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CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE



A declaration of independence is an assertion of independence by an aspiring state from part or all of the territory of another nation, or breakaway territories from within the larger state. Not all declarations successfully result in independence. Declarations of independence are typically made without the consent of the parent state, and are sometimes called **unilateral** declarations of independence, particularly by those who question its validity. In many cases independence is achieved without a declaration of independence but instead occurs by **bilateral** agreement. An example of this is the independence of pieces of the British Empire, most parts of which achieved independence through negotiation and legislation by the *United Kingdom* and its Parliament. *Australia* and *Canada*, for example, achieved full independence through this process. On the other hand, regions often achieve **de facto** independence, but do not declare independence. Notable examples include *Taiwan*, which *China* has threatened to invade should it officially declare independence. *Iraqi Kurdistan* was de facto independent from the central *Iraqi* government between the Persian Gulf War and the Iraq War, but did not declare statehood fearing loss of international support. Such regions often refer to themselves as autonomous regions, with or without the assent of the central government.

**With the Declaration of Arbroath (Scotland)
from the Kingdom of England in 1320,
to the Kosovo Declaration of Independence
from Serbia in 2008,
there have been sixty-eight
Declarations of Independence.**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Declaration_of_independence

The
United States
of America
declared
independence
from
Great Britain
July 4, 1776.



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