

# Current Affairs:



## "Yes California" By Musafir

The Yes California Independence Campaign is promoting a referendum for the secession of California from the United States of America. It proposes a referendum in 2019 on this issue. This movement is also known as Calexit. No one is sure yet, if the proposal for the secession will make to the ballot box in 2019, but the idea is gaining steam for sure, especially among the liberal elites and academia.

The last time a state seceded from the US, it was in the 1860s and a civil war broke out. The civil war lasted four years causing 620,000 deaths (two percent of the American population). Family members fought against each other directly. Brothers killed brothers and friends killed friends. Therefore, we should let California secede from the union peacefully to avoid history from repeating itself. I don't want my children and grandchildren to perish in such a senseless war.

The separatists live by different rules than the rest of the world. They want a borderless country where one has to accede to their ideals or live like an alien. They don't believe in freedom of expression either. Open opposition to their beliefs is met by violent protests, beating in public or death. This is already happening to conservatives from eastern part of the state. I don't want a forced conformation. So I'll be better off without them.

Secession has other advantages too for the remaining of the U.S.

- During the transition from statehood to nationhood, California will agree to assume its share of the U.S. national debt on a per capita basis. This will reduce the national debt by nearly \$2.4 trillion for the United States.
- The U.S. will not be obligated to pay Social Security and Medicare benefits to the citizens of California.
- The U.S. won't have to worry about uncontrolled and illegal immigration since California will be their safe haven.
- California's unfunded pension liability is closer to \$1 trillion. California will not come to Washington hat-in-hand looking to be bailed out of their unsustainable pension costs
- We will be spared from on-going internal fights between the very rich (liberal elites) and very poor (people of Mexican origin), between western and eastern Californians and between northern and southern Californians each wanting to form separate nations.

"I don't care what you say anymore, this is my life

Go ahead with your own life and leave me alone" –Billy Joel.

