

Citizen Op-Ed: Greenland, Our Shared History, and a Call to Reason

To our friends, the citizens of the United States,

We, European citizens, are reaching out to you today with both concern and hope—hope that our shared voice can rise above the rhetoric of division. Our nations have a long, proud history together. Side by side, we built a new world order after the devastation of two world wars, one based on peace, cooperation, and respect for the sovereignty of all peoples. These principles, enshrined in the UN Charter and international law, are the bedrock of our alliance and our friendship.

Yet today, these very principles are being undermined by repeated statements from the highest office in your country. The President of the United States has openly discussed the possibility of the U.S. acquiring or annexing Greenland, an autonomous territory within the Kingdom of Denmark since 1979. This proposal, framed as a matter of national security, blatantly disregards the fundamental right of peoples to self-determination—a right our continents have always championed together.

Why Annexation?

There is no credible security threat to the United States that would justify such a move. Greenland is part of the Kingdom of Denmark, a loyal NATO ally. Its security is already guaranteed by the alliance. So what's really at stake? The answer lies beneath Greenland's surface: rare earth minerals and other natural resources. But can we really sacrifice our shared values for economic gain?

Our Response: A Clear and Unequivocal “No Deal”

The member states of the European Union—and European citizens—stand firmly opposed to this project. We cannot accept that a historic ally, a partner with whom we have built peace and prosperity, would undermine the international order we created together. The people of Greenland have made their opposition clear. Their voices must be heard.

A Call for Joint Action

Today, we, European citizens, are launching a symbolic but powerful initiative: sending postcards of support to the people of Greenland from across Europe—and, we hope, from across the United States. Each postcard will carry a message of solidarity, a reminder that our peoples, not just our governments, are the true guardians of our shared values.

We invite you, American citizens, to join us. Show your leaders that the bond between our peoples is stronger than strategic calculations. Send a postcard, spread the word, and make your voice heard. Together, we can reaffirm that democracy, respect for all peoples, and international cooperation are the true foundations of our security and prosperity.

The strength of our alliance lies in our ability to stand up for what unites us.

Signed: A collective of European citizens