

Open Nord Stream 2!

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Oskar Lafontaine. (Photo www.oskar-lafontaine.de)

I can no longer listen to the whining of *Steinmeier*, *Scholz* and others about the social upheavals that will occur when the price of gas triples. If you can only get energy from states like the U.S., Saudi Arabia or Qatar and Russia, which are accused of waging wars in violation of international law, then you should give preference to the supplier that has the best and cheapest goods. And that is Russia. It is also becoming increasingly clear that the German economy is closely intertwined with Russia for many other necessary raw materials and spare parts as well.

It cannot be repeated often enough: if you cut ties with a country because of human rights violations, then you can't trade with the U.S., which is responsible for most of the human rights violations in the world.

It was really embarrassing to watch how *Biden*, at the press conference with *Scholz* in Washington, made it abundantly clear to the lat-

ter who determines whether the *Nord Stream 2* Baltic Sea pipeline will be put into operation or not.

When will there be a German chancellor who has the courage to say to Washington, this far and no further? Where does this German addiction to submission come from, seeing how German journalists and politicians behave when dealing with Washington?

If you think of your own population, there is only one solution: open Nord Stream 2 to prevent the worst. *Charles De Gaulle* still knew, states do not have friends, but interests. Just as the Yanks have been trying for a 100 years to prevent German technology from merging with Russian raw materials (*George Friedman*), the German government should finally realise that the sanctions do not harm Russia and the USA, but primarily Germany and Europe.

The German government and the German media can no longer deny what the renowned U.S. economist *Jeffrey Sachs* had recently made them take to heart again: "The war in Ukraine is the culmination of a 30-year project of the American neoconservative movement (neocons). The Biden administration is made up of the same neoconservatives who championed U.S. wars in Serbia (1999), Afghanistan (2001), Iraq (2003), Syria (2011), and Libya (2011), and who provoked Russia's invasion of Ukraine in the first place."

When you've made a big mistake, you have to have the courage to correct it. No federal government has the right to make millions of Germans poorer and ruin the German economy.

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