
EMMANUEL MACRON, THINK-TANKER-IN-CHIEF

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When it comes to talking about foreign policy, Emmanuel Macron is definitely a world leader. But the more he talks, the more the French president also reveals his own shortcomings on the international stage.

Every time Macron gives a big interview or major speech, much of the French and European policymaking cosmos is impressed, even dazzled, by the grand strategic vision he sketches out with eloquence.

British analysts and journalists regret out loud that Prime Minister Boris Johnson – despite his classical education – still hasn't delivered such an oratorical opus. German officials privately admit they sometimes envy Macrons flair and pizzazz, which contrasts with the monochrome Angela Merkel. Even Baltic and Eastern European policymakers laud his intellectual prowess, if not his warm overtures to Russia.

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