



The Legacy of Freedom: Why NATO is Our Only Bulwark Against Chaos

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The analysis by **Lucio Caracciolo on the NATO crisis** paints a picture of American "psychological disengagement" and instrumentalization of the Russian threat. However, this narrative confuses healthy realism with dangerous defeatism. Refuting these theses is a moral duty for those who recognize NATO not as a mere "bluff," but as the greatest diplomatic and military success in modern history.



Article 5 triggers Collective Defense - NATO's most powerful promise

An 80-year heritage: NATO is not an opinion

NATO is not an abstract entity, but a security architecture that has guaranteed nearly eighty years of unprecedented peace. Calling it a "bluff" means ignoring that it represents the only military and economic power capable of defending us. It is a unique heritage of values, technological standards, and transatlantic solidarity that cannot be dismantled with an editorial. The United States has demonstrated with blood, from Normandy to Korea, up to the sacrifice in Afghanistan, that their will to defend the Western world is etched in history.

The awakening from the "flower children's garden"

Caracciolo argues that Europeans have stopped believing in American protection. The reality is that a part of Italian politics, lulled by anti-militarist ideologies and an "operetta" approach, has sold the illusion to the people that the world was a peaceful garden.

Today we must not stop believing, but we must **hope and work** so that the American umbrella holds, at least until European defense is mature. Let's be honest: to see a Germany (or a Europe) capable of standing alone, it will take at least 15 years of massive investments. Until then, NATO remains our only life insurance.



805 Drones: Ukraine hit by the largest air offensive of the war

Russia and the duty to defend the "smallest"

Minimizing **the Russian threat as a "pretext for rearmament"** is a misleading narrative. Moscow may not have the strength to invade Paris, but it constitutes the greatest threat to free Europe. If we are the civilization of values, we must defend our most exposed brothers, like the Baltic Republics. **There, the deployed Italian soldiers are the symbol of our honor.**

How can one speak of an **"invented danger"** when we are practically defenseless against missiles, without drones, and with few tanks? This rhetoric only serves to make us a country at the mercy of any global autocrat.



Withdrawal of US Troops from Germany: A Strategic Decision?

German leadership: a democracy at the service of Europe

Finally, the return of **Germany as a military pivot should not frighten, but reassure.** Berlin is a solid democracy that drives the European GDP; its culture, organization, and technological power are the only possible engine for a future defense of the Old Continent. **Instead of "getting by," we should look at the courage of the Scandinavian countries, ready to defend the homeland with dignity.**

In conclusion

NATO is not at sunset, it is at a crossroads. Italy and Europe must not be seduced by narratives that lead to isolationism. Defending the Atlantic alliance means defending the only force that has prevented the world from plunging back into the abyss. **Freedom has a cost, and it is time for Europe to start paying its share, without renouncing those who have protected it for almost a century.**