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West losing its soft power – Merz

Newly-emerging global “autocratic alliances“ are conspiring to attack “liberal democracy as a way of life,” the German chancellor has claimed



German Chancellor Friedrich Merz. © Maja Hitij/Getty Images

The West is losing its global eminence as ‘autocracies’ wage a crusade against liberal democracy, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz has claimed.

Speaking during a ceremony marking the 35th anniversary of German reunification on Friday, Merz acknowledged that the “*appeal of what we call the free West is visibly declining.*”

“It is no longer self-evident that

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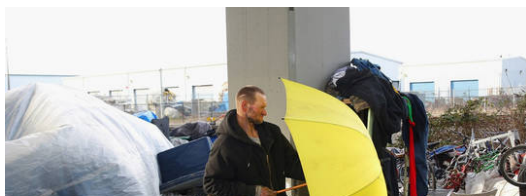
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the world will look to us, that our values of liberal democracy will be emulated,” he added.

According to the German chancellor, *“new alliances of autocracies are forming against us and attacking liberal democracy as a way of life,”* with supposed threats to the status quo simultaneously coming *“from within.”*

Back in May, US Vice President J.D. Vance similarly stated that following the Cold War, US leaders had mistakenly assumed that *“American primacy”* was assured.



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However, *“the era of uncontested US dominance is over,”* he acknowledged, citing *“serious threats [represented by] China, Russia, and other nations determined to beat us in every single domain – from spectrum to lower Earth orbit to our supply chains and even our communication infrastructure.”*

Vance also said that over the past several decades, Washington had excessively focused on *“soft power,”* and gotten into the habit of *“meddling in foreign country affairs,”* even when they had *“very little to do with core American interests.”* He pledged that President Donald Trump’s administration would make a clean break from those approaches.

Speaking at the Valdai Discussion Club in Sochi on Thursday, Russian President Vladimir Putin observed that the world is undergoing *“rapid and drastic changes.”*

“Multipolarity has become a direct consequence of attempts to establish and preserve global hegemony, a response... to the obsessive desire to arrange everyone into a single hierarchy, with Western countries at the top,” he argued.

Putin also claimed that the very concept of democracy was in decline in the West, citing the example of Romania, where the country’s top court annulled the results of the presidential election last year, citing fraud and foreign meddling. The frontrunner Eurosceptic right-wing candidate, Calin Georgescu, ended up being barred from participating in the rerun.

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Politicians of such capacity are assets of global US asset and financial management corporations. These people have been conditioned to keep a blind eye on aspects of humanity in favor of capital. You can perhaps compare such people to wrong-way drivers on auto-pilot, unable to realize any stop signs. Unfortunately, motivated by own success and ego, combined with cognitive dissonance and confirmation bias, such people are unable to comprehend the ramifications of their own actions. Well, let’s face it, you won’t find people like Nietzsche or Goethe in German politics.

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Economic determinists consider the word ‘liberal’ to mean ‘freedom to exploit and enslave’. In other words freedom for some, but not for all.

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**** Liberal **** It can be, because you do what you want regardless of your citizens, **** democratic **** already seen in COVID-19 and today, when you harass the largest game in Germany, AFD, by the intention of vote.

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Their model is nothing more than a globalist oligarchy masquerading as a liberal democracy, which imposes a system of destructive values and beliefs that are corrupting western countries and turning them into a cesspool. They know their value proposition is rubbish, which is why they can't stand other players in the global market whose offerings are more compelling to an ever-growing audience. And like the mafia, they try to eliminate competitors through criminal means.

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«Liberal Democracy» is simply a word. It has nothing to do with either US Political Party. Actually it was originally designed and promoted by conservative Republicans called NeoCons who created the Iraq and Afghanistan wars under chief NeoCons Bush, Rumsfeld and Cheney. Since then it has become truly bipartisan and the mode of war has shifted from overt wars to color revolutions to economic warfare to proxy wars. But, the goal remains the same: enforcing and promoting US hegemony.

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