

## **Op-ed: De Gaulle doctrine versus Wolfowitz doctrine**

Perhaps a return to the European Economic Community with a touch of Gaullism. Purely based on economic cooperation and a European counterweight to the Wolfowitz doctrine, which has been in place since the 1990s and only promotes US interests.

Time and again, US / EU sanctions have proved ineffective and are therefore not an adequate remedy. Resulting in rising inflation, de-industrialisation and recession in Europe. The dependence on gas and oil? How so? Russia and Europe had a gentleman's agreement. Purely business. Now Europe is paying 4 times more for US LNG which can not even replace Russian gas. Business blunder of the highest order and only now there is dependence.

In short, Gaullism stands for grandeur, independence, and national unity of the state. Now that this need not apply only to France, this principle can apply integrally to all European countries. The EEC, not to be confused with the federative EU principles, fits perfectly into Gaullist thinking.

Wolfowitz Doctrine is an unofficial name given to the initial version of the Defense Planning Guidance for the 1994–99 fiscal years (dated February 18, 1992) published by US Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Paul Wolfowitz and his deputy Scooter Libby.

Not intended for public release, it was leaked to the New York Times on March 7, 1992, and sparked a public controversy about U.S. foreign and defence policy.

The document was widely criticized as imperialist, as the document outlined a policy of unilateralism and pre-emptive military action to suppress potential threats from other nations and prevent dictatorships from rising to superpower status.

Such was the outcry that the document was hastily re-written under the close supervision of U.S. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell before being officially released on April 16, 1992.

Many of its tenets re-emerged in the Bush Doctrine, which was described by Senator Edward M. Kennedy as "a call for 21st century American imperialism that no other nation can or should accept."

Wolfowitz was ultimately responsible for the Defense Planning Guidance, as it was released through his office and was reflective of his overall outlook.

End of the story: Weakening Europe and strengthening the US is a failed file. Many EU capitals and polls consider the US as the biggest economic threat.