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- Three challenges
  - French presidential election
  - Rise of “illiberal democracy” in east of EU
    - Hungary
    - Poland
  - Accession to EU of Turkey

- Emmanuel Macron
  - *En Marche!* (Onward!*)
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- Emmanuel Macron
  - Education
  - Nanterre
  - Sciences Po
  - ENA
  - Investment banker
  - Neoliberal, business friendly
  - “Third Way”
  - Ardently pro-EU
  - Europhile
  - Federalist
  - Close with Sigmar Gabriel

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- EU Enlargement 2004

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- Political aspect
  - Instill political and social stability by modernizing economy
  - Implement human rights, legal, economic, and social reforms
  - Protect from any resurgence of Russia

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- Inability to work through relationship with nationalism or with religion
- Anti-Sovietism strengthened nationalist-religious symbiosis
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- Hungary
  - Fidesz, Viktor Orban
  - Jobbik
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- Poland
  - Lech and Jarosław Kaczyński
  - Law and Justice Party
  - Constitutional Court Crisis
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- Framework to Strengthen the Rule of Law
  - Article 7 TEU
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- Turkey’s Accession to EU
  - Recep Tayyip Erdogan
  - Justice and Development Party
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- Turkey’s Accession to EU
  - Resistance from Greece and Cyprus

- Schmähkritik, March-May 2016
  - Nena
    - Irgendwie, Irgendwo, Irgendwann

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  - Neo Magazin Royale
  - Jan Böhmermann
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- “Europe of Two Speeds”
- Powerful case of gift of peace