

# Germany Elections and Its Growing Economic and Political Crisis

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*The German economy had been long hailed as the economic 'engine' of Europe. If so, it clearly needs a major 'valve job' and is running on only 5, or maybe 4, cylinders.*

*It is in recession that will no doubt deteriorate further. Politically, it is also becoming more unstable as the right wing AfD party, and the newly formed left party led by Susan Wagenacht, are about to register major gains within days in German regional elections now underway.*

*The ruling SPD Sholz coalition with Greens-both strong proponents of support of Ukraine with weapons and funding until recently-last week announced it would provide no further funds or weapons for Ukraine. The unpopularity for the SPD support for that war is widespread now, as is public opinion about Sholz's handling of what can only be called the de-industrialization of Germany.*

Recent German public revelations that German police investigations revealed Ukraine special forces, with NATO assistance, were responsible for blowing up Germany's Nordstream pipeline in September 2022, and the fact Sholz's government has remained silent about the matter-except to complain to Poland as one of the saboteurs of the pipeline's destruction, a Ukrainian businessmen, successfully fled to Poland which allowed him to make his way back to Ukraine.

German public opinion is also complaining the Sholz government has also meekly addressed policies of the USA since 2022 responsible for Germany's continuing economic decline as well. Not just the US direction of the sabotage of the Nordstream pipeline but subsequent economic policies of the USA that have been undermining Germany's economy as well: in particular the USA's oil companies' charging natural gas imports to Germany costing 3X and 4X that formerly charged by Russia; the Biden administration announced tax and trade policies that have been now luring German business investments to the USA that otherwise might have been invested in Germany itself; and US convincing EU supra-elites in the EU Commission to join the US in sanctioning and raising tariffs on China imports to the EU.

The declining condition of Germany's economy as the 'economic engine' of Europe reveals that perhaps the 'Plan B' purpose of Biden/US Russia sanctions on Russia has been to make Germany/EU more economically dependent on the USA. Even if those same sanctions haven't proven successful with regard to 'Plan A' which has been precipitating the economic instability of Russia!

The USA sanctions policy has thus succeeded re. making Europe more dependent on the USA-even if that policy has failed with regard to destabilizing Russia's economy and the

Putin regime.

A recent post by UK economist and political commentator, Michael Roberts, has gathered extensive data with charts revealing the depth and extent of the growing crisis in Germany's economy and electoral alignments as of today.

My only 'critique', if it can even be called that, of Roberts' data and data that show conclusively the serious condition of Germany as the engine of Europe is he perhaps might have discussed more how US economic policies have seriously contributed to the decline in Germany and the growing economic (and political) dependence of it, and Europe itself, on the USA as a result of those US policies.

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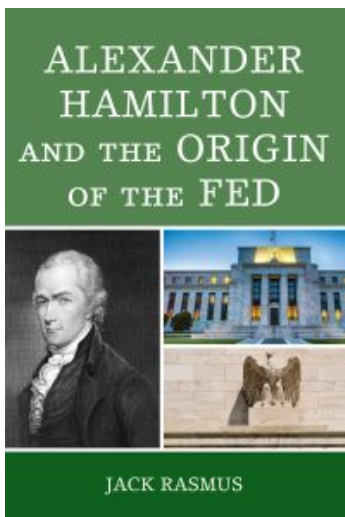
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