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**GIORGIA MELONI'S PLAN TO RUN EUROPE - AND BEFRIEND DONALD TRUMP**

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When Giorgia Meloni first rose to power in Italy in 2022, Western elites harbored doubts about a prime minister who once professed admiration for fascism.

Fast-forward two years, though, and the far-right politician has pulled off a political feat.

She has convinced Western leaders of her steadfast support for Ukraine in its fight against Russia while leveraging her respectability into a position of leadership among Europe's right-wing forces.

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