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Trump punished the UK for its drift towards the EU by questioning its territorial claims.

Details. During his weekend visit to Dublin, US President Donald Trump [undermined](#) the UK's territorial claims by saying he would "love to see" a united Ireland, and rather than walking back the remarks, he spent the second day of his trip doubling [down](#) on unification. This triggered a [pushback](#) from both Downing Street and pro-British unionists, and confused support from the pro-unification and anti-Trump Irish republicans.

► This follows Trump's August threat to officially [reconsider](#) Washington's stance on the Falkland Islands. Casting himself as a [peacemaker](#), he offered to step in and settle the dispute, while openly doubting whether Britain still has the will to [fight](#) to defend the territory should Argentina invade.

► These attacks cap a year of Trump relentlessly [criticizing](#) the UK over its domestic immigration policies, [warning](#) the country is being "ruined," alongside its refusal to aggressively [escalate](#) the Strait of Hormuz closure, which he publicly [blamed](#) on "non-responsive" allies. On both issues, the UK shares the exact same positions as most EU nations.

Context. Under Keir Starmer, the UK attempted to hold a middle position between the EU and the US, yet still absorbed heavy [tariffs](#) and political insults from Trump. While Starmer showed early signs of shifting closer to Europe, current Prime Minister Andy Burnham has pushed even [harder](#), at least in [rhetoric](#), for rapidly aligning with the bloc.

► Trump's push for a united Ireland coincides with a deeply volatile moment for British stability. After all three nationalist parties recently won [elections](#) to lead their respective governments, leaders from Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales [met](#) in Cardiff to formally coordinate breaking up the UK.

► Simultaneously, Argentina has sharply intensified its rhetoric claiming ownership of the Falklands. Under the right-populist President Javier Milei, Argentina has positioned itself as a close Trump ally, actively [exploiting](#) the diplomatic friction between London and Washington.

► Currently, British capitalism is fundamentally dependent on American imperialism, being Britain's largest trading [partner](#), leaving the UK with no choice but to rubber-stamp Washington's agenda. This subservience is repeatedly demonstrated through its concrete actions, such as London opening military [bases](#) for strikes on Iran, raising NATO defense [spending](#), and authorizing North Sea oil [drilling](#).