

# Europe Blocks U.S. from Racing to War Against Russia?

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On Friday, 6 March, President Obama [placed temporarily on ice his planned increase in weapons and soldiers to help the Ukrainian Government](#) to 'defend' Ukraine against the ['terrorists'](#) in Donbass, which is the Ukrainian region that had [voted 90% for the President](#) whom the Obama Administration [overthrew in February 2014](#). ([Here](#) is where the EU first learned, on 26 February 2014, that the overthrow of Viktor Yanukovych had been a coup instead of a genuine popular revolution.)

Obama replaced that Government with a [racist-fascist anti-Russian regime](#), which quickly set about [exterminating as many residents of Donbass as possible, as quickly as possible](#) (calling them 'terrorists,' for their refusal to be ruled by the new Obama-imposed, anti-Russian, Government).

According to *German Economic News*, Germany's Angela Merkel and France's Francois Hollande are balking at the speed of Obama's rush to war against Russia.

Earlier, some of the smaller national economies in the European Union — the [Czech Republic](#), [Hungary](#) and [Greece](#) — dissented from America's effort to increase economic sanctions and military measures against Russia. But there is now [increasing pressure upon the leaders in Germany, France, and Italy](#), also to separate the EU from the American [rush to war against Russia](#).

Here is my translation of the key passage from the article on this matter, dated March 7th, in *German Economic News*:

"Apparently, the developments have shown that in the Euro-zone the Americans' desire for a full escalation of the conflict against Russia could no longer be accepted without objection by the Europeans. The Americans were apparently informed by Angela Merkel and Francois Hollande that they are concerned about the rise of France's National Front Party: Its chairman, Marine Le Pen, rejects the current EU policy towards Russia. If the National Front comes to power in France, it would be almost impossible for the EU to pursue a U.S.-coordinated foreign policy, such as they both want to do. Therefore, Merkel and Hollande aim to contain the negative economic consequences to their own nations of sanctions against Russia, so as to prevent victory for the National Front.

"Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi has spoken with President Putin in Moscow on a stronger partnership between Italy and Russia. The Italians are feeling the effects of the sanctions particularly strongly, and want to avoid an escalation in any case.

“Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Kotzias also has doubts as to the purpose of the US sanctions policy of the EU.”

Washington criticizes many European politicians for their opposing Washington’s anti-Russian policies. In Hungary and France, nationalist political parties offer especially strong resistance, because they oppose their own nation’s being ruled by Washington’s dictates. Even though Washington backs nazis in Ukraine, some European right-wing (though [not nearly as far right-wing as in Ukraine](#)) parties are patriotically opposed to European taxpayers donating to fund Ukraine’s fascists. The odd result is that some semi-fascist parties in Europe are especially balking at the [extreme fascism, even nazism](#), that Washington supports in Ukraine. It’s too far to the right for them to go; they don’t want to be forced to go that far; they don’t want their nation to fund Washington’s aims.

Obama thus needs to juggle many balls at once in order to keep the Western Alliance together with him in his [overriding foreign-policy goal of destroying Russia](#).

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