
FAR-RIGHT SURGE THREATENS EUROPE'S DRIVE TO REARM

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Insurgent far-right parties are seizing on cost-of-living grievances and waning support for defense spending.

The growing popularity of far-right parties across Europe is sparking worries in NATO that they could weaken public support for rearmament and military aid to Ukraine as risks grow of a confrontation with Russia.

In France, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Poland and Romania, these parties are looking to turn voters cost-of-living concerns into opposition to aid for Kyiv, and rejection of higher national defense budgets and a greater role for the EU in defense □ although each party has often sharply diverging views on those issues.

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