

Why Europe's "Strategic Interests" Are Written in Sand

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Amid a shifting global landscape, Brussels insists that protecting "European interests" is its absolute priority—especially when positioning itself against the United States. Yet, trapped within their own bureaucratic bubble, EU officials miss the foundational flaw: they have completely failed to define what those interests actually are. This intellectual void has bred a foreign policy defined by glaring hypocrisy, selective blindness, and strategic paralysis.

These contradictions are systemic and devastating. For decades, Germany prioritized cheap Russian gas and oil over the national security of Ukraine and Eastern Europe, raising the question of whose interests were truly being served. Similarly, when European capitals privilege diplomatic relations with the Ayatollahs in Iran and the terrorists of Hezbollah over the basic freedom of the Iranian people, or when EU policy decisions end up empowering Hamas at the expense of the Palestinian population, the bloc's moral compass is completely lost.

Looking to Africa and Asia, the strategic vacuum only widens. In Sudan, European lawmakers spent years looking the other way while their close commercial partners in the Gulf fueled a devastating war by backing the abusive Rapid Support Forces, choosing lucrative business ties over stopping a man-made famine. In Asia, the contradiction is paralyzed by design, with Brussels officially labeling Beijing a "systemic rival" while member states actively scramble to secure Chinese green-tech investments. This blind dependence on Chinese supply chains effectively abandons Taiwan to Beijing's whims, completely disregarding the core principles of the UN Charter.

This betrayal is equally stark in Latin America, where EU member states like Spain, Portugal, and Sweden routinely prioritize ideological sympathy and trade over democratic solidarity. European capitals tolerate the systematic looting of Venezuela by the Chávez-Maduro regime, often with the active complicity of Madrid, while coddling Castro's Cuba and Gustavo Petro's Colombia at the direct expense of their citizens.

Brussels barely blinked when Petro was elected in 2022 despite a million votes being cast literally at gunpoint, and has remained even more silent on Colombia's 2026 elections, where Petro's movement secured nearly four million votes under a highly sophisticated, high-tech evolution of the armed "Vote-rifle" coercion. Ultimately, Brussels talks endlessly of "strategic autonomy" in a new geopolitical era, but its actions reveal a dangerous

moral and strategic vacuum. When pushed, the EU's only consistent foreign policy is a knee-jerk reflex to oppose the United States.

It lacks the stomach to confront Russia, fears disrupting commercial ties with Iran, and willfully ignores a Colombian regime that floods European streets with cocaine, illegal timber, and blood gold. By choosing short-term convenience over long-term strategic clarity, the European Union has traded its moral authority for global irrelevance.

In conclusion, the European Union's foreign policy is no longer guided by a grand strategy, but by a series of transactional compromises disguised as moral posturing. By refusing to define its true strategic interests, Brussels has allowed short-term economic greed and geopolitical cowardice to dictate its actions on the world stage. The result is a Union that is strategically blind, morally compromised, and increasingly irrelevant—an entity that loudly opposes its closest ally, the United States, while quietly capitulating to the world's most brutal autocrats.

To escape this self-inflicted decline, Brussels must immediately abandon the delusion of "strategic autonomy" as a mere anti-American reflex and instead build a hard-nosed, values-aligned geopolitical doctrine. This means establishing a zero-tolerance policy for member states that coddle hostile regimes—whether through securing Chinese green-tech investments, enabling Iranian terror, or ignoring armed electoral fraud in Colombia—and tying EU trade, aid, and diplomatic relations directly to a strict, non-negotiable metric of security and democratic integrity.

Concretely, this requires the EU to enforce strict internal accountability. When individual member states break ranks to indulge belligerent regimes, Brussels must wield real, material leverage. It must tie access to the EU's multi-billion-euro budget and structural funds directly to foreign policy alignment—effectively establishing a geopolitical "conditionality mechanism."

Member states that bypass collective sanctions, actively enable autocrats, or prioritize unilateral trade dividends with hostile nations and entities must face the immediate threat of suspended voting rights and frozen recovery funds. European solidarity cannot remain a one-way street where capitals reap the economic benefits of the Union while actively undermining its collective security, and even worse the security of other nations worldwide.