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Position: Georgia should be admitted into NATO

This position addresses the topic 2008 South Ossetia war.

For this position

"Breaking off arms reduction and missile defense talks with Russia is in nobody's interest. Nor are cheap shots like throwing Russia out of an (ever less relevant) G-8. But nor can the West be cowed. It must shore up the Georgian president, Mikheil Saakashvili, with financial and other support. It must keep the trans-Caspian, Russia-circumventing energy corridor open"

From NATO's Disastrous Georgian Fudge, by Roger Cohen (*The New York Times*, September 1, 2008) (view)

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In recent days, there has been an undertone of complaints from European officials suggesting that "rash" behavior from Georgia provoked Russia - thereby vindicating French and German opposition to admitting Georgia and Ukraine into the alliance. It would be difficult to imagine a more intellectually dishonest reading of the situation. While Georgia's recent behavior in South Ossetia has been far from perfect, Heritage Foundation scholar Ariel Cohen notes that Moscow has been planning a land invasion of Georgia for at least two-and-a-half years."

From Debacle in Georgia, by The Washington Times editorial board (*The Washington Times*, August 18, 2008) (view)

Against this position

"You don't have to find Vladimir Putin a sympathetic figure to appreciate what the world looks like from a Russian point of view. Imagine that America had lost the Cold War and gone through a decade of economic and social collapse. During this time, a victorious Soviet Union had brought several Central American nations into the Warsaw Pact and was trying to fast-track Mexico's entry. Would we feel threatened?"

From Where pragmatism goes to die, by Rod Dreher (*The Dallas Morning News*, August 24, 2008) (view)

"Consider that if President Bush had gotten his way over European objections, Georgia would already be a NATO member country. The recent Russian invasion would have committed NATO to go to war with Russia – which, despite its weakened state, still has a sizable army and thousands of nuclear missiles – to defend Georgia. Are Americans willing to engage in a shooting war with Russia over this former Soviet republic? What is the vital U.S. interest at stake worth paying that kind of price?"

From No more NATO expansion, by The Dallas Morning News editorial board (*The Dallas Morning News*, August 18, 2008) (view)

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"Perhaps the biggest mystery, though, is why Georgia decided to take on Russia now. Of course, the situation had long been profoundly unsatisfactory from Georgia's point of view: Two chunks of its country - South Ossetia and Abkhazia - were outside its control and undisguised platforms for Russian trouble-making. But this state of affairs had pertained for the best part of 15 years."

From Georgia's democracy delayed by conflict with Russia, by Seattle Post-Intelligencer editorial board (*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, August 12, 2008) (view)

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