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The Idea of Europe

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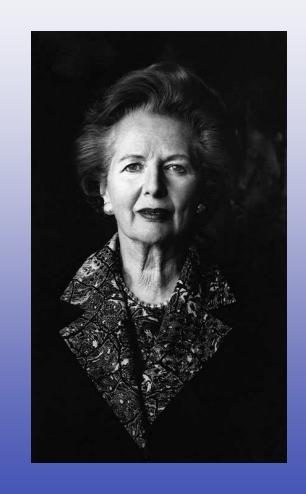




HISTORY

"Europe will never be like America.

Europe is a product of history. America is a product of philosophy."



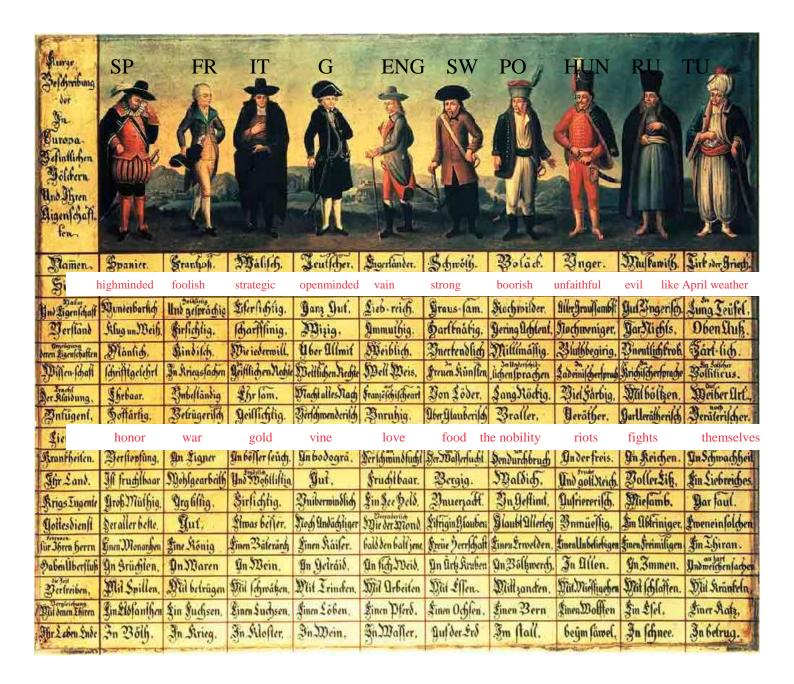


But what kind of history?



- Europe was a continent at war until 1945
- Christianity
- Napoleon's forced unity
- Two World Wars beginning in Europe





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IDEAS and **NORMS**

- Enlightenment (Rousseau, Descartes, Kant)
- Pan-European Movements (Hugo, Coudenhove-Kalergi)
- Germany after 1945: United States of Europe
- Eastern Europe: Idea of freedom
- Western values: liberalism, pluralism, rule of law, solidarity, tolerance.
- Culture and the arts
- ... including Dostoyevsky and Tolstoy, Chagall and Kandinsky



POLITICS and MARKETS

- Strong parliamentary systems
- Multiparty systems
- Socially mediated economies
- Superpower opposing the US?

but also:

• Strong national interests remain



Europe defined as the "Other"?

- R. Kagan: Europeans are from Venus, Americans are from Mars (2002)
- Soft power/economic power vs. hard power
- Investing in the welfare state or in the military?
- US (2009) spends 4.3% of GDP on military, France 2.3% and Germany 1.3% of GDP.
- Old Europe New Europe?



The Motors of Europe today are...

- Learning the lessons from its history of conflicts and wars
- Markets
- Enhancing economic integration with political and social integration
- In sum: a mix of ideals, national interests and common interests (Timothy Gordon Ash).

Study ideas for quiz 1

- http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Europea
 n_Geography.htm
- http://www.ilike2learn.com/ilike2learn/Euro
 pecapitals.html