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Greenland: What's the President's Real Motive?

The latest threat to America's staunchest allies: the current President's declaration of a 10 percent tariff to be imposed on Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, Britain, the Netherlands and Finland, to be raised to 25 percent on June 1 and maintained "until such time as a Deal is reached for the Complete and Total purchase of Greenland [by America]." And then we learn that the President sees his latest bullying threat, where a military intervention is not to be ruled out, as his retaliation for not receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, for which he had openly and shamelessly campaigned!

Why is the President doing this? He's completely unhinged! It cannot be for national security reasons, as the President claims. As has been repeated over and over again by interested parties, the United States already has a treaty with Greenland and Denmark permitting it to interpose its military presence in the island nation as necessary for defensive purposes. Of course, the President has wide latitude in his actions whenever he can legitimately invoke 'national security' as his rationale. We've seen him attempt to do so time and again, with such absurd claims (rejected by the courts) that offshore wind energy installations interfere with communications essential for national defense. This claim was put forward once other rationales had already been shot down by the courts (although some remain under appeal). The fact that it is a simple matter to 'clean' any interference from communication signals caused by the operation of windmills is dismissed by the President's lackeys. So if his real reason for his insistence on "taking Greenland" is not national security, what is it?

One rationale that has been proffered is to obtain sovereign rights to the rare Earth metals needed for numerous modern-day electronics. It's true that, despite efforts to begin mining these minerals in North Carolina and Nevada, where large deposits are believed to be located, such mining activities are costly and

carry environmental concerns (not that the latter would deter this President). But these potential sources may be inadequate to meet current demands, and beyond China, the world's largest producer of these minerals, the President has already sullied relations with other potential suppliers, such as Australia and Canada. So, even though agreements could be reached on mining rare Earth metals in Greenland using American technology and know-how, this argument nonetheless seems to have some validity as being his real (if misguided) motive.

However, there appear to be two other reasons for the bizarre demand that Greenland should become a part of the United States of America. The first is the current President's self-professed authoritarian obsession. He says he is constrained by nothing more than "his own morality"—which comes from the mouth of a convicted fraud, a convicted sex offender, a convicted felon, and a compulsive liar. He simply wants to be untethered by tradition or international agreements, or even by law. His recent attempt to exert control over the Federal Reserve (in direct conflict with the Federal Reserve Act) is one such example, or his continuing imposition of a what amounts to a national police force into Democratically run cities (many of these interventions once again rejected by the courts, in these cases, ruled to be violations the US Constitution). As this obsession relates to Greenland, in the wake of the Administration's withdrawal from 66 other international treaties and organizations designed for multilateral cooperation in the areas of health, the environment, and mutual defense, it's easy to perceive the recent bullying leading as a ruse, designed to achieve a long-sought goal of this President. Withdrawal from NATO.

And finally, there is perhaps the most heartfelt of this man's desires: territorial ambitions. He's vocalized it before with reference to his ludicrous claim that Canada should become the 51st state or his threat (again based on a faux claim of 'national security') of a military takeover of the Panama Canal. He has made his narcissism clear, as he revels in appending his name to whatever strikes his fancy (the Kennedy Center, the 'Peace Institute', the 'Gold Emigration Card', etc.) Perhaps, Green-

land would acquire a new name too, if his threat is carried out.
But I doubt that it would retain anything 'green' in the name.
Perhaps T_____land! ... I can't even bring myself to say it!

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