

Selected Articles: A Future Without NATO?

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[NATO's Continuing Enlargement Aims at Further Weakening of Russian Influence in the Balkans](#)

By [Paul Antonopoulos](#), December 03, 2019

Of the 29 NATO member states, 22 have already ratified the accession protocol of North Macedonia into the anti-Russian alliance. The ratification process will likely be completed before the end of NATO's summit taking place in London this week, which will make North Macedonia the newest country in military alliance.



[NATO's Deep Political and Legal Crisis: Madness and Irrationality](#)

By [Jan Oberg](#), December 03, 2019

NATO's London Summit on December 3 and 4, 2019 displays the deep political crisis of the 70-year-old alliance: Only a dinner and a short meeting, no statement to be issued, quarrels among the leading military members, accusations, substantial differences on Syria and many other issues, the deepest-ever Transatlantic conflict and the usual issues of burden-sharing.



[NATO: "Brain Dead" and Divided](#)

By [Andrew Korybko](#), December 03, 2019

The backdrop against which this summit is taking place is one of uncertainty surrounding the organization's future and many questioning whether it can even remain functional in its present form. The reasons for this existential crisis are many, but can be simplified as Trump's demand that all member states finally pay the 2% of their GDP on defense that they'd mandated to, Turkey's "autonomous" actions in Syria, some Central & Eastern European members' supposed concerns about Russia, and France's desire to present itself as the visionary of both an EU Army and a reformed NATO. Add to that the heavy American pressure being put upon the bloc's members to curtail their economic relations with China and it's clear that NATO is at a crossroads like never before.



[Washington's Grand Design: Draw NATO into Confronting Russia and China](#)

By [M. K. Bhadrakumar](#), December 02, 2019

The trend is up for defence spending across European Allies and Canada. Over \$100 billion is expected to be added to the member states' defence budgets by end-2020.

More importantly, the trend at the NATO foreign ministers' meeting at Brussels on November 19-20, in the run-up to the London summit, showed that despite growing differences within the alliance, member states closed ranks around three priority items in the US global agenda — escalation of the aggressive policy toward Russia, militarisation of space and countering China's rise.



[Trump Was Right: NATO Should be Obsolete](#)

By [Medea Benjamin](#), December 02, 2019

The three smartest words that **Donald Trump** [uttered](#) during his presidential campaign are “NATO is obsolete.” His adversary, **Hillary Clinton**, [retorted](#) that NATO was “the strongest military alliance in the history of the world.” Now that Trump has been in power, the White House [parrots](#) the same worn line that NATO is “the most successful Alliance in history, guaranteeing the security, prosperity, and freedom of its members.” But Trump was right the first time around: Rather than being a strong alliance with a clear purpose, this 70-year-old organization that is meeting in London on December 4 is a stale military holdover from the Cold War days that should have gracefully retired many years ago.



[**Turkey Holds NATO Hostage Until Syria-related Demands Are Met**](#)

By [Sarah Abed](#), November 29, 2019

Without Turkey’s formal approval NATO will have a difficult time expediting its defense plan for Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland. Because the two issues are not directly related, some believe Turkey is holding Europeans hostage until they comply with their demands. Not only is Turkey the only Islamic member of NATO but it has the second largest military in NATO granting NATO access to Georgia and Azerbaijan, which makes one wonder, who needs the other more, NATO or Turkey?



[**The 70 Years of NATO: From War to War: NATO Is Born from the Bomb**](#)

By [Comitato No Nato](#), November 25, 2019

On August 29, 1949, the Soviet Union carried out its first experimental nuclear explosion. A few months earlier, on April 4, 1949, when Washington knew that the Soviet Union was about to have the nuclear bombs and was about to start the nuclear arms race, the United States created NATO. During the Cold War, the Alliance under US command included 16 countries: United States, Canada, Belgium, Denmark, France, German Federal Republic, Great Britain, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Turkey. Through this alliance, the United States maintained its dominance over European allies, using Europe as the front line against the Soviet Union.

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