

UK Breakup on the Table; Merz CDU Collapse

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland just signed a declaration pushing for secession from the United Kingdom. Alexander breaks down why Northern Ireland looks closest to actually leaving while Wales still has a long way to go. In this episode we unpack the odd contradiction of parties demanding sovereignty from London only to hand it straight to Brussels, plus why Germany's CDU may be about to abandon Friedrich Merz. Is the United Kingdom quietly starting to come apart? The Duran: Episode 2626 00:00:00 Scotland Wales and Northern Ireland sign secession declaration 00:01:01 Mercouris calls it mostly a media PR stunt for now 00:01:28 Why Northern Ireland is likely to join the Republic of Ireland 00:03:29 Scotland and Wales are on very different timelines toward independence 00:04:28 Economic decline and rising English nationalism as wildcards 00:05:38 The contradiction of leaving the UK just to join the EU 00:06:23 Wales voted leave in Brexit and Brussels remains unpopular there 00:08:45 Scotland's independence debate and whether it would stay in the EU 00:10:21 Could Scotland Norway and Iceland form their own outside bloc 00:10:41 Friedrich Merz and the CDU collapse in Mecklenburg Vorpommern ***THE DURAN SHOP***

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#Alex

All right, Alexander, last week we had a meeting in Wales between the first ministers of Scotland, of Wales, and of Northern Ireland, and they signed some sort of declaration or document where they are saying that it's time to secede, to get out of the United Kingdom. What is going on here? How serious is this situation? It's the first ministers?

#Alexander

Yeah.

#Alex

That's important, I imagine. But does this document carry weight? Is the UK Parliament, are they going to look at this and are they going to be worried about what this means? Or are they just going to simply ignore this? Is this a media PR stunt from the first ministers?

#Alexander

I think mostly it is, at this time, a media PR stunt. I mean, all three of these places—Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland—have nationalist governments. Scotland is led by the SNP, Wales is led by Plaid Cymru, which is the Welsh nationalist party, which also wants independence for Wales, and Northern Ireland, the government there is now led by Sinn Féin. So, you know, they're all nationalist parties. They're all very different. Each of these places is very different from each other. Northern Ireland, I am absolutely sure, as Donald Trump is, but I'm absolutely sure Northern Ireland is going to become part of the Republic of Ireland relatively soon. I've been saying this for some time now, but I'm convinced it's going to happen.

I think the drift of events in that direction is irresistible. If we're talking about Northern Ireland, in some ways, the fact that it remained part of the United Kingdom when the rest of Ireland seceded in 1922, after a very bitter independence war, by the way, was always something of an anomaly. It was basically the result of Britain's sense of obligation to the Protestants, the Protestant population who lived in Northern Ireland, and Britain's concern to retain control of certain very important military industries, shipyards and that, that were there in Northern Ireland. But with every year that passes, the importance of that diminishes, and the sentiment in Northern Ireland gradually changes. And though, you know, we're not quite at that point yet, I think Northern Ireland definitely is going to leave the United Kingdom and is going to join Ireland.

And I think when that happens, people in England will take it in their stride. I don't think they think of Northern Ireland as fully part of the United Kingdom anyway. A hard thing to say, by the way, to some of the Protestant people in Northern Ireland. But that, I think, is the case. Scotland is some distance yet from that point, but it has, over the last 20 years, moved further in the direction of independence. Wales, I think, still has a long way to go. Wales has been joined to England much longer than Scotland has been. Wales came under the English crown way back in the 14th century. So it's going to take a very long time for Wales to completely disengage from England. And there are still lots of people in Wales who would oppose outright secession, in my opinion.

So even there, sentiment is changing. So at the moment, I think it's mostly PR. I don't think we're going to have any immediate move in that direction. I think that London is going to oppose it. Andy Burnham has dithered over this issue, but I think overwhelmingly London is going to oppose it. And I don't think it's going to happen this year or next year. But things in Britain generally are getting

worse. The economy is going down. There is a rise in England itself of English nationalism, which is an underestimated factor in all this. You know, in a year's time, two years' time, we could have this conversation again, and I would give a different answer. I mean, it's an event that is now on the time horizon, even if it's not going to happen very soon.

#Alex

The weird part about the document that they put out there is that they talk about their intentions afterwards, once they leave the United Kingdom, to join the European Union. I mean, okay, Northern Ireland becoming part of Ireland would automatically put them into the European Union, but Scotland and Wales are talking about leaving the UK in order to gain sovereignty and then immediately losing that sovereignty to Ursula in Brussels?

#Alexander

Well, indeed, absolutely.

#Alex

What kind of warped, weird logic is that?

#Alexander

Well, exactly.

#Alex

Why would you want to do that?

#Alexander

This is where we come back to it.

#Alex

Better to remain independent if that's the case. You want your sovereignty intact, so keep it.

#Alexander

Yes. Well, and this is where it becomes very interesting because, of course, Scotland in the Brexit referendum in 2016 voted Remain, but Wales voted Leave. So, you know, you can already begin to

see the difference. Some areas of Wales voted Leave by overwhelming margins. So people in Wales especially might say to themselves, well, if the choice is between London and Brussels, we might as well stick with London. So... what if the choice was independence, London, or...

#Alex

Or Brussels, what would the choice be?

#Alexander

Well, I think there would be more support, a lot more support, for independence in Wales than there would be for joining the EU. I'm still not sure that it would be majority support, just to say. But it might come. I think joining the EU is an all-but-impossible sell in Wales. And I think a commitment to join the EU from Plaid Cymru, which, by the way, has always been a pro-EU party, it's one of the factors that's worked against it, by the way, in Wales in the past.

It's the reason... one of the reasons Plaid Cymru won the recent elections in Wales was because of the huge anger in Wales against the Labour Party, which has previously and historically dominated politics in Wales. I mean, when that happened, when Plaid Cymru won the election in Wales, Keir Starmer was still Prime Minister, and there was, you know, the great anger against him and all of that. But I can easily see how, you know, if it seems to people in Wales that Plaid Cymru is a pro-EU party, people who up to then have said, well, you know, let's think about this independence thing, well, no, no, no. Thank you, no. Brussels is not popular in Wales at this time.

#Alex

And Scotland? Scotland... If it was a choice between independence, sovereignty, UK or the EU, which one would you choose?

#Alexander

You know, this is... At the moment, as I said, in 2016, Scotland voted quite heavily for Remain. But Reform has been actually growing in Scotland. So it may be that the mood there is shifting too. And I'm going to say something else. The Scottish National Party is not particularly popular in Scotland. One of the reasons it still is the government in Scotland is because the Labour Party and the Conservative Party are now so unpopular. And then people said, well, if the choice has to be between the SNP and those two, we're going to stick with the SNP. But Scottish politics are more complicated than people think. I think that there is a gradual shift towards independence in Scotland. I think there is a gradual increase in anti-EU sentiment in Scotland, too.

I suspect that, for the moment, pro-EU sentiment is stronger in Scotland than anti-EU sentiment, for all sorts of historic reasons I'm not going to discuss here. But anyway, I can imagine Scottish

secession happening in the next few years more easily than I can imagine Welsh secession. When that does happen, then there could be an interesting debate about whether Scotland really does want to join the EU, or whether it prefers to go the way of Norway and Iceland and remain outside. By the way, Norway and Scotland have had very close historic connections with each other. So, you know, those three—Scotland, Norway, and Iceland—could potentially form an interesting group together if they all chose to stay outside the EU. But anyway, we will see.

#Alex

Oh, they would be better off.

#Alexander

They would definitely be better off.

#Alex

All right, since we're talking about the EU, very quickly, what's happening with Merz? It's like the CDU wants him gone.

#Alexander

I think they do, actually. I mean, we're now getting more polling results from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, which is the state on the Baltic in East Germany where there are elections coming. The CDU has fallen to 7% there. There is some... I don't quite believe this myself, but some are saying that it might fall below 5%, in which case it would not get a seat in the local parliament. I mean, that would be stunning for the core party of the German Federal Republic. I mean, it's almost unthinkable. But a 7% vote, or even one slightly higher, is still catastrophic. And I think that the way Merz has behaved since the result in Sachsen-Anhalt has really strengthened feelings about him. I mean, he's come across as very angry, very, you know, difficult.

He's saying he's not going to shift his policies by one centimetre, even those policies that have made him the most unpopular chancellor, probably in German history, and the CDU, which has been pulled down by him. There have been many people within the CDU who've never been enthusiastic about him in the first place. I think they're going to say to themselves, "This man must go." So if the results in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern are as bad as it's likely they're going to turn out to be, then I think there's a very good chance that Merz will be gone within the next few weeks. And yes, it's complicated in theory to remove a chancellor in Germany, but the thing about politics is that what looks complicated suddenly, when the need comes, the imperative happens, becomes very simple.

#Alex

Time for him to go.

#Alexander

All right. We'll end it there.

#Alex

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