

Politics

Politics in core Europe and the United States now reflects the pathologies of politics in the lands in between [i.e., Central and Eastern Europe]. Increasingly, all countries in Europe and North America occupy a zone of insecurity between a resurgent Russia and an embattled West.

All developed Western countries face a "civilization choice" between a liberal international order fraying at the edges and a brave new world of xenophobic nationalism and great power order, between free markets and rule of law or crony capitalism and oligarchic rule.

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