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Texas Governor Rick Perry suggested after a tax day tea party rally that his state [might consider seceding from the union](#).

"We've got a great union," Perry said. "There's absolutely no reason to dissolve it. But if Washington continues to thumb their nose at the American people, you know, who knows what might come out of that. But Texas is a very unique place, and we're a pretty independent lot to boot."

Texas Democrats ripped the governor for his secession talk, calling it "anti-American."

Unfortunately for Perry's detractors, the U.S. Department of State (until Friday morning) was with the governor on this one. On its [website listing of 16 foreign countries visited](#) by Secretary Hillary Clinton, State had Texas right there between Turkey and Switzerland.

State scrubbed the Texas listing, but [the Huffington Post has a screen grab](#).

There was nothing particularly international about Clinton's March 27 Texas visit: She [appeared at the Dallas Women's Museum](#) with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Tex.) and [accepted an award](#) from Planned Parenthood in Houston.

Far from thumbing its nose, Washington seems to be giving Perry a thumbs-up. Too bad his constituents give the whole secession idea a big thumbs-down; 75 percent of Texans would prefer to remain part of these United States of America, according to a survey. The Huffington Post is conducting a quick poll of its own -- [click here to vote on whether Texas should secede!](#)

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