

CFR Resources

Charles Landow and Mohammed Aly Sergie, "[The Northern Ireland Peace Process.](#)"

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

Jonathan Masters, "[The North Atlantic Treaty Organization \(NATO\).](#)"

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)

James McBride, "[What Brexit Means.](#)"

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

Articles

Liz Alderman, "[Europe's Middle Class Is Shrinking. Spain Bears Much of the Pain.](#)" New York Times, February 14, 2019.

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

Lauren Collins, "[Can Emmanuel Macron Stem the Populist Tide?](#)" New Yorker, June 24, 2019.

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

Susi Dennison, "[Anti-Europe Parties Aren't Anti-Europe Anymore.](#)" Foreign Policy, May 7, 2019.

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

"[Eastern and Western Europeans Differ on Importance of Religion, Views of Minorities, and Key Social Issues.](#)" Pew Research Center, October 29, 2018.

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

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Selam Gebrekidan, Matt Apuzzo, and Benjamin Novak, "[The Money Farmers: How Oligarchs and Populists Milk the EU for Millions.](#)" New York Times, November 3, 2019.

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)

"[Germans Still Don't Agree on What Reunification Meant.](#)" Economist, October 31, 2019.

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)

Tim Judah, "[Bye-Bye, Balkans: A Region in Critical Demographic Decline.](#)" Reporting Democracy, October 14, 2019.

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

George F. Kennan, "[The Sources of Soviet Conduct.](#)" Foreign Affairs, July 1947.

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)

Rachel Shabi, "[How Immigration Became Britain's Most Toxic Political Issue.](#)" Guardian, November 15, 2019.

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

Margherita Stancati and Adrià Calatayud, "[As Catalans Protest for Secession, a Division Widens at Home.](#)" Wall Street Journal, October 28, 2019.

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

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Elisabeth Zerofsky, "[Viktor Orbán's Far-Right Vision for Europe](#)," *New Yorker*, January 7, 2019.

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

Anne Applebaum, *Iron Curtain: The Crushing of Eastern Europe, 1944–1956* (2012).

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

John Lewis Gaddis, *The Cold War: A New History* (2005).

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

Masha Gessen, *The Man Without a Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin* (2012).

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

David E. Hoffman, *The Dead Hand: The Untold Story of the Cold War Arms Race and Its Dangerous Legacy* (2009).

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

Tony Judt, *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945* (2005).

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

David Remnick, *Lenin's Tomb: The Last Days of the Soviet Empire* (1994).

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

Tina Rosenberg, *The Haunted Land: Facing Europe's Ghosts After Communism* (1995).

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)

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Elie Wiesel, *Night* (2006).

A classic account of surviving the Holocaust. (115 pages)

Literature

Amélie Sarn, *I Love I Hate I Miss My Sister* (2014).

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

Aline Sax, *The War Within These Walls* (2013).

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

Ruta Sepetys, *Between Shades of Gray* (2011).

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

Multimedia

Adam B. Ellick and Adam Westbrook, "[Operation Infektion](#)," *New York Times*, November 12, 2018.

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)

Jenny Scribani, "[A Visual Guide To Europe's Member States](#)," Visual Capitalist, October 27, 2018.

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

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separate Protestant and Catholic neighborhoods.

[“U.S.-Russia Relations: Quest for Stability,”](#) Carnegie Corporation of New York.

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.