

## Macron and Merkel Push for Independent “EU Army”

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This is one of recent history’s huge backfires. Buffoon president Trump was sent on a weapons sales mission to the EU not so long ago, true to his ignorant form he browbeat, insulted and taunted EU leaders about not spending enough to protect themselves from mythical, Washington fabricated enemies, after all, how does one sell hugely expensive weapons without a bogeyman supposedly threatening your safety?



Well, aside from the fact that Trump’s crude, bullying, rustic American manner offended the refined sensibilities of European leaders, his mission to sell/dump the latest failed US developed weapons and recover enormous costs for the now failing military industrial complex, particularly its most notorious failed product, the (flying lemon) F-35 strike fighter jet, to the Europeans in the hope that it would save the last remaining local manufacturing sector after it unwisely offshored almost all other manufacturing to China and other developing ASIAN nations, which move incidentally is directly responsible for China’s meteoric rise as an economic world power, has dramatically fallen flat on its face.

The Europeans are now OPENLY discussing their own military independence, and surely they have the right to self determination, notwithstanding the fact that the only guarantee of protection/security is the one you design and maintain yourself; America also is KNOWN to have an appalling record of double-dealing and duplicity with other world leaders, so it makes perfect good sense to create your own defences.

Trump/Washington should be ecstatic over the idea, as it surely defies the American myth that Europeans and other vassals are hitching a free ride on the back of the USA, which false notion is now fully exposed, as Washington and its military manufacturing sector would fail almost overnight if it couldn’t dump its now second-rate, failed weapons on lackey vassal nations around the world, notwithstanding the fact that superior weapons/technologies that easily counter the latest US military developments are sold internationally by Russia for an infinitesimal comparative price.

One really has to laugh at the result of Trump’s spectacular failed mission when the deep state unwisely sent a witless moron, brow beater president to negotiate with seasoned educated

politicians around the world.

The result of offending and insulting people is not rocket science to assess, though Europeans and Asians are too refined to state it out loud, Aussies, however, have no prob in this regard so I would make it abundantly CLEAR as Americans are as thick as bricks -- the CLEAR message from most of the world to America is, 'go fuck yourself, loser!'

We'll see the effect of this international rejection shortly, as the American dreamworld now has receded to its own shores. More aggression and war, as that brutish, adolescent, rustic nation knows nothing else.

And so the REALITY would slowly come to FULL REALISATION that America (with Saudi Arabia and Israel) indeed are the greatest threats to WORLD PEACE in existence.

Incidentally, so-called 'evil' Russian leader Putin is not at all perturbed by the idea of European military independence, as he views it as a more even distribution of global power.

So what would you, failing America? If you can't sell/dump your over-priced second rate weaponry you have no other industrial base to support your now failing paper economy, and of course China remains forever grateful that you foolishly catapulted it to its present status of the leading manufacturing economy in the world.

And now for the belly punch you duped doodle dandy Americans that live in a perpetual media induced fantasy/fog. Those clearly responsible for these huge counter-productive, nation destroying FAILURES are the Wall St mega-banks and mega-corporations that own Washington and government.

Manically seeking short-term cost cutting and increased PROFITS above every other consideration, including the NATIONAL best interest, is a formula for sure destruction. Indeed, the responsible parties are the parasitic, hyper-destructive (to all) financial and corporate forces that think only of themselves and THEIR bottom line, or haven't you noticed the price you're now paying in plummeting living standards, stagnant wages, rocketing prices, neglected infrastructure, diminishing health and education services etc, etc, you dumb RUSTIC, American fucks -- you deserve everything you're getting and are about to get from the rest of the W-O-R-L-D, as your military is NOW second rate, though by sheer force of size it remains relevant, but not for long.

In conclusion doodles, you would all soon realise that YOUR REAL ENEMY is WITHIN!

From [AP](#):

### **Germany's Merkel Calls for Creation of an EU army**

BRUSSELS (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel says the European Union should work toward creating its own joint army, just after marking the centenary of the end of World War I with world leaders in France.

Merkel told EU lawmakers Tuesday that "we have to work on the vision of one day creating a real European army."

In a speech at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, Merkel underlined that such a force would not mean the end of NATO, the U.S.-led military alliance.

She also called for the creation of a European security council.

It's not the first time such a call has been made. European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker was widely criticized after suggesting the creation of a European army; notably by Britain, a staunch ally of the United States.

From [Sputnik](#):

### **Panic Stricken Washington Would Thwart all Measures to Create 'EU Army'**

by Finian Cunningham

The testy slap-down by US President Donald Trump to the idea of a European army was telling. Any notion of the Europeans stepping away from American "protection" would be anathema to Washington.

That's because American power is not about "protecting" Europe. That's just the vainglorious, propaganda mythology. In reality, it's all about Washington maintaining a lucrative protection racket in Europe, imperial control over supposed "allies", and militarily targeting Russia as the main objective.

The idea for a European army was floated again last week by French President Emmanuel Macron. Macron has been particularly keen on the European Union forming its own military, independent from the US.

Speaking on a tour of World War I battlefields in northern France, Macron said: "We have to protect ourselves with respect to China, Russia and even the United States of America."

In response, Trump immediately took Macron to task, saying his remarks were "insulting". In a subsequent meeting in Paris for WWI commemorations, the French leader appeared to backtrack under pressure, trying to assure his American counterpart that a European army would be "complementary" to the US-led NATO alliance.

Still, the proposal of Europe going its own way from the US has not been abandoned. This week, French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire told German business publication Handelsblatt that Europe must "stand up to the Trump administration" and not be afraid to assert its own power as an "empire".

"Everybody knows it takes guts to stand in the way of Donald Trump's administration," said Le Maire in an interview. "The people of Europe have had enough of the babble from Brussels. They want to see action."

Echoing Macron's comments last week, the senior French cabinet minister said that Europe must become a "peaceful empire" in order to stand up to China and the US.

Le Maire also challenged Germany to back the French plans for creating an independent force — "political, financial and military" — from Washington. "We have talked about it for a long time. Now it's time for decisions."

These are certainly pushy words from the French leadership. But the idea of Europe

taking on a more assertive, independent international role from the US has also been growing among Germany's political class in recent years. The residual shame over Nazi Germany's horrors seems to be gradually fading as Berlin strives for more global influence.

There are several factors in why the EU seems to be becoming more estranged from its erstwhile transatlantic partnership with the US. Under the Trump administration, tensions have intensified over his barracking about NATO expenditures; his browbeating over perceived "unfair" European trading practices; the threat of sanctions on Iran hitting EU multi-billion euro investments with Tehran; and the walking away from the Paris Climate Accord.

In this quarrelsome context, the notion of Europe forming its own military security organization takes on even greater appeal. France's Macron seems especially ambitious to rejuvenate European and French global standing. Having its own continental army augments that ambition.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has welcomed the proposal. Moscow views such a development as moving towards a more multipolar world and away from the unipolar would-be dominance of the US.

At a glance, one would think too that Washington might also endorse European defences being independently bolstered. After all, for years American politicians have been bitterly complaining that Europe is a "freeloader" on US military protection. Trump has taken the grievance to new heights, aggressively badgering European nations to stump up more spending on their military to "share the burden" more evenly with the US.

There is a conceited American myth that Washington is the "chivalrous protector" of Europe, as portrayed in countless Hollywood movies, such as Spielberg's 'Saving Private Ryan'.

Since 1945, tens of thousands of US troops stationed in bases all over Europe are said to be there out of noble duty to defend allies, so goes the myth.

Such a conceited narrative is then used by Trump to castigate Europeans to spend more on defences and "share the burden".

However, notice how the American tune suddenly shifts if the Europeans actually begin to propose setting up their own defences. If the issue were all about "sharing" costs of defence more equitably, then logically Washington should welcome the move towards a European army.

But that is not the real issue. Washington would never accept Europe becoming independent in terms of military power, because military power through NATO is how the American ruling class exert their hegemonic control over Europe.

Recall that NATO was set up in 1949 in the aftermath of the Second World War with the expressed objective to, "Keep the Russians out, the Americans in and the Germans down". Note that while the civilian post of secretary general of NATO can be held by Europeans, the military organization is invariably commanded by an American armed forces general.

NATO is America's "protection racket" in Europe. It has grown to a 29-member bloc which has expanded over recent years all the way to Russia's borders. This US-led military matrix sprawling over Europe gives Washington huge leverage over European policy and a vital projection of force at Moscow.

Moreover, European members of NATO are obliged to spend their military budgets largely on American weapons, including Patriot missiles and fighter jets. European nations are lined up to buy hundreds of the latest-generation and wildly overpriced American F-35 warplanes.

If Europe somehow created its own army to satisfy the vanity of politicians like Napoleonic Macron then Washington stands to lose tremendous strategic control over Europe and the latter's relations with Russia. It also stands to lose trillions of dollars flowing to the Pentagon's military-industrial complex that props up American capitalism.

Washington for all its rhetoric about "protecting allies" and "burden sharing" is not going to let that happen. European fanciful talk about setting up its own army would be viewed by US imperialism as an intolerable act of insolence. But the tensions over the issue do show one instructive thing: US relations with Europe are not the partnership. It's all about domination.

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