



The West's Certainties Are Crumbling: Europe, It's Time to Defend Yourself

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In recent years, the balance of global geopolitics has been strained under the weight of unilateral decisions and abrupt policy reversals by Washington. After pushing the Old Continent to shoulder a large share of the financial and military costs of supporting Ukraine — by purchasing massive quantities of weapons and ammunition from the U.S. defense industry, Europe now finds itself facing an increasingly precarious and uncertain scenario.

U.S. actions inconsistent with countering Russia

An analysis of Washington's latest decisions and positions reveals clear actions that openly contradict a genuine strategy to counter the Kremlin:

- **The “diesel deal” with Moscow and the easing of sanctions:** Despite the prolonged pressure exerted on European allies to eliminate imports of Russian fossil fuels, the United States has reached a direct agreement with Russia on diesel imports to mitigate U.S. fuel costs ahead of the midterm elections. The scaling back of sanctions guarantees Moscow new

revenue to fund its war machine.

- **Diplomatic trap and geopolitical bargain:** During multilateral talks in Miami involving American, European, and Ukrainian delegations, White House envoys communicated the diesel agreement just over an hour before the official announcement, leaving allies stunned and making the Kyiv delegation feel it had been used as mere "cover".
- **Pressure for a change of leadership in Kyiv:** Donald Trump and his entourage harshly attacked Volodymyr Zelensky, accusing him of "creating problems for the world" and openly stating that the time had come for Ukraine to have a new president, thereby weakening the foundations of Ukrainian democracy in the midst of the conflict.
- **Intelligence blackmail and failure to warn of missile attacks:** Washington threatened to suspend intelligence sharing unless Kyiv ceased its raids on Russian refineries. The effects have been visible on the ground: Ukraine reported receiving no advance early-warning alert from its Western partners before Russian ballistic missiles and drones struck civilian infrastructure in Kyiv and Kharkiv, triggering the sirens when the explosions were already audible.
- **Shifting costs and responsibilities onto Europe:** After selling enormous quantities of ammunition to EU countries for delivery to Kyiv, the United States is accelerating its logistical and satellite-coverage disengagement, leaving European taxpayers to bear the burden of preventing Ukraine's financial and military collapse.
- **Diversion of resources to the Middle East:** Political-military engagement and the escalation linked to the Iranian front have progressively diverted diplomatic attention and military resources away from the Eastern European theater.

Conclusion: Europe, unite and strengthen defense

Although the NATO commander is desperately trying to reassure us of U.S. loyalty and the alliance's resilience, reality shows that the certainties of the past are collapsing one after another. In the face of this dramatic scenario, Europe must acknowledge that the future has become uncertain and its historic alliances are now fragile.

Europe, start looking around: unite, strengthen your defense, and become independent, because strategic autonomy is no longer an option but a vital necessity if you are not to be subject to others' decisions.