

Behind the Harris-Trump Debate. Manlio Dinucci

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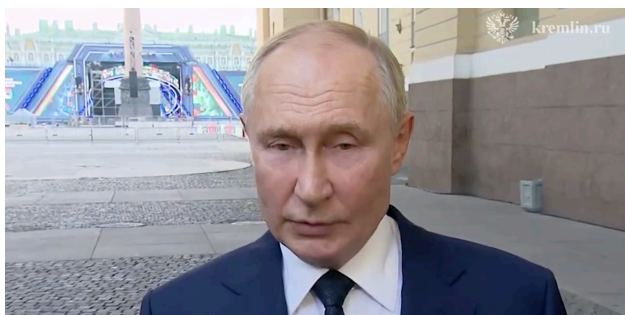
*In the debate between the two US presidential candidates, **Kamala Harris** said:*

‘Putin’s agenda is not just about Ukraine. European allies are grateful for our understanding of the importance of the greatest military alliance the world has ever had, which is NATO. What we have done is to preserve the ability of Zelensky and the Ukrainians to fight for their independence. If we had not, Putin would be sitting in Kiev with his eyes fixed on the rest of Europe’.

Harris thus turns reality on its head, hiding the fact that it was NATO, under US command, that attacked Russia, moved closer and closer to its territory with military bases and nuclear weapons, and in 2014 organised the coup d’état in Ukraine with neo-Nazi forces and the subsequent attack on Russians in Ukraine: all-out war against Russia then.

Against this background, the New York Times writes:

“President Biden appears to be poised to clear the way for Ukraine to fire long-range Western weapons deep into Russian territory from a great distance, provided it does not use US-supplied weapons”.



President Putin pointed out:

“This is only possible using intelligence data from NATO satellites.”

President Putin stressed:

“It is not a question of allowing the Ukrainian regime to attack Russia with these weapons, but it is a question of deciding whether the NATO countries will be directly involved in the conflict or not. If this decision is taken, it means that NATO, the US and European countries will be at war with Russia. And if that is the case, we will make the appropriate decisions based on the threats that will be created against us, taking into account the change in the nature of this conflict.”

Since long-range missiles can be armed with both non-nuclear and nuclear warheads, Russia

would be exposed to a higher risk of nuclear attack.



Trump said that

In the debate with Harris, **Donald**

“the situation is getting worse, it could lead to World War III. Putin has nuclear weapons. Nobody thinks about that. And eventually he will use them. Something we don’t like to talk about. Nobody likes to talk about it.”

He then insisted:

“I think it’s in the United States’ interest to end this war and negotiate.”

However, Trump oversimplified how he would be able to implement such a deal if he were to become president of the United States:

“If I were president, the war would never have started. I know Putin very well and Putin respects me, whereas he does not respect Biden.”

The simplistic view that the war could end with a personal agreement between the two presidents ignores the fact that it has been ignited by the strong powers of the US and the West, which are losing the dominance they have hitherto maintained in the world and which they seek to preserve through war. And the European war scenario is linked to that of the Middle East, where a war is flaring up for which Trump, like Harris, blames not Israel, supported by the US, but Iran, an ally of Russia and China, the country most feared by the US and by Trump himself because of its great economic power.

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