

## **Elites**

**When elites leave their homelands, they typically go to stable countries with long-term horizons.**

**In good times, the rich want a weak state with low tax and little regulation, but in bad times they prefer strong states. That's why the countries with the highest influx of foreign brains per capita are Australia, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and Canada, according to the Fund for Peace. The safe haven of the American super-rich in case the US collapses is social democratic New Zealand.**

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