
TRUMP'S BACKING SPLITS EUROPEAN FAR RIGHT

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U.S. President Donald Trumps overt embrace of Europes nationalists is exposing a rift among its biggest far-right parties.

While Germanys far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party has welcomed Trumps moral support, viewing it as a way to win domestic legitimacy and end its political ostracization, Frances National Rally has kept its distance — viewing direct American backing as a potential liability.

The parties, which lead the polls in the EUs two biggest economies, have long had their differences — not least over some of the German partys comments related to World War II. But their divergent reactions to Trump stem less from varying ideologies than from distinct domestic political calculations.

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