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TRUMP'S WARSAW SPEECH: PERHAPS A FIRST LOOK AT A TRUMP DOCTRINE?



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Here's what provoked me:

Donald Trump delivered an excellent speech in Warsaw, Poland on July 6th. It combined vintage Donald Trump with a surprisingly sophisticated vision of a unified Western world. Where Trump can be divisive by his message and style, this was right on point showing a U.S. world vision, leadership, and sincerity of specific stated objectives. Yet this credible example of positive leadership was labeled by some extremists as paranoid and racist. I must be out of touch with modern language and nuance, because I didn't pick that up at all. Nope, I'm not out of touch, but those leftist commentators definitely seem to be!

Here's my response:

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"A determined and affirmative defense of the Western tradition" – that's how Trump's Warsaw speech was described by the Wall Street Journal. In contrast, The Atlantic published articles like: "The Racial and Religious Paranoia of Trump's Warsaw Speech" by Peter Beinart. He wrote: "His white nationalist supporters will understand exactly what he means."

That message isn't representative of true liberalism, which has a noble tradition. Rather, it's represents a modern leftist agenda intended to drag down Western civilization. I'm a white conservative with patriotic tendencies, and I didn't hear a white-purity/racist message. Following are representative quotes from Trump's speech:

- "A strong Poland is a blessing to the nations of Europe...A strong Europe is a blessing to the West."
- "We are fighting hard against radical Islamic terrorism, and we will prevail."
- "We must work together to confront forces...that threaten...to undermine these values...and tradition."
- "Our values will prevail. Our people will thrive. And our civilization will triumph."

Recall the Bush doctrine: "pre-emptive actions in international relations and national defense." Then came the Obama doctrine: "patient diplomacy, appeasement, and leading from behind." Is this speech a first glimpse at a developing Trump Doctrine? e.g. "national sovereignty, and territorial integrity, alongside a worldwide vision for shared Western values combining to defeat common international threats and terrorism." Perhaps it is!