



If Biden and Democrats Prevail, Puerto Rico Could Become 51st State

Is the United States only one state away from irretrievably falling into socialism?

Puerto Ricans voted last week to become the 51st state in the Union, although the decision of whether or not to admit what is currently a U.S. territory is ultimately up to Congress.

"In response to the ballot question 'Should Puerto Rico be admitted immediately into the union as a state?,' 52% of voters said yes, while 48% said no," according to Bay News 9.

This was the sixth time the island's residents expressed their voice on the matter. Puerto Ricans supported statehood in 2012 and 2017, but opponents of the movement dismissed the latter year's results due to low voter turnout and the wording of the ballot question.



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Bay News 9 noted:

The Constitution gives Congress the right to grant statehood, but it does not establish a process for doing so. Typically, Congress requires the territory's residents to pass a referendum — as Puerto Rico did this week — then representatives from the territory petition Congress for statehood. The Senate and House would need to approve the request and the president would have to sign it....

One major obstacle toward statehood is the impact the island might have on the country's political dynamics. Most Puerto Ricans who have moved to the U.S. mainland have historically voted Democratic, fueling Republican fears that statehood would lead to as many as seven new left-leaning lawmakers in Washington — and seven electoral votes that are likely to go blue. Some on the island, however, have argued they believe it would be a swing state.

Proponents of making a state out of Puerto Rico, however, hope the recent vote will give their movement "increased leverage."

"They can use that as a way to urge and nudge Congress to act," said Carlos Vargas-Ramos, director of public policy at the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College.

Like many Republicans, President Trump opposes Puerto Rican statehood. However, the territory's



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governor, Wanda Vázquez Garced, endorsed him for reelection and encouraged Puerto Ricans living in the United States (Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens but must reside in a state in order to vote in American elections) to vote for him.

They have to go to vote, exercise their right to vote and evaluate who has represented being a person who thinks about Puerto Ricans and their needs at the most difficult moment: It is Donald Trump," she said.

There are a number of reasons why admitting Puerto Rico to the Union would be devastating. Beyond the fact that it would electorally favor the socialist Left (even if it were a swing state as some argue, its left-leaning nature would cause Republican candidates to shift their platforms further to the left in order to appeal to the island), Puerto Rican statehood would place an onerous financial burden on the rest of America.

Puerto Rico runs up <u>debt and deficits</u>. It has essentially become America's Greece. If it became a state, the rest of America would find themselves continually bailing the island out.

Moreover, Puerto Rico is predominantly a Spanish-speaking nation. Its status as a state would turn the U.S. into a bilingual country, further weakening national unity and sense of shared American identity. This is precisely what the globalists want so that they can erode American autonomy and sovereignty in general, thereby making it easier to destroy the nation's borders and pave the way for regionalization and then globalization — the ultimate aim being a one-world government.

While it's Congress that must decide the issue of Puerto Rican statehood, it's possible Democrats see an opening to do so in the near future if Joe Biden becomes president. And the media already crowned the Democrat president-elect even though no states have yet to certify a winner, several states are still counting votes, and recounts and legal challenges by the Trump administration are in the works to counter what appears to be mass voter fraud.

Should Democrats ultimately prevail in not only the presidential race but in flipping the Senate, there's a strong possibility they will push for Puerto Rican statehood, as well as <u>statehood for Washington</u>, <u>D.C.</u> That, plus Joe Biden's amnesty plans and Democrats' desire to pack the Supreme Court, would make it likely that Republicans, at least conservative Republicans, would never win a presidential race again if the alleged voter fraud is not confronted and stopped now.





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