

PRO & CONS – AUTONOMY

Arguments and dismissed criticism

| TOP 10 PRO-AUTONOMY ARGUMENTS | TOP 10 ANTI-AUTONOMY BLUFFS |
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| Sustainable and in line with international law | Not sustainable. Albanians wouldn't settle for anything less than independence, regardless of international law |
| Kosovo Albanians would get full control of their daily lives, except in certain matters of international representation | Impossible economic (Taiwan? Catalonia?) or political (Aland Islands?) progress without independence |
| Kosovo Serbs and other non-Albanians would enjoy wide-scale decentralization | Autonomy is a hidden plan for the secession of Kosovo Serbs from Kosovo |
| Serbia will not have its borders changed and its historical cradle amputated; it could finally focus on future and reforms | Serbia should stop looking up to its past; it could handle reforms much more easily without Kosovo |
| Macedonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina will receive guarantees that changes of borders in the Balkans are no longer tolerated | Only an independent Kosovo can guarantee regional stability |
| European Union will obtain regional stability and take fully in charge the European perspective for Kosovo | Kosovo can bypass Serbia on the road to the EU |
| United States would be able to finally disengage their troops from Kosovo | US will never back down from the publicly stated commitment to independence |
| China, Russia, Spain, India, Moldova, Georgia and many other countries facing separatism would appreciate not having to deal with a dangerous precedent. | Kosovo is more "unique" than any other independence-seeking minority issue in the world |
| The UN will have the basis of international law system respected | R.I.P. UN |
| Multiethnicity would finally win. Human and minority rights will be respected, 200.000+ non-Albanian IDPs could return | All would be best in the best of possible worlds... but only in case of independence |