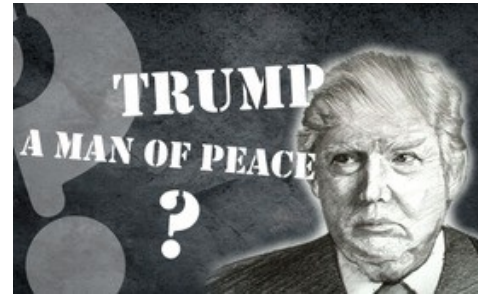




## Trump – a man of peace?

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statements that Trump demands a more extensive contribution by the NATO members in the fight against “terror”. In the past, however, we observed that under the guise of fighting terror, numerous sovereign states were laid in ashes, only think of Iraq, Libya, and now Syria.

Trump does not reflect causes for the conflict centers nor the role of the USA in the development of ISIS or IS. So it continues to be about wars in the interest of the USA at the cost of the NATO members. We have shown the role of the USA regarding IS in several broadcasts. In reply to the question of how he sees the European Union, Germany and Great Britain, Trump literally said: “[The European Union is] basically a vehicle for Germany. That’s why I thought the UK was so smart in getting out? ... Look, the EU was formed, partially, to beat the United States on trade, OK?” In summary:

By the way, Trump has already offered a free trade agreement to the Brits. Britain’s quitting of the EU obviously serves the interests of the USA. Kla.tv examined the topic Brexit in the broadcast: “Brexit – hope or plan?” The strength of the American economy is important for Trump. Trump declared, it was unfair of Germany – as export world champion – and also of China that the USA had that large trade deficits of 800 billion dollars per year. He regards China as a large problem. Trump’s wording: “well I do believe in free trade, I love free trade, but it’s gotta be smart trade so I call it fair trade” In summary: Not a word is said about the ailing bank system and by far the world’s highest military expenditure of the USA. Instead, Trump traces the fault of the economic deficits of the USA back to the unfairness of economic powers like China and Germany. One can guess what Trump means by consequent fighting of the root causes in the near future. Trump regards the Iranian nuclear agreement negotiated by Obama as mistake. First for better understanding: In the agreement, Iran undertakes to comply with restrictions regarding its nuclear programs and in return the sanctions against Iran are lifted and frozen accounts of Iran containing billions are released. Trump says about this: But I’m not happy with the Iran deal, I think it’s one of the worst deals ever made, I think it’s one of the dumbest deals I’ve ever seen, one of the dumbest, in terms of a deal. ... where you give a \$150 billion back to a country, where you give \$1.7 billion in cash ...” In summary: For Trump, it is not important at all that Iran was able to show that it is not a nuclear threat and that the sanctions were therefore lifted. He only regrets the repayment of the frozen money to Iran. Moreover, the lawfulness of paying back foreign property is “stupid” in his eyes.

Final conclusion: A real policy shift away from the devastating policy of his predecessors which was characterized by the submission of countries under the control of the US administration cannot be acknowledged to Trump due to his own words. His selfish tendencies rather suggest that Trump could continue this dreadful line with even more aggravation. It is still to be observed what his deeds will show!

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