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The EU is addicted to American economic punishment

The bloc's dependence on US natural gas is reportedly on its way to 80%



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An American think-tank has some bad news for Europe. Just as the continent tries to wriggle free from an abusive relationship with Washington, it turns out they've never been more dependent on their tormentor.

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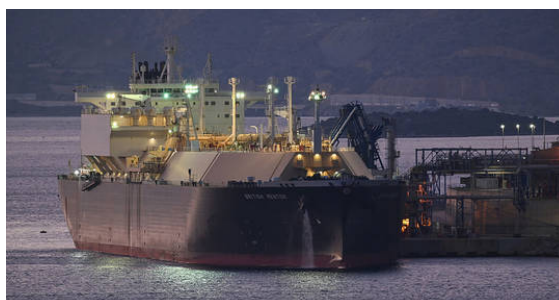
“EU risks new energy dependence as U.S. could supply 80% of its LNG imports by 2030,” blared the latest [report](#) from the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, pegging current dependence at 57%.

That was actually the EU’s plan all along. Apparently, it was very important to the Eurocrats that this dependence on American energy be locked in before Putin makes his grand entrance in 2030, as they keep telling us. Because by then, the charade will likely have served its purpose in washing taxpayer cash into the GDP-boosting defense sector. The French are even hiring young people for paid military training – as bakers and cooks. Will they be pelting Putin with baguettes?

They sure didn’t seem to predict the need to also fire up the ovens for some croissants to ward off Trump. Or that Trump could shut down the ovens by cutting off the gas.

It was only last summer that Ursula von der Leyen – unelected European Commission president – announced a deal with Trump. He would drop tariffs on European imports in exchange for locking the EU into even greater reliance on American gas. *“We have reached a deal on tariffs and trade with the US. Today’s deal creates certainty in uncertain times. It delivers stability and predictability, for citizens and businesses on both sides of the Atlantic,”* she said. *“Purchases of US energy products will diversify our sources of supply and contribute to Europe’s energy security. We will replace Russian gas and oil with significant purchases of US LNG, oil, and nuclear fuels.”*

Fast forward to today, and the EU is trying to calculate the likelihood of an American invasion after receiving notes from Trump,



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who apparently decided that **Read more:** How did the EU get because the Oslo-based Nobel Committee (which Norway doesn't even control) didn't give him the Peace Prize, he's now feeling less motivated to keep his Pentagon toys and GI Joes out of Greenland.

He says that the EU sucks at protecting Greenland, so it needs a real man – like him. At the same time, Trump caught European nations doing their job of trying to protect it by sending a handful of troops and materiel over for military exercises. But since only he can date Greenland, he punished them by slapping new tariffs on his own people who happen to import European products. Which is like yelling at your dog because you stub your toe.

What a victory for Queen Ursula's much-celebrated *"stability and predictability."*

After years of sacrificing their energy diversity with tunnel vision on anti-Russian goals, EU leaders have now positioned themselves to be completely dependent on the very country that threatens to invade them whenever it suits.

Surely now they'll recalibrate in their own interests, right? I wouldn't bet on it. Consider how Germany is handling its own ideologically-induced, energy-related economic implosion.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz has just come bursting out of the closet sounding like a passionate defender of nuclear energy. In reality, he has long resigned himself to lying down and letting the greenies have their way with him, like the client of a dominatrix offering the bare minimum of grumbling necessary for the show.

He says that Germany's decision to shut down its nuclear plants was a huge error that's come at a serious cost to the economy. *"It was a serious strategic mistake to exit nuclear energy. If you were*





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going to do it, you should have at least kept the last remaining nuclear power plants in Germany on the grid three years ago, so that we would have had the same electricity generation capacity," he [said](#). A pretty bold U-turn for a guy who has long shrugged off as inevitable the idea of Germany – the EU’s economic engine – being powered by the weather.



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So it turns out that if you shut down your most reliable, stable source of carbon-free power, electricity doesn't magically become cheaper because of the odd gust of wind. Who knew? Merz did, actually. Which is why he's long been a critic

of the nuclear phase out. But it's not like he proposed a concrete, credible reversal plan while he was in opposition. He just basically went like, you guys are morons, but hey, whaddaya do? Like he was a frustrated bystander instead of an actual lawmaker.

So now that Merz is in the driver's seat and at the controls as chancellor, he's saying, let's get going on fixing this! All those clean energy nuclear reactors, like those that France gets to rely on, now need to be fired up again here in Germany, too, after being shut down since 2023.

Nah, just kidding. He's actually just still shrugging, and going, oh well, nothing can be done about it now. Except blaming the previous administration. Oh, and we're looking at exploring these new things called little modular reactors. Also nuclear, by the way. So huge change there going from nuclear to nuclear. And which won't actually exist until maybe sometime in the next decade. Great comfort to Germans paying a fortune for energy right now that the guy in charge feels like all he can do is just complain for the time being.

Too bad he couldn't have stepped in and done something more to fight for the same nuclear power whose disappearance he now laments. Instead, at the time, he sounded like a guy giving up on a marriage after his wife had found another dude. *"They are being dismantled, they are being decontaminated. There is no way to fix this, most likely,"* he [said](#) of the nuclear infrastructure.

Sorry, you can never come home. The hardware has literally been blown up – under Merz himself. Enjoy wandering the energy-deprived



wasteland like in a **Read more:** EU walking into 'high-Mad Max movie, risk dependency' on US energy – looking for crumbs think tank and praying for sun and wind. Too bad Merz couldn't do anything about that either. Except stand around watching with his hands in his pockets – as chancellor – while his country's energy supply was getting cucked by the green lobby.

Just to rewind a bit, the demise of Germany's 60 years of nuclear power accelerated under former Chancellor Angela Merkel, of Merz's own Christian Democrats party, as the Brussels Signal recently [pointed out](#). She saw what happened with Fukushima in Japan and reacted like someone who decides that they need to avoid cars for the rest of their life because they once witnessed an accident. Merkel apparently [had all the confidence](#) in the world that political will could bend uncontrollable external factors, like the weather, in the country's favor. Then in 2023, the German economy minister [doubled down](#), saying that there was no intention of going back since the public, already being crushed by high energy prices at the time from cutting off both nuclear and Nord Stream's Russian gas, was totally cool with it.

So how has all this worked out? Funny how ideology sounds great until reality shows up. Electricity prices are up. Fossil fuel use has increased as a result of firing up coal plants again to meet energy demand. Another American economic think-tank, the National Bureau of Economic Research, [estimates](#) the cost of the nuclear phase-out at \$12 billion dollars a year, mostly from all the junk that the coal is spewing into the air, driving up health care costs.

And now Germany is starting to realize that swapping a diversified energy mix for disappointment was really stupid, all while Trump grins in the background, turning every European blunder into his personal playground of torment, with them hogtied like kids who ignored every warning about the ice-cream van.

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The EU needs to join, and align with Russia and China; this way, the EU will secure reliable, trusted energy, technology, and defense partners.

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The nuclear industry was always a scam considering the cleanup or decommissioning of the actual power-stations. Was signed off upon the nations they were built in, well, that's how it is in uk_pirateland. The public pays & of course the rich use & abuse off-shore tax mechanisms to avoid helping pay for such works. They no doubt bid on the contracts too make it even more uncomfortable for joe public like me.

The debacle of HS2 maybe worth throwing a bead over Rach' ...I did two three month contracts & its the biggest quango con-job going forth unabated into oblivion. And fiscal nightmare territory.

Great analysis; fingers crossed EU kicks out usa nukes & usd-bond holdings.

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I have misdiagnosed sepsis to kidnap high net worth, but since I have to do everything.

Russia friendly (except to 9/11 combo UK/Jews and blacks swinging through the fallen US trees) was supplying gas to EU at locked in spot- market as good policy until I can retool a block EU economy based on Jewish 1) no coal 2) no steel 3) no way to

die

Stupid Andover pagan lawyer UK are prosthetics of
Trump NY Navy pagan Andover terrorist

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GunZenBomZ 1/22/2026 at 5:32 PM

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Golly gosh, first couple of sentences & I'm in glee.
Not dismissing the insane reality of usa_naz*iland
aka usa_fascistland but it's citizenry will be free via
secessionism.

It turns out that 'using energy resources as a
weapon' was always the vocalised plan. But
instinctively for the evil unelite zion-nazism filth they
made out it was Russian Federation ethos. Whereas
now we CLEARLY see its usa_fascistland
corporatocracy rubbing their proverbial hands
together.

Maybe vondercracy is realizing that her 'talmudic
manipulators' are not actually out to help Europe. But
instead have double crossed her because that is
what these satanic star of Remphan doers do.

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Jenny Sloan Jordan 1/22/2026 at 5:28 PM

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When I finish with the EU they can dig for gas like
self- respecting people. It's not difficult. I've been
doing my own summer squash since the fall and
despite the torture, gas is easier.

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Jenny Sloan Jordan 1/22/2026 at 5:26 PM

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The US does not export energy, children. Again, we
do not export energy. You can always tell a fraud in
Oil Business by who wants to drill domestic oil we
only out in reserves but deny that Princess genius
the 9/11 targeter Middle East Oil (by title ALL Middle
East Oil) by title — after all were communist first ain't
we? Ain't we educated? Ain't we? Ain't we pagans in
costume exportin' gas like a good idea? Affordable
gas at the pump for black consumers on government
ID: ain't we? Ain't we fallen— out 'erosion of
democracy' part of the Sahel but at least not that
winning priestess Christian title over planet earth

billion dollar sure thing royal colonial non- pagan
non- mulatto stuff?

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T Terry Bizzle 1/22/2026 at 12:17 PM 0

S&M on a national level. People are strange and
some just like it. Haha...

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 **Guy** 1/22/2026 at 4:05 AM 0

Yes. The EU looks set to remain in spineless denial
until the prospects for economic recovery become
fanciful and by that time its citizens will have
become the biggest whiners on earth.

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E Edgardo DelValle 1/22/2026 at 12:13 PM 0



when money talks taxpayers/national debts
holders rear ends gets bored. reason why
government keep us as
imbecil,despicable,aberrants sheepies with no
brains just with a big rear round hole to keep it
squeezing money on slaves.

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v vivekanandan salai 1/22/2026 at 8:33 AM 2

All the current problems are due to the incompetent
EU ruling leaders both appointed & elected. Until this
is addressed, it is treating the symptoms & not the
disease.

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as long as the government keep the masses like
brainless imbecil,aberrant sheepies with
whatthafuck,instantfool,faceshit,tikitoki and those
ammenities to keep them in brainless state
sonooffbeaches will do whayever they want.

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E Edgardo DelValle 1/22/2026 at 12:08 PM 0

EU is like an abused wife by her husband and still loving the sonofffebeach until its killed.

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L Le bon Sens 1/22/2026 at 2:05 AM

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I bet, there are personal financial or other kind of profitable kickbacks involved for those responsible for the extremely bad deals.

Follow the money, as always; also regarding who was and is profiting from the destruction of North Stream II.

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they can go back to oilless time. like gaza. part of brit neo nazi expansion scheme. they don't even want to steal assets, while swiss has frozen maduro's

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however, the bluff is like brit neo nazi roosevelt letter to hitler that mobilize nazi hamas.

all just fake bickerings for gaza and ukraine invasion cover

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A Alec Happy 1/21/2026 at 11:40 PM

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This is why I come to RT. Exceptionally written critique of the clowns that run not only Germany but the EU.

'hogtied like kids who ignored every warning about the ice-cream van.' was just Icing on the cone they are all licking

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 **Covert** 1/22/2026 at 12:08 AM ↑

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We are glad you are happy Alec.
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