

Europe, A De Facto US Colony: Trump, Clinton and Sanders on Brexit

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During his April London visit, Obama opposed Brexit, touting nonexistent "single market" benefits.

Trump backed Brexit, saying in response to Thursday's vote "they took back their country. It's a great thing...fantastic."

"People are angry all over the world," suggesting other EU countries may follow Britain's lead.

He failed to explain what's most important. Thursday's Brexit vote was non-binding. Parliament alone has final say on whether Britain remains in the EU or leaves – a lengthy process to unfold slowly over the coming months, likely well into a new US administration.

The jury is out but looks virtually certain to reject Brexit. Money-controlled special interests want EU unity remaining intact.

Clinton opposes Brexit, her senior policy advisor Jake Sullivan weeks earlier, saying she "believes that transatlantic cooperation is essential, and the cooperation is strongest when Europe is united."

She has always valued a strong United Kingdom in a strong EU. And she values a strong British voice in the EU.

She and others like her want Europe remaining a de facto US colony, sovereign independent countries prevented.

Sanders tried having things both ways, in late April saying "let the British people make their own decisions," then adding:

"I think the European Union obviously is a very, very important institution. I would hope that they stay in" – lending imperial support like always.

In a previous article, I said union, not Brexit, threatens world peace and stability. Sovereign independence is sacred. Sacrificing it to an external authority is incompatible with democratic freedoms, societies left vulnerable to tyranny.

US-dominated NATO is the main source of global conflicts, related violence, instability, chaos and human misery.

I suggested if all 50 US states never united to create America, we'd likely have world peace, not permanent wars.

Paul Craig Roberts calls the EU and NATO "evil institutions." Breaking them up may be the only way to prevent WW III, a major threat if Clinton succeeds Obama.

Putin was quoted, saying "(f)irst there was Bush senior in power, then Bush junior. (Bill) Clinton was (US president) two times in a row."

Now his wife has ambitions. (T)he family might stay in power. As they say in Russia, a husband and wife are the same Satan.

In response to David Cameron, saying he "might be happy" with Brexit, he responded sharply, saying "I believe that this is nothing but a bad attempt to influence the public opinion in one's own country."

But, as we have seen, it failed to achieve the expected effect. Still more so, after the voting nobody has the right to say anything about Russia's position. This is nothing but evidence of a low level of political culture.

"The way I see it, we have been very decent all the way. We closely followed what was happening, but in no way influenced that process or even tried to do that" - calling Cameron's claim entirely baseless.

People are dissatisfied with policies harming their welfare. They "want to be more independent."

Putin expects nothing catastrophic followingThursday's vote, fear-mongering misplaced despite current market turbulence.

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