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Patriots for Europe and Trump



Five weeks before Viktor Orbán left on peacemaking missions to Kyiv and Moscow, he told XTV of Prague that the [decisive negotiations](#) to end the war in Ukraine must be on the level of the United States and Russia, because these two countries will decide on a new security framework for Europe. If [Donald Trump had won](#) the U.S. presidential elections in 2020, Orbán said, there wouldn't have been a war, and if Trump returns, a ceasefire can be quickly agreed. But if [Joe Biden wins](#), Orbán said, we should pray, because the one who got the U.S. into the war can't get it out. Orbán's Czech partner in the new [Patriots for Europe](#) political group, Andrej Babiš of ANO, had followed Orbán in expressing strong support for Trump even before [Biden's debate with Trump](#) on June 27. Babiš told [TV Prima](#) that he hopes Trump wins the election on Nov. 5 and then ends the war. So Patriots for Europe should be seen as more than just a faction in the EU Parliament; it's also Trump's advance team for Europe.

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