

'Not for sale', How Greenland and Denmark are reacting to Trump's apparent interest

President Donald Trump faced a fierce European backlash to his reported interest in acquiring **Greenland** from Denmark, as some lawmakers compared the idea to **colonialism** on Friday while officials on the island said they welcome investment but not a new owner.

Greenland 格陵兰

colonialism 殖民主义

Trump's interest in acquiring the massive island — technically located in North America but culturally and politically also tied to Europe — was first reported by the Wall Street Journal on Thursday evening.

In Denmark, which counts the autonomous Greenland as part of its territory, the reaction to Trump's apparent interest in the strategically located island was far less diplomatic with some politicians **characterizing** the idea as a joke. **Danish** politicians from across the spectrum reacted with **bewilderment**, **ridicule** and **outright** anger over what they perceived to be a deeply inappropriate suggestion.

characterize 描述...的特性; 具有...的特征 Danish 丹麦的

bewilderment 困惑; 迷乱

ridicule 嘲笑; 讥讽

outright 完全的; 彻底的

Greenland has long been of interest to past American administrations because of its location between the Arctic and the **Atlantic** Oceans, where Russia is increasingly active militarily.

Atlantic 大西洋

Trump is not the first U.S. president to consider such an offer — the **Truman** administration reportedly offered Denmark \$100 million for Greenland's purchase after World War II. Still, **Danes** appeared shocked on Friday that the same suggestion could still come up in 2019.

Truman 杜鲁门

Dane 丹麦人

The idea has touched a nerve in Greenland, which has long sought complete independence. Denmark has ruled the island for nearly three hundred years, although it granted Greenland a degree of autonomy in 1979 and complete self-governance in 2009. Still *Copenhagen* maintains control over defense and foreign affairs.

Copenhagen 哥本哈根