historic American military presence in Greenland

- ◆ Airport/air base
- Radar/radio station
- Weather station
- △ Research station
- Marine station

Pituffik Space Base  
(Only current base)

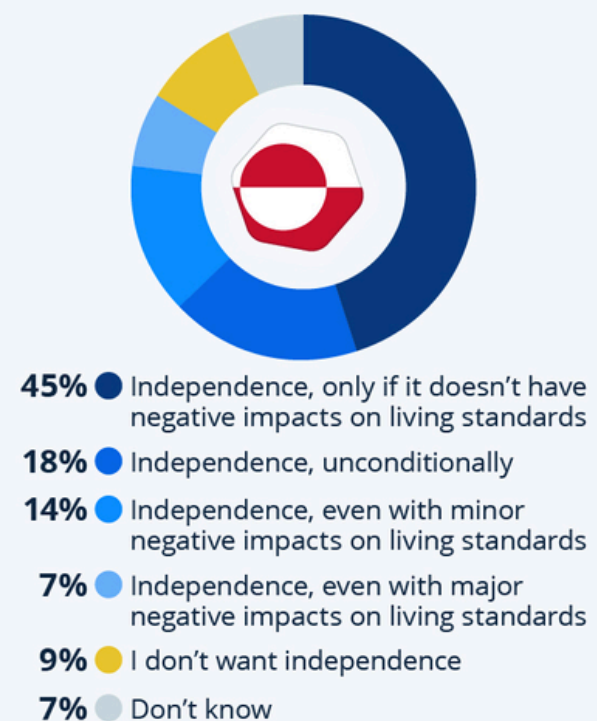
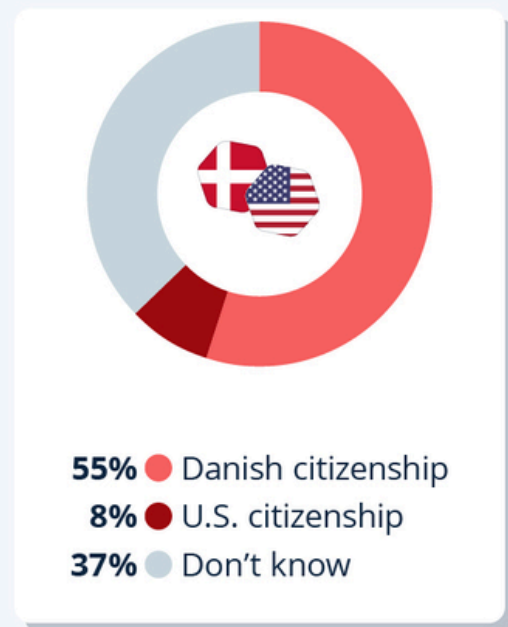




# Greenland Polling

## Greenlanders Prefer Denmark to the U.S. But Want Independence

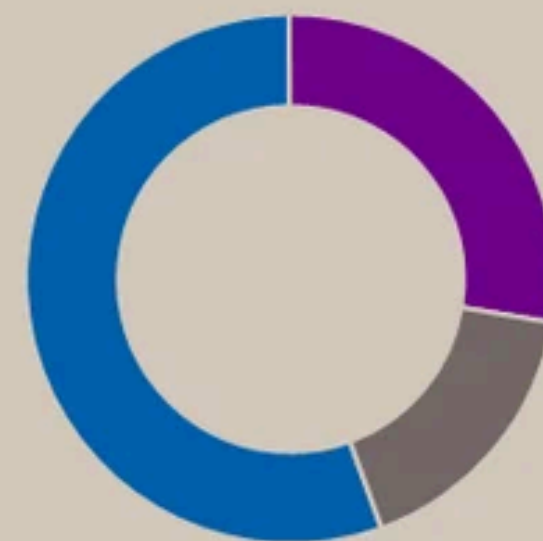
Share of Greenlanders who would want the following options



"If a referendum were held today on Greenland's independence, would you vote yes or no to Greenland becoming an independent state?"

The Greenlanders answer:

**56%**  
Yes  
Aap



"Kalaallit Nunaata naalagaaffinngornissaanut ullumi taasititsisoqaraluarpat qanoq taasissagaluarpit?"

**28%**  
No  
Naagga

**17%**  
Don't know  
Naluara

- American statements have increased desires for Greenland's independence from Denmark, as the island operates as a semi-independent region under the Danish crown.



# Alberta Facts



- Alberta, a region of Canada which has historically been a conservative stronghold, has been expressing desires, internally, to seek independence from Canada.
- Many in Alberta express a sense of betrayal from Ottawa over energy policies that have harmed the province's natural oil and mineral resources.
  - This also extends to environmental regulation which means that oil is either heavily taxed or regulated by the federal Canadian government.
- Canada has leaned more liberal, espically with the election of Mark Carney, which Albertans see as a lack of representation.
- A citizen-led vote to seek independence has gained traction with some questioning if the province should join the USA.







# Alberta Polling

News

## POLL: 45 % of Albertans back independence



Alberta Independence Chart



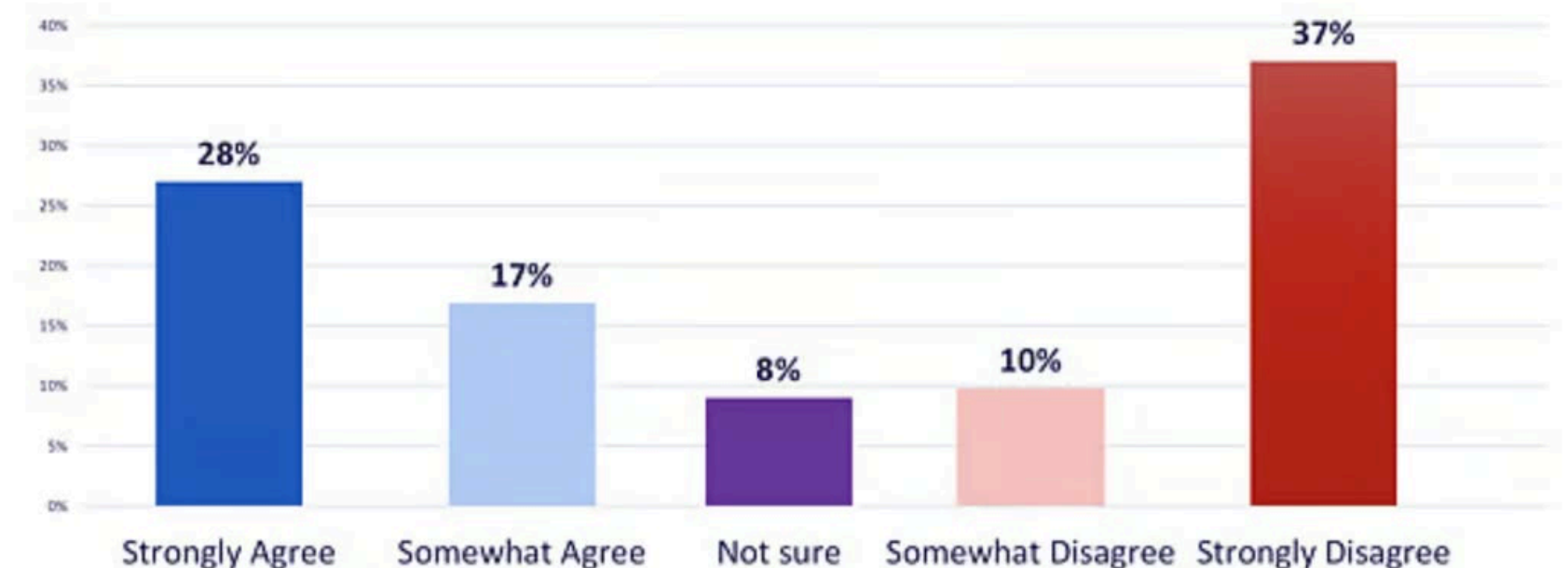
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Alberta

## Slim minority of Albertans would stay in Canada, poll shows



This poll is a **little** dubious in terms of sourcing. Many cite the numbers as much lower, especially the likelihood.



# **Venezuela Questions**

Was Donald Trump right to capture Maduro?

What should America do with Venezuela now?

Should the Venezuelan opposition be in charge now, or the current VP?

Who should control Venezuelan oil?

Is this good for Trump and the Republicans, electorally and strategically?



# **Greenland Questions**

Is there a way for America to control Greenland without direct war with NATO?

Should America enter into a war with Denmark and NATO to take Greenland? Or withdraw from the alliance?

Should we make Greenland a territory, like Guam or Puerto Rico are?

Are Russia or China credible threats to American control of the North Atlantic and Arctic regions?



# **Alberta Questions**

If Alberta were to vote to leave Canada is it in their best interest to join the United States?

Should other Canadian provinces reconsider their participation in Canada, too?

Would Canada ever realistically fall apart and join the US in pieces?

For what reasons is control of Canada strategically useful?





THE BIG STICK IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA



# **Manzur Feedback**

Do you have any feedback about last week's speaker visit?

What kinds of visitors would you like to see come to EPU in the future?

How can we make speaker visits better?

Did you like the format of the visit?