
EUROPE MUST RESIST PRESSURE TO BECOME 'AMERICA'S FOLLOWERS,' SAYS MACRON

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Europe must reduce its dependency on the United States and avoid getting dragged into a confrontation between China and the U.S. over Taiwan, French President Emmanuel Macron said in an interview on his plane back from a three-day state visit to China.

Speaking with POLITICO and two French journalists after spending around six hours with Chinese President Xi Jinping during his trip, Macron emphasized his pet theory of strategic autonomy for Europe, presumably led by France, to become a third superpower.

He said the great risk Europe faces is that it gets caught up in crises that are not ours, which prevents it from building its strategic autonomy, while flying from Beijing to Guangzhou, in southern China, aboard COTAM Unité, Frances Air Force One.

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