

Lack of visions

Throughout history there are people who dare to take an initiative and who dare to fight for a cause. They are easy to identify, even though only very few people in each generation can be classified in this category.

In Greenland, no one is in the category of that kind of visionary people. An election to the parliament has been started. It is a struggle for personal power and for personal gain. But no visions. The struggle for autonomy is the main theme of the election, but only a make-believe kind. It seems like populism, when a politician stands on the podium and demands independence without telling, how this autonomy can be achieved.

But the development of Greenland cannot be analysed as an isolated phenomenon. Many external factors are involved, and in Denmark and other countries, relevant powers are also lacking in vision. No one dares to take an initiative, and no one is struggling for a new cause when it comes to the future development in cooperation with Greenland.

Often the discussion is about whether Greenland

remains a colony under the Danish kingdom or not. The concept of colony is an ambiguous concept. But a society whose economy is profoundly dependent on block grants from another country and does not have an autonomous foreign and security policy is in a situation of dependence that can resemble what we normally regard as a colony.

Greenland needs a new economy to achieve autonomy. For the 56,000 inhabitants the natural resources on the world's largest island can form the basis. But so far, it has not been realised. New possibilities must therefore be considered.

Greenland has an important resource: A unique, wonderfully beautiful nature. Hopefully it can be preserved in the future for our descendants. But why not engage in dialogue on the fact that Greenland can be developed into a vast nature conservation and research area, which the international community, together with the Greenlandic society, is cooperating to achieve financially, while the Greenlanders are given a new basis to pursue their dreams of autonomy?



*Near Narsarsuaq,
South Greenland, March 2018*