



Falkland Islands Dispute Resurfaces at FIFA World Cup 2026

The **Falkland Islands** sovereignty dispute resurfaced during **Argentina's celebrations** after reaching the **2026 FIFA World Cup final**, when players displayed a banner stating **"The Falkland Islands are Argentine."** The incident prompted a **FIFA** review, as its regulations prohibit political messages during sporting events.

The sovereignty dispute between **Argentina** and the **United Kingdom** dates back over **190 years**. Argentina claims the islands as a successor to the Spanish Empire, while the UK maintains continuous administration since the 19th century. In a **2013 referendum**, **99.8%** of the islanders voted to remain a **UK Overseas Territory**, reflecting the UK's position that the residents have the right to self-determination.

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