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A backgrounder on the Northern Ireland peace process and the ways in which British politics are endangering the peace. (2,000 words)

An introductory survey of the history and functioning of NATO. (2,500 words)

James McBride, “How Does the European Union Work?”
An accessible backgrounder on how the European Union functions. (2,500 words)

A backgrounder that offers clear answers to commonly asked questions about Brexit. (2,800 words)

Articles

An examination of Europe’s shrinking middle class, with Spain as a prime example. (1,700 words)

A comprehensive profile of French President Emmanuel Macron. (10,100 words)

A brief survey of populist parties across Europe and their evolving positions toward the EU. (1,200 words)

Comprehensive survey results on European views on a variety of social issues. (5,300 words)

An investigative piece that illustrates how the EU’s extensive agricultural subsidy program does not always help the people whom policymakers intended to help. (4,600 words)


A brief look at how the split between East and West Germany continues to shape Germany today, thirty years after reunification. Includes some excellent maps and graphs. (2,600 words)


A wide-ranging look at economic and demographic issues facing the Balkans. (3,200 words)


This article, published anonymously by a state department official, became the foundation of the American policy of containment towards Russia for most of the Cold War. (6,900 words)

Zoey Poll, “In France, Elder Care Comes with the Mail,” New Yorker, October 9, 2019.

A portrait of one program in France designed to support an aging population. (3,300 words)


A look at European immigration and its role as an issue in UK politics. (4,600 words)


A nuanced look at social divisions in Catalonia, the site of one of Europe’s most energetic separatist movements. (1,200 words)

“What Would Happen if America Left Europe to Fend for Itself?” Economist, March 14, 2019.

A thought experiment that illustrates the importance of NATO and the role that the United States plays in European security. (1,500 words)

A feature-length article on the Hungarian right-wing leader who is often seen as a symbol of a growing move to the right throughout the continent. (6,500 words)

Books


An award-winning account of the rise of communism in Eastern Europe after World War II. (566 pages)


An excellent and accessible survey of the history of the Cold War. (352 pages)


A biography of Russian President Vladimir Putin. (304 pages)


A Pulitzer Prize–winning account of the arms race brought about by the Cold War. (592 pages)


An outstanding and highly readable history of Europe in the decades after World War II. (933 pages)


From an American journalist stationed in Moscow, a Pulitzer Prize–winning account of the fall of the Soviet Union. (624 pages)


A Pulitzer Prize–winning account of the fall of communism in Europe. (464 pages)

Timothy Snyder, Bloodlands: Europe Between Hitler and Stalin (2010).

A history of Europe that places the mass murders committed by Adolf Hitler and Josef Stalin at its center. (524 pages)
A classic account of surviving the Holocaust. (115 pages)

**Literature**

A novel about two teenage girls growing up in France, set against a backdrop of questions about religious freedom and ethnic integration. (152 pages)

A graphic novel about a teenager in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. (176 pages)

The story of a Lithuanian teenager sent to the Soviet gulag. (344 pages)

**Multimedia**

An outstanding three-part video documentary on Russian disinformation campaigns during the Cold War and today.

Neil Halloran, “*The Fallen of World War II*.”
A moving data visualization, available as a video or as an interactive, that depicts how many people died in the World War II and puts that number in context.

“The Mistake that Toppled the Berlin Wall,” Vox.
A history of the fall of the Berlin Wall. (8 minutes)

A map that shows which states are members of four important European institutions: the EU, NATO, the eurozone, and the Schengen area.

“Peace Lines,” *99 Percent Invisible.*
From a podcast about design and urban planning, a look at the Troubles in Northern Ireland through the lens of “peace walls” that
separate Protestant and Catholic neighborhoods.


From the Carnegie Corporation of New York, a comprehensive multimedia look at U.S.-Russia relations.

News Sources

**BBC**
- The British state broadcaster.

**Der Spiegel**
- The English-language edition of Germany’s leading news magazine.

**Inside Europe**
- From German state broadcaster Deutsche Welle, a weekly English-language podcast of European news.

**Politico EU**
- The American magazine Politico’s European coverage.

Resources

“**The European Union**,” European Commission.
- A brief introduction to the EU, from the organization itself.

Pascal Fontaine, “**Europe in 12 Lessons**,” European Commission.
- From the EU, a detailed look at the history and functioning of the institution.