

# The West at a crossroads



## DO THE DIRTY WORK FOR FINANCIAL PREDATORS OR JOIN THE GLOBAL MAJORITY?

**O**n this 11th of November, we commemorate the anniversary of the 1918 Armistice, which ended the fighting of the First World War. This war cost 15 to 20 million lives, left 21 to 23 million seriously wounded – the loss of a generation – and caused destruction whose traces are still visible today throughout the north and east of France.

What was supposed to be «*the war to end all wars*» was soon followed by the horrors of the Second World War, culminating in two nuclear bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki—a gratuitous criminal act that served no tactical purpose but paved the way for the arms race. The total cost of this war in human lives is estimated at 75 million, not counting the wounded.

The price paid by Europe, the main theater of fighting, was considerable in human and cultural terms. Therefore, while the memory of these two wars remains vivid, both collectively and individually, and while thousands of books and studies have been published to dissect each of their mechanisms, one cannot help but be alarmed by the declarations of European leaders coldly contemplating a new war, this time against Russia.

Already, six weeks after the start of the conflict in Ukraine, the maneuver by Boris Johnson, then Prime Minister of Great Britain, to torpedo the prospect of a peaceful settlement, gave cause for fear of the worst, the rest following a path that seemed all mapped out.

Four months later, in June 2022, at the Eurosatory trade fair dedicated to defense and security, Emma-

nuel Macron stated that France needed to increase its defense capabilities.

Then, rejecting all opportunities to find peaceful solutions, European leaders, initially encouraged by the United States, adopted an increasingly belligerent rhetoric, of which we will only mention here some of the most significant interventions:

– April 2024. **Josep Borrell**, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs, in the *Financial Times*: “*A high-intensity conventional war in Europe is no longer a utopia.*”

– June 2024. **General Sir Roly Walker**, Chief of the General Staff of the British Army, in *The Times*: “*We must prepare for war to break out in Europe within two years. This is not alarmist speculation, it is a realistic assessment.*”

– January 2025. **Anders Fogh Rasmussen**, former NATO Secretary General, told the *BBC*: “*If Russia wins in Ukraine, it won’t stop there. A direct war between NATO and Russia would become inevitable in the coming years.*”

– February 2025. **Boris Pistorius**, German Minister of Defence, at a conference in Brussels: “*Nobody wants war, but we can no longer rule out the possibility of it coming to us. Germany must be ready, with its allies, to defend Eastern Europe – including with German troops in combat.*”

The culmination, for France, was reached very recently, on October 23, 2025, by Fabien Mandon, Chief of the Defence Staff, during his hearing

before the Defence Committee of the National Assembly:

«The first objective I gave to the armed forces is to be ready for a shock in three or four years, which would be a kind of test – perhaps this test already exists in hybrid forms – but perhaps [something] more violent. Russia is a country that may be tempted to continue the war on our continent, and that is the determining factor in what I am preparing.»

It is pointless to dwell on the incredible frivolity with which some European leaders contemplate war with Russia, as long as we remain silent on the geopolitical vision that gave rise to the two world wars. These wars were instigated by the British Empire which exploited the weaknesses of other powers; instigated by its maneuvers to prevent the emergence of any rival power, and its failure to oppose the rise of Adolf Hitler. It was able to find allies in other countries, particularly France, whose lust for power aligned with this vision.

This is what the National Council of the Resistance understood in 1945 when it identified the financial elite as responsible for the war. It is also what US President Franklin Delano Roosevelt understood when he promised to tackle the British Empire's colonial system and the French, Dutch, and Portuguese colonizers as soon as the war ended.

But, one might ask, what does this have to do with today?

Between debt crisis, speculative casino, mega financial bubbles, plundering of tangible assets and desperate recourse to cryptocurrencies to keep the machine running, the financial system is doomed to explode, thus creating the conditions for a new world war, directed primarily against any power rejecting this system of plunder.

Indeed, from the perspective of the financial casino and, above all, from an imperial perspective, the rise of the BRICS, and particularly of China, can only be interpreted as a threat. The development of countries that were until recently former colonies is seen as an intolerable deception, and their desire for independence as proof of their profound weakness in the face of «autocracies» that do not share «our values.»

Let us remember that war is not inevitable. It is only the carefully cultivated ignorance of populations and the fear of the other instilled by those who have an interest in setting countries against each other.

And, good news, the antidote is available: it's the new paradigm of peace through mutual development driven by the BRICS, whose results are already lifting up the world. Ignorance is replaced by the desire to educate oneself in order to build shared prosperity, and hatred of others is replaced by the desire to work together to build the future.

Were the Western world to try to destroy this dynamic, it will be the one rejected from history.

The «poet of Liberty,» Friedrich Schiller, said that one must be «a patriot of one's country and a citizen of the world.» It is for this reason that we reject the will to go to war of a small number, all the more resolutely that, in the age of nuclear weapons, it could only conclude with the annihilation of humanity.

On this symbolic day, we, patriots of our countries and citizens of the world, call for justice to be served for the millions of victims of these two senseless wars by committing ourselves to taking back control of humanity's shared destiny. In particular, we call for the establishment of a new architecture for international security and development that takes into account the interests of every country.

Let's mobilize for it.

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