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The EU brought to its knees by the Straussians

A US grouping, constituted around the thought of the philosopher Leo Strauss, controls from now on both the Secretariat of Defense and the Secretariat of State. After having organized many wars since those of Yugoslavia, they imagined the one in Ukraine. It is now manipulating the European Union and is preparing to deprive it of energy sources. If European leaders do not open their eyes, their alliance with Washington will lead to the collapse of the Union's economy. There is no point in believing that Europeans will be spared because they are developed. The Straussians wrote, as early as 1992, that they would not hesitate to destroy Germany and the EU.



For Professor Leo Strauss, it was better to be Hitler than to fall into his hands.

Beginning in 1949, the German Jewish philosopher Leo Strauss taught at the University of Chicago. He soon formed a small group of Jewish disciples from among his students. He

taught them orally, which was quite different from his writings. According to him, the democracies had shown their inability to protect the Jews from the Nazi final solution. To prevent this tragedy from happening again and the hammer from falling on them, his disciples had to be on the other side of the handle.

He advised them to build their own dictatorship.

Organizing his followers, Leo Strauss called them his "hoplites" (soldiers of Sparta). He trained them to disrupt the classes of some of his fellow teachers.

Several of the members of this sect have held very high positions in the United States and Israel. The operation and ideology of this grouping were the subject of controversy after the attacks of September 11, 2001. An abundant literature has opposed the supporters and opponents of the philosopher. However, the facts are indisputable [1].

Anti-Semitic authors have wrongly lumped together Straussians, Jewish communities in the Diaspora and the State of Israel. However, the ideology of Leo Strauss was never discussed in the Jewish world before 9/11. From a sociological point of view, it is a sectarian phenomenon, not at all representative of Jewish culture. However, in 2003, Benjamin Netanyahu's "revisionist Zionists" made a pact with the US Straussians, in the presence of other Israeli leaders [2]. This alliance was never made public.

One of the characteristics of this group is that they are ready for anything. For example, they wanted to return Iraq to the stone age. This is indeed what they did. For them, all sacrifices are possible, including for themselves, as long as they remain the first; not the best, the first [3]!



Paul Wolfowitz

In 1992, an advisor to the Secretary of Defense, the Straussian Paul Wolfowitz, wrote the *Defense Planning Guidance*. It was the first official US document reflecting the

thinking of Leo Strauss [4]. Wolfowitz was introduced to Strauss' thought by the American philosopher Allan Bloom (a friend of the Frenchman Raymond Aron), but he himself only briefly knew the master at the end of his teaching in Chicago. However, the US ambassador to the UN, Jeane Kirkpatrick, recognized him as "one of the great Straussian figures" [5].

In the context of the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Wolfowitz developed a strategy to maintain US hegemony over the entire rest of the world.

The *Defense Planning Guidance* should have remained confidential, but the New York Times revealed its main lines and published extracts [6]. Three days later, the Washington Post revealed further details [7]. In the end, the original text was never made public, but a version edited by the Secretary of Defense (and future Vice President), Dick Cheney, was circulated.

It is known that the original document was based on a series of meetings in which two other people, all three Straussian, participated: Andrew Marshall, the Pentagon's "thinker" (who was replaced three years after his death by Arthur Cebrowski), Albert Wohlstetter, the thinker of the atomic deterrence strategy, and his son-in-law Richard Perle, the future director of the *Defense Policy Board*. The *Defense Planning Guidance* was written by a student of Wohlstetter, Zalmay Khalilzad (future ambassador to the UN).

The document speaks of a new "world order [...] ultimately supported by the United States", in which the sole superpower would only have temporary alliances, depending on the conflict. The UN and even NATO would be increasingly sidelined. More broadly, the Wolfowitz Doctrine theorizes the need for the United States to block the emergence of any potential competitor to U.S. hegemony, especially "advanced industrial nations" such as Germany and Japan. Particularly targeted is the European Union: "While the United States supports the European integration project, we must be careful to prevent the emergence of a purely European security system that would undermine NATO, and particularly its integrated military command structure. The Europeans will thus be asked to include in the Maastricht Treaty a clause subordinating their defense policy to that of NATO, while the Pentagon report recommends the integration of the new Central and Eastern European states into the European Union, while giving them the benefit of a military agreement with the United States that would protect them against a possible Russian attack [8].

For thirty years, this document has been patiently implemented. The Maastricht Treaty includes a paragraph 4 in Title V, Article J4, which stipulates:

"The policy of the Union within the meaning of this Article shall not prejudice the specific character of the security and defence policy of certain Member States and shall respect the obligations of certain Member States under the North Atlantic Treaty and be compatible with the common security and defence policy established within that framework. These provisions have been included in the various texts up to Article 42 of the Treaty on European Union.

The former Warsaw Pact member states have almost all joined the European Union. This decision was a choice imposed by Washington and announced by Secretary of State James Baker just before the European Council meeting that endorsed it.

In 2000, Paul Wolfowitz was, together with Zbigniew Brzezinski, the main speaker at a large Ukrainian-US symposium in Washington, organized by Ukrainian "integral nationalists" who had taken refuge in the USA. There he pledged to support independent Ukraine, to provoke Russia to go to war with it, and ultimately to finance the destruction of the resurgent rival of the USA [9].

These commitments were implemented with the passage of the *Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022* on April 28, 2022 [10]. Ukraine is now exempt from all arms control procedures, including end-use certificates. Very expensive weapons are leased by the USA to the EU to defend Ukraine. When the war is over, the Europeans will have to pay for what they have consumed. And the bill will be heavy.



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Victoria Nuland and Anthony Blinken in John Kerry's office

Although the European elites have benefited from their alliance with the United States so far, they should not be surprised that the United States is now trying to destroy them under the *Defense Planning Guidance*. They have already seen what Washington was capable of after the 9/11 attacks: Paul Wolfowitz forbade countries that had expressed reservations about the war, such as Germany and France, to conclude contracts for the reconstruction of Iraq [11].

At present, the rise in the price of energy sources and their increasing scarcity threaten not only the heating and transportation of individuals, but above all the survival of all their industries. If this phenomenon continues, it is the economy of the European Union as a whole that will suddenly collapse, taking its population back at least a century.

This phenomenon is difficult to analyze because the prices and availability of energy sources vary according to many factors.

First, prices depend on supply and demand. As a result, they have risen with the overall economic recovery from the end of the Covid-19 epidemic.

Second, energy sources are the main targets of speculators. Even more so than currencies. The world price of oil can be multiplied by 2.5 just by the effect of speculation.

So far, everything is usual and known. But the Western sanctions against Russia, following its application of the Minsk II Agreement, for which it was the guarantor before the Security Council, have broken the world market. From now on, there is no longer a global price, but different prices according to the countries of the sellers and the customers. There are still prices quoted on the stock exchange in Wall Street and the City, but they bear no relation to those in Beijing and New Delhi.

Above all, oil and gas, which were abundant in the European Union, are starting to run out, while globally they are still in overabundance.

All our reference points have been turned upside down. Our statistical tools, designed for the global market, are not at all adapted to the current period. We can therefore only make assumptions, without any means of verifying them. This situation allows many people to talk nonsense with an air of authority; in fact, we are all evolving at a guessing pace.

One of the current factors is the reflux of dollars which were used for trade and speculation and which are no longer usable for these transactions in certain countries. This mostly virtual currency is leaving Russia and its allies to go to or return to the countries where it is still used. This is a gigantic phenomenon that the Federal Reserve and the US military have always wanted to avoid, but which the Straussians in the Biden administration (Secretary of State Antony Blinken and his deputy Victoria Nuland) have deliberately provoked.

Wrongly convinced that Russia has invaded Ukraine and is trying to annex it, the Europeans forbid themselves to trade with Moscow. In practice, they still consume Russian gas, but they are convinced that Gazprom will cut off their gas supply. For example, their press announced that the Russian company was closing the *Nord Stream* pipeline, although it had announced a three-day technical interruption. Normally, gas pipeline deliveries are interrupted for maintenance for two days every two months. Here, Gazprom was hampered in its maintenance by the Western blockade, which

prevented the return of the turbines it had sent for repair to Canada. However, the population understood that the evil Russians had cut off their gas on the eve of winter.

The European propaganda aims to prepare public opinion for a definitive closure of the gas pipeline and to put the responsibility on Russia.

In this case, the leaders of the Union are simply implementing the directives of the Straussians. In doing so, they are scuttling European industry to the detriment of their citizens. Already some energy-intensive factories have reduced their production or even closed.

Ladislav Vrábek organisierte die erste pro-russische Demonstration in der Europäischen Union. Dieser 44-jährige Unternehmer hatte sich bereits einen Namen gemacht, als er die restriktiven Maßnahmen Brüssels gegen die Covid-19-Epidemie in Frage stellte.

The process of decrepitude of the European Union will continue as long as no one dares to oppose it. To everyone's surprise, a first pro-Russian demonstration was held on September 3 in Prague. The police admitted to 70,000 people (for a country of 10 million), but there were probably many more. Political commentators despise them and consider them "Putin's useful idiots". But these insults do not mask the unease of European elites.

Energy experts consider power cuts throughout the Union inevitable. Only Hungary, which has previously obtained exemptions, could escape the rules of the single energy market. Those who can produce electricity will have to share it with those who cannot. It doesn't matter whether this inability is the result of bad luck or short-sightedness.

Brussels should start with voltage reductions, then cut off at night, and finally during the day. Individuals will have difficulties to maintain elevators, to heat their homes in winter, to cook if they use electric plates and, those who use trains, buses or electric cars, should have difficulties to move. Energy-intensive businesses, such as blast furnaces, are expected to close. Infrastructures are expected to become impassable, such as long tunnels that can no longer be ventilated. Above all, electronic installations designed for continuous operation will not be able to withstand repeated interruptions. This will be the case, for example, for antennas that are essential for cell phone networks, which will be thrown away after three months of this treatment.

In third world countries where electricity is scarce, battery powered leds are used for lighting and UPS to power low consumption machines, such as computers or televisions. But these materials are currently not available in the EU.

The EU's GDP has already fallen by almost 1%. Will this recession continue as the Straussians plan, or will the citizens of the Union interrupt it, as part of the Czech people are trying to do?

The Straussians will go all the way. They have taken advantage of the decadence of the United States to take over the real power. Since a junkie, never elected, can use official planes galore to do business all over the world [12], they have quietly moved into the shadow of President Biden and are governing in his place. European leaders, on the other hand, are either blind or too committed to stop, acknowledge their thirty years of mistakes and turn back.

[1] Specialists of Leo Strauss' political thought interpret it in a very contradictory way. For my part, I am not interested in what the philosopher thought of classical authors, but in what those who, rightly or wrongly, claim to be his followers at the Pentagon and, from now on, at the State Department, profess. *Political Ideas of Leo Strauss*, Shadia B. Drury, Palgrave Macmillan (1988.); *Leo Strauss and the Politics of American Empire*, Anne Norton, Yale University Press (2005); *The Truth About Leo Strauss: Political Philosophy and American Democracy*, Catherine H. Zuckert & Michael P. Zuckert, University of Chicago Press (2008); *Leo Strauss and the conservative movement in America : a critical appraisal*, Paul Edward Gottfried, Cambridge University Press (2011); *Crisis of the Strauss Divided: Essays on Leo Strauss and Straussianism, East and West*, Harry V. Jaffa, Rowman & Littlefield (2012); *Leo Strauss and Anglo-American Democracy: A Conservative Critique*, Grant Havers, Cornell University Press (2013); *Leo Strauss and the Invasion of Iraq: Encountering the Abyss*, Aggie Hirst, Routledge (2013); *Leo Strauss, The Straussians, and the Study of the American Regime*, Kenneth L. Deutsch, Rowman & Littlefield (2013); *Straussophobia : Defending Leo Strauss and Straussians Against Shadia Drury and Other Accusers*, Peter Minowitz, Lexington Books (2016); *Leo Strauss in Northeast Asia*, Jun-Hyeok Kwak & Sungwoo Park, Routledge (2019).

[2] « [Sommet historique pour sceller l'Alliance des guerriers de Dieu](#) », Réseau Voltaire, 17 octobre 2003.

[3] For a brief history of the Straussians, see: "[Russia declares war on the Straussians](#)", by Thierry Meyssan, *Voltaire Network*, 5 March 2022.

[4] The 1976 report of the "B Team" accusing the USSR of wanting to dominate the world was not a statement of doctrine, but a propaganda argument to justify it.

[5] Interview with James Mann, quoted in *Rise of the Vulcans: The History of Bush's War Cabinet*, James Mann, Viking (2004).

[6] « US Strategy Plan Calls For Insuring No Rivals Develop » Patrick E. Tyler, *New York Times*, March 8, 1992. The newspaper also publishes large excerpts on page 14: « Excerpts from Pentagon's Plan : "Prevent the Re-Emergence of a New Rival" ».

[7] « Keeping the US First, Pentagon Would preclude a Rival Superpower » Barton Gellman, *The Washington Post*, March 11, 1992.

[8] "[Paul Wolfowitz, the Pentagon's Soul](#)", by Paul Labarique, *Voltaire Network*, 4 October 2004.

[9] Cf. "[Ukraine : the Second World War continues](#)", by Thierry Meyssan, Translation Roger Lagassé, *Voltaire Network*, 26 April 2022.

[10] [Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022](#), US Congress.

[11] « [Instructions et conclusions sur les marchés de reconstruction et d'aide en Irak](#) », par Paul Wolfowitz, *Réseau Voltaire*, 10 décembre 2003.

[12] « [La décadence de l'Empire états-unien](#) », par Thierry Meyssan, *Réseau Voltaire*, 6 septembre 2022.

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