

# World divided over independent Kosovo

While the U.S. and the European Union's biggest powers quickly recognized Kosovo as an independent nation, the countries that strongly opposed letting the territory break away from Serbia are in large part those that face their own secessionist movements



## Countries that recognize Kosovo

**EU:** Austria, Britain, France, Germany, Italy – 16 other EU states expected to endorse independence

**Others:** Australia, United States, Norway, Turkey, Albania, Afghanistan

## Undecided countries

**Canada:** Concerned about its own *Quebec* separatist movement

**Georgia:** Resisting calls for independence from breakaway regions of *Abkhazia* and *South Ossetia*

## Countries that oppose an independent Kosovo

**Serbia:** Territory considered sovereign

**Russia:** Separatists in *Chechnya* and other restive republics in Caucasus region agitating for independence

**China:** Has long fought nationalist movements in *Tibet* and *Taiwan*

**Indonesia:** Has independence movements in *Aceh* and *Papua*

**Spain:** Faces *Basque* separatists

**Greece, Cyprus:** Kosovo could set precedent for *Turkish-occupied northern Cyprus*

**Romania:** Worried by response from pro-Russian separatists in *Moldova*

**Slovakia:** Faces ethnic tensions with its own sizeable *Hungarian minority*