

What a Coincidence! Poland Inaugurates New Gas Pipeline Amid Nord Stream Leaks

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On the very day the world learns about the sabotage of Russia's Nordstream 1 and Nordstream 2, guess what else happened? Well, Ukrainians from the Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporhyzhia and Kherson oblasts voted in overwhelming numbers to become Russians. While that is a game changer that is not what I had in mind.

How about this-[Poland on Tuesday inaugurated a new pipeline that will transport gas from Norway through Denmark and the Baltic Sea](#)? That is it!!! What a coincidence!! Or is it?

There is at least one prominent Polish citizen who believes the United States merits praise for sabotaging the Nordstream pipelines. Former [former Polish Defense Minister, Radek Sikorski](#), who happens to be married to [Anne Appelbaum](#), an enthusiastic neo-con masquerading as a journalist, tweeted the following upon learning that the Nordstream lines were now "złamany" (Polish for "kaput"): "Thank you, USA."

But, perhaps that is a bit of deflection. Poland has longstanding animus towards Nordstream. In other words, Poland has a clear motive for backing the destruction of the Russian pipeline. More than a year ago -April 2021 to be precise-[this appeared in print](#):

Poland strongly opposes the development of Nord Stream 2, which will give Gazprom a subsea alternative route for supplying natural gas to Western European customers. At present, that gas has to pass through overland pipeline networks in Poland and Ukraine, bringing in valuable transit fees and providing both nations - which do not always have cordial relations with Russia - a measure of energy security.

[One month later](#), Poland pitched a Kielbasi fit:

Poland has reacted angrily to President Joe Biden's decision to waive US sanctions on Nord Stream II, warning the move could threaten energy security across Central and Eastern Europe.

"The information is definitely not positive from the security point of view, as we know perfectly that Nord Stream II is not only a business project - it is mostly a geopolitical project," said Piotr Muller, a spokesman for the Polish government. . . .

Announced following a phone-call between Joe Biden and Chancellor Angela Merkel, the US decision to lift sanctions was welcomed in Berlin, with Foreign Minister Heiko Maas noting that "it is an expression of the fact that Germany is an important partner for the US, one that it can count on in the future."

The highly controversial pipeline has met with vigorous opposition across Central and Eastern Europe, [including in Poland](#) and Ukraine where officials say the project would be used by the Kremlin as a geopolitical weapon, de-facto increase Europe's dependence on Russian gas and threaten energy security in the Eastern half of the continent.

Makes you wonder if there was some wheeling and dealing was going on between Washington and Warsaw. Given Warsaw's critical location and role in ensuring U.S. and NATO military supplies is delivered to Ukraine, the Poles have a bit of leverage to push the United States to take out the pipelines or to help Poland take out the pipelines. Poland's message to the United States was simple-reverse course on Nordstream and rupture the pipelines or you can find another way to move your military supplies to Ukraine.

But wait, doesn't this create some real problems for Germany? Sure. But Poland "don't" (sic) care. There was this little incident called World War II and it seems that the Poles are still miffed at the Germans. If revenge is a dish best served cold, then this sucker is a frozen dinner:

Poland's top politician said Thursday that the government will seek equivalent of some \$1.3 trillion in reparations from Germany for the Nazis' World War II invasion and occupation of his country.

Jaroslav Kaczynski, leader of the Law and Justice party, announced the huge claim at the release of a long-awaited report on the cost to the country of years of Nazi German occupation as it marks 83 years since the start of World War II. . . .

Germany's Foreign Ministry said Thursday the government's position remains "unchanged" in that "the question of reparations is concluded."

See [this](#).

With this new supply of Polish controlled natural gas, Germany is in a tough spot. Buy from Poland or buy from the United States. Either way, the Germans pay a premium while the United States and Poland make some bank.

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