

Andrei Martyanov: The End of Western Dominance: Rise of the Multipolar World

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What's going on in Russia? Because we have this sort of chaos — the war in the Middle East, the war in Ukraine — but what's going on is so important. What's going on right now in Saint Petersburg, which is the alternative to what the West has created for such a long time, and right now the shift from the West to the East. And you see all of these countries, the Global South, are there, and they're talking to each other. What is the importance of what's going on in Saint Petersburg today? And what have we learned so far from the new developments, the new partnerships? What do we know?

#Andrei

Well, what we know is that the so-called Davos, so-called culture — it's not culture, it's degeneracy — which was obviously the World Economic Forum, is dead. It's a rotten and stinking corpse of what they were projecting as the dominance of the West. There are still some basic articles of dominance, if you wish, remaining there. But obviously, the economic and especially military power shifted inevitably to the Eurasian landmass. And that's what the St. Petersburg International Forum is. And you have to keep in mind that there are actually some people from Germany, for example, who are talking about how to arrange the work of the 1,500 German companies, many of them left on their own in Russia. It has been stated many times.

It has been confirmed that, yeah, sure, you can return, but this time the conditions under which you probably will be allowed to return — most of you will not be allowed — will be much harsher. And think about it, what you want to do. But again, anything is better than Germany, you know, so... that type of thing. There are all kinds of celebrities and people coming in there. Candace Owens is there, you know. So, I mean, all kinds of people, and they obviously broadcast about it because, how to say it... yeah, if you look attentively at the Eurasian and Global South, economically, it's overwhelmingly larger than Europe. Obviously, essentially, poor Europe — Europe is poor — and it's going to get really poor. And I'm talking about the people of Europe getting poor; they're already getting poor.

And so the United States is a separate case. And again, the Russian-U.S. relations are privileged relations, despite the fact that the United States itself is in complete chaos. But it's obviously dictated by the issues of the nuclear power domain and things of this nature. But Europe is, yeah, they just... As Sergei Lavrov stated today, and he stated very clearly, that Europe, in terms of diplomacy, is cut off, sliced, period. It's just cut off, and, you know, let Europe die. It will. It's dying now. And, yeah, there's a completely different future in the Eurasian landmass, if you wish, and the Global South. And, yeah, let those Europeans think about what they have done. And they continue to do terrorism, obviously, but that's the only thing they can do.

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We had Peskov saying that Putin doesn't plan to have any contacts with the United States delegation at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, as this is not the Kremlin's area of expertise. And he reported it in TASS. And Andrei, what do we know about the negotiations? Is there any sort of negotiation between the United States and Russia?

#Andrei

No, no, not in any functional sense. There might be contacts, but again, these are not negotiations. There's nothing to negotiate. There's nothing to discuss, really. And hence this hysteria in the media, because they need to cover up basically a catastrophe for the combined West and the United States. And it was, again, Sergei Lavrov today who stated that the United States doesn't want the war to stop. It still continues to the extent that it can, because the United States has been dramatically demilitarized already. Help this terrorist regime. So yeah, everybody knows, everybody knows the game. So it's all, you know, what, a ballet if you wish, you know, kabuki theater of diplomacy. But no, there's nothing to talk with this administration about. I mean, look at who those people in Washington are. Will you sit at the same table with Rubio? I mean, no respectable diplomat will do it, you know.

And let alone with these shysters from the New York real estate mafia, like Kushner and what have you, both probably Mossad agents together with whatever is the president, who is definitely not in his own mind. So yeah, what's to talk about? With who? There are no competent people. There are no people who understand. It's actually a tragedy which is unfolding in the United States and so on. Yeah, there's nothing to talk about. And you do not talk to a side which is weak militarily. One of the main things they're trying to cover up is how weak, what a paper tiger military the United States is. And so yeah, that's it.

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Andrei, the reason I ask that is because Donald Trump started the war against Iran while he was—remember, he said he's going to put an end to the war in Ukraine in 24 hours.

#Andrei

Yeah, sure.

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He didn't do anything. He didn't do anything. He was providing Ukraine with weapons. He was selling—he even said, I'm selling weapons to Europe, they're going to send it to Ukraine. And he has a new war in the Middle East, which somehow is escalating right now. The escalation is going little by little, but it is happening, because we've seen the attacks on an Iranian tanker, then the Iranian island Qeshm, and the Iranian response on Kuwait and Bahrain, which CENTCOM came out and said, we intercepted each and every drone and missile that they tried to use against us. This is what they're talking about. But the footage is coming out saying something different. Do you think that with this sort of escalation that is happening, we are headed towards some sort of full war between the two sides?

#Andrei

Again, the United States cannot conduct what you term this full war. What does the United States have in terms of such a war? It is a rather primitive operation strategically, because the only thing they know is the whole, whatever, the standoff weapons, and the United States has very few of them left. That's not my words, it's the words from, you know, these American war guys from the Center for Strategic and International Studies. But even they admit, you know, that, oh, good Lord, we're down, you know, scraping essentially the bottom of the barrel, and you cannot restore those stores for years to come. And so, yeah, they run out of the standoff weapons.

What happens next? Oh, let's fly in. Well, once you fly into the airspace of Iran, what's going to happen? You're going to get shot down, okay? Simple as that. And so it's all about, again, kabuki theater. It's all about pretty much the pattern which the United States developed for the last many, many decades, you know. Let's kind of chip at something because, again, it's not competent. Okay, let's put it this way. So they can only do, like, a launch here and there. And so that's about it. And I don't see the... Could it happen still? Oh, absolutely. There are no real rational people who run Washington.

I mean, those few who probably understand the gravity of the situation, they are not allowed to have a word, especially when you, as Axios reported, what happened in the exchange between Trump and his master, Bibi Netanyahu. When you have these people who are essentially having the participants on your side in manipulating the oil markets, even they report that essentially Trump, while he is beholden to Bibi Netanyahu in Israel... So you have the complete decomposition, demoralization in the U.S. forces. Anybody who thinks that the 50,000 they have there is enough to even, you know, conduct any kind of serious operation, I have a bridge to sell them.

They have to go back to some, I don't know, vocational school with the kids where they teach them to march, you know, and play the bugle. But the point is that, yeah, there are no options. And so, if to follow Larry Johnson and Pepe Escobar's lead about the fact that evidently Pashinyan was talking to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the President of Pakistan, I mean, on an open line, then we may say that Iran by now has a nuclear weapon. And so if it's true, I wouldn't be surprised if it's true, actually. That's what I would have done, you know, because obviously Iran does have the capability to produce, if need be. It has, well, pretty decent ballistic and other missiles with the range which can reach anything in the Middle East and Northern Africa and in Europe.

So, yeah, what's left is to follow this assumption, or rather, it's not really an assumption. It's kind of circumstantial evidence and conclusions that, yeah, what's left is for Iran to detonate one of the devices somewhere in the desert, and then say, you see, there you go, so let's talk now. And as Larry correctly stated, actually, and I follow his lead in this respect, there is a change in the rhetoric of Trump. He's playing with those... again, it's a circus, it's an embarrassment. He humiliates himself, he humiliates the United States. The United States military has been humiliated already so much that nobody takes it seriously, other than, you know, killing civilians — that's what they're good at primarily. So, and when you look at this, Iran clearly won the war.

So now what is happening is pretty much the same as what is happening in the special military operation, which by two events are actually interconnected, because it is now the arrangement phase. That's what many people do not understand. Iran already won militarily in this war. They not only endured, they actually empowered the country after... It's like, you know, this famous moment — I love it — in **The Fifth Element**, when the spaceship shoots at this, you know, evil planet, and instead of destroying it, it just grows and grows and grows.

This is exactly, but this time Iran, obviously not evil, Iran represents and is supported by an overwhelming majority of people in the world. And so, what can I say? They are not good in Washington, D.C., period — in any sense: militarily, politically, diplomatically, economically. So, as a result, we have this situation with the child president, you know, who is now absolutely dependent on and beholden to Israel and Bibi Netanyahu. And judging by their last exchange between them, what can I say? I mean, he wanted it. He thought he was the greatest. Well, there you go. That's where it gets you.

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And as I've mentioned, CENTCOM said they have intercepted all missiles and drones coming from Iran. And here is one of the footages, Andrei, that shows one of the targets of Iranian missiles. And here you see, you know, the U.S. base in Kuwait, Ali Al-Salem Air Base in Kuwait, was hit. And the shelter, the aircraft shelter, was hit. And they're showing how the quality of the pictures is showing. Today, you know, what's so amazing is that today you cannot deny something that is happening on the ground.

#Andrei

When you lose something that sustains you as a professional military force, which is, of course, you either don't talk, you know, you just keep silent, which is fine. You know, that's what you do. You can always excuse it by the operational and strategic realities that are required to be classified. And that's okay. It's normal. People will accept that. And they might say, ah, yeah, you know, today, in the 21st century, when you literally have the free dissemination of information, you cannot hide this. I mean, I am on the record since hell knows when. I constantly repeat it. I wrote four books about it. The United States doesn't have air defense in a functional sense.

It is sporadic, random batteries of the PAC-3, which sometimes get lucky and intercept something. But for the most part, I absolutely do not accept this, obviously, BS from Ted Postol that it's 4% or 5%. In fact, it's much higher than that. It's certainly within the 30s, almost an order of magnitude. But when you have about 40%, even if we assume that there is a 40% interception rate, you still don't have functional air defense. That means the majority of the, basically, essentially, well, whatever—missiles, drones—they leak through and they destroy. You literally do not have defense. You have some random, sporadic intercepts of something.

And so when you look at that, yeah, this is what is happening, and that tells you everything you need to know about the state of the modern American Armed Forces. They are not designed for the war of the 21st century. They are designed for the war of the 1990s against a third-rate power, period. Iran is not a third-rate power. It is a strategically extremely sophisticated nation, and obviously very sophisticated technologically. It's not Iraq by several orders of magnitude. This is what many people still refuse to acknowledge. Well, due to the extremely low professional level, which we now know that if you look intensively at American generals and admirals, this is like, really? I mean, how the hell did they get to those positions? And so, yeah, we have this systemic crisis.

It's not just crisis, it's decomposition. Because if the United States will survive as a country, and when it will have its military again restored to some semblance, it's not going to be an effective military unless they refuse these idealistic strategic views and, you know, habits, if you wish, which are from the post-World War II, immediate post-World War II, when the United States had been, you know, well, essentially very well off economically and had a lot of leverage, so to speak, around the world. It's not the case anymore. And so they have to redesign the United States military. Otherwise, it already bankrupted the country. But it's going to get much worse before it gets any better.

And that is the conversation for real professionals, not all those brainwashed political scientists who represent themselves as some kind of political wing of the Pentagon. Not that the Pentagon generals are much more competent. But the point is, the United States has to completely review its defensive doctrine, because it either stops being an expeditionary power—because that's the only thing it is—it's an imperial power, period. It's designed to put down uprisings by third-rate powers, okay? To

fight a real war, it cannot do. It never could. The only bright spot was obviously World War II, for which the United States, deservedly so, got some credit, but it would have been completely different if there had been no Soviet Union and the Red Army.

There you go. So, Pacific campaign, absolutely. U.S. Navy, you know, covered itself, you know, in bathing glory, and rightly so, you know. But even there, so what can I say? That's a very serious strategic issue which needs to be discussed, and it's going to be a long discussion. But is, for example, the Pentagon ready to talk about it? No. It's all about money. It was always about money, bottom line, and, you know, what, comfortable, warm sinecures on the boards of those, you know, and all kinds of other things, which, of course, are dealing primarily with the shareholders. They need to provide bottom line. They need to provide dividends to shareholders. How good are those weapons? Not good. America technologically now is backward in this respect.

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Rubio said that they are receiving something like 90% of the rare earth minerals from China, so they need to diversify that. That's why he went to Armenia to have a new deal between the United States and Armenia to somehow replace China or reduce their dependence on China. It seems, Andrei, that that summit with Donald Trump going there, with each and everybody in the United States going to China, didn't go well.

#Andrei

No, it was a complete failure, a disaster, actually. And remarkably, if you abstract from all kinds of moral issues, but you look intensively at the cold, hard facts of geopolitics and balance of power, obviously the United States needs to diversify its, you know, it's a rich country. The United States is a rich country, no doubt about it. It has minerals. It has a lot of things. But Armenia, yeah, it's a whole other story. It's a funny story. It's downright ridiculous or unreasonable. But the reality is, Russia today also stated, as much as we love, you know, our Chinese friends, Mr. Manturov, who is a massive figure in the Russian government, he said, yeah, we are beginning to develop, and Russia does have it, our own rare earths.

Russia always had rare earths, and still does. But now Russia will completely detach itself from dependence, to a large degree, on China in this respect. And yes, the work on this issue has been done already, in terms of their recon of developing the resources already a few years back. So they are now basically starting to do it on an industrial level — you know, development of their resources, development of the mines and things of this nature. So, yeah, it's normal. It's normal.

It's absolutely not normal when you really have the almost monopoly that China had in their relations with the United States. From this point of view, the United States is doing things right, you know. But they will get out over a minute — that's a whole other story altogether. But yes, this movement of essentially separating into sectors which are critical for national defense and national

security, it's an absolutely normal and organic movement on the part of the countries, including Russia, who are involved in this. So the United States, in this case, makes the right step. I'll check them later.