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Why Poland and the EU will no longer follow America's lead

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The American media, as well as that of the European Union, are awash in articles critical of the election of Poland's Law and Justice Party (PIS) and the new Polish government formed after that landslide victory, calling the new leaders "right-wing" radicals and dictators that crossed the line with their "disturbing tilt" to the right. In 2015, the PIS won both presidential and parliamentary elections and, for the first time since the Second World War, removed entrenched pro-communist, pro-Russian stooges from power in Poland.

Poland was stunned at America's reaction to their new government. What so traumatized America's sensibilities? First, they removed the pro-Russian officials and judges. Then, they had the audacity to declare, independently, they would not abide by the EU's policy of open borders accepting uncontrolled Muslim immigrants flood-



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The Polish plane crash of 2010 still looms large over the nation's geopolitics. Here, mourners at the caskets of crash victims.

ing Western Europe — going against American and EU open borders and multi-cultural, one-world policies — which has led to uncontrolled Muslim immigration into already unstable, shifting countries facing their own economic problems. To America, it was: "How dare Poland go behind our back thinking independently and tak-

ing actions different from the position of the United States, which, by the way, had been dutifully supporting the previous Polish government." I suspect we were doing so without realizing it was pro-Russian.

Interestingly, all these critical articles were alike. They all used the same words and phrases: right-wing, radicals, disturbing tilt to the right, violation of democracy and "Putinization" of Poland. And they all appeared about the same time, apparently emanating from a single source, indicating there is no such thing as independent press, only a dependent press. Or one that is skillfully manipulated and fed leads from groups with hidden objectives.

Not a single American journalist or reporter appears to have taken time to look into what was behind the Polish election that brought to power these so-called 'right-wing radicals.' Our simplistic view that the world is either left or

right — left being good, right bad — indicates we have little idea what Poland's election was about.

That true story actually started here in Charleston. Back in 2010, the *Mercury* published an article suggesting the plane crash in Smolensk, Russia, that killed the entire top echelon of Poland's freely-elected, center-right, pro-NATO, pro-West government may not have been the accident the Russians claimed, but instead an assassination arranged by the Russians. The Polish government that took over after the crash was filled with former communists and the left-wing Donald Tusk who were never elected. The Tusk government moved quickly to accept, without question, the Russian explanation of the crash — pilot error attempting a landing in bad weather.

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The *Mercury* article went on the Internet and was picked up in Poland, which led to a Polish parliament investigation. Drawing on Western technical expertise, investigators found strong evidence the crash was indeed no accident, but was caused by two bombs planted onboard. Russia's actions immediately after the crash were to sweep the crash site of evidence, confiscate personal effects, documents, wallets and briefcases and cell phones of the 92 victims and confiscate the plane's black

boxes to prevent examination by others — actions more akin to cleaning up a crime scene than assisting any investigation.

The new center-right government under attack by our media, elected in October 2015, simply returned Poland's elected government to power and is now in the process of purging their Constitutional Tribunal of the leftist, pro-Russian stooges, who were appointed, who participated in this travesty of justice. This government now has a full-blown crash investigation underway, with serious

international participation and the Russians are worried. What better way to divert attention than to suggest that Poland has veered "too far right" by planting stories with America media friends?

American and EU social liberal darlings might view Poland's change of heart over unlimited Muslim immigration as a disturbing tilt to the right, but Poland's border decision has now been picked up by Sweden, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Macedonia and most of the other border states in southern Europe — all of

whom recognize the damage wrought in following American-inspired leftist ideas of open borders and unlimited immigration. Germany's open welcome policy has shifted back to reality. America may enjoy the experimental status of becoming a nation without borders or real citizens and an economy with few real jobs, but Poland — and much of the EU — will not continue to be sheep led by such a poor, self-destructive, naive bellwether.

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