

Seeing through Macron's 'macho' aviator glasses act

The Grayzone's Max Blumenthal and Aaron Mate discuss the hypocrisy of French President Emmanuel Macron, who lectured the US on international law and fairness at Davos, and make light of European media's attempt to recast his aviator sunglasses as a display of strength – instead of a possible sign of spousal abuse. ||| The Grayzone ||| Find more reporting at <https://thegrayzone.com> Support our original journalism at Patreon: <https://patreon.com/grayzone> Facebook: <https://facebook.com/thegrayzone> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/thegrayzonews> Instagram: <https://instagram.com/thegrayzonews> Minds: <https://minds.com/thegrayzone> Mastodon: <https://mastodon.social/@thegrayzone> #TheGrayzone

#Max

And then here's Emmanuel Macron from France at Davos, with some very tough words for Donald Trump. He's lecturing Trump.

#Macron

But we do prefer respect to bullies. We do prefer science to populism. And we do prefer the rule of law to brutality. We have a place where the rule of law and predictability are still the rule of the game. And my guess is that it's largely underpriced by the market. Having a place like Europe—which sometimes is too slow, for sure, and needs to be reformed, for sure—but which is predictable, loyal, and where you know that the rule of the game is just the rule of law, it's a good place. Sorry, what's up with the sunglasses?

#Aaron

I don't know.

#Max

I mean, there was video of Macron getting off a flight, and his wife just, like, smacked him in the face. She just blocked him. And then he comes out like, "Hello, everybody," looking like a battered spouse. And, you know, according to the conspiracy theory, his wife is actually his husband, who is actually his father. So, basically, according to the conspiracy, his daddy hit Macron.

#Aaron

Yeah, yeah. Okay.

#Max

Well, I mean, that's the—I'm just going to—I don't know if you watched Candace Owens' ten-part series, but a lot of people were convinced by that.

#Aaron

Oh, I know. I know.

#Max

Where is Jean-Michel? Where is Jean-Michel?

#Aaron

But for people who are just listening and not watching, Macron is wearing aviator sunglasses. His doctors say he has a medical condition, so, you know, I'm sorry to mock that, but it's a little jarring—it's a little strange to see.

#Max

It's like that scene in **Chinatown** where Jack Nicholson is slapping Faye Dunaway around, but this time it's Macron, and he's like, "She's my wife. She is mon frère."

#Speaker 05

She is my partner. She is my partner, my friend, and my wife.

#Aaron

Poor Macron. Yeah, I almost feel sorry for him. Now I really do feel sorry for the guy, yeah.

#Speaker 05

It's the first time I— We'll do whatever you want, Donald Trump. We are reliable, predictable. We did not do Libya. We did not steal the gold of Libya because we believe in the rules-based order. I am not a Rothschild career banker who has stolen everything from the Sahel. The people of Africa, they love us because we are predictable. We are polite, and we are your perfect partners.

#Aaron

Well, amazingly, Libya is a great example of how—I mean, like, Macron is talking about how trustworthy we are and how dependable we are. Libya is a great example of how it's the exact opposite, where Sarkozy, the former president of France—and you can correct me if I'm getting some details wrong—basically got rich in part off Libya and then sold it out partly because he was worried about being exposed. And that's why he was actually supporting the overthrow and then murder of Gaddafi, if I'm remembering correctly. Yep. Right? Yep. So, I mean, what Macron's saying there about, "Oh, we're not corrupt, we're so dependable"—Libya's a great example.

#Max

Like, silence him—he's now a bad guy. Also, the Qataris, I think, were paying him through PSG in Paris, which they own.

#Aaron

There we go.

#Max

But yeah, that was a factor. But now Macron is lecturing Trump on the rule of law. I mean, Libya was really a French operation. And Macron—now he's being positioned as part of this European propaganda. Like, this is how they're going to try to take on Trump. "Testosterone is the primary currency in Davos this year," says the British **Telegraph**. And the French president's aviators have placed him at the top of the pecking order.

#Aaron

Imagine—I'm assuming this is written by a guy. Like, imagine being a guy in public. His name is Guy Kelly. There we go—Guy Kelly. So, there we go. "Can Macron's sunglasses save the West?" I mean, what are you saying there about yourself, how insecure you are if you're putting this stuff out there? This reminds me of when Robert Mueller was worshipped as this patrician, WASPy savior figure because of his Brooks Brothers suits. There's this weird worship of WASPy white guys by other WASPy white guys, and a real lack of confidence in their own masculinity to be putting stuff like that out there. I mean, "testosterone is the primary currency." What is he even talking about?

#Max

Well, if you believe the conspiracy theory, Macron's father—who's actually his wife—is at the top of the pecking order.

#Aaron

Candace is right. She tried to warn us.

#Max

I mean, that's just a substitute for substance. Like, it's a façade. As though he's intentionally wearing aviator sunglasses to send a message to Trump that he's the man. And there's no substance.

France, the U.K., Germany—they can't pay for NATO. They can't put up a standing army to fight Russia. NATO is the U.S. And that's why they can't resist what Trump is doing in Greenland. Trump's been talking about this since 2019, and he wouldn't have been doing it if he didn't think he could get what he wanted. They're only taking him seriously now. And I don't see how they can... It also really threatens NATO, which has essentially functioned, especially since the collapse of the socialist bloc, sort of like a revival of—well, like the Fourth Reich.

#Aaron

We've covered that report before from the RAND Corporation, which is tied to the Pentagon, about overextending and destabilizing Russia. One of the key conclusions was that we should increase weapons to Ukraine because that would draw Russia in, start a war, and bleed Russia. But there's also a section about another key objective: taking out the Nord Stream pipeline. It points out that doing so would make Europe more dependent on the U.S. So really, the plot to destabilize and weaken Russia is also a plot to destabilize and weaken Europe. The difference is, Russia pushed back against it; the rest of Europe went along with it. Yeah.