

WINNERS AND LOSERS

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The European Union (a.k.a. ‘EUtopia’ and ‘European dis-Union’) now claims the unenviable quality of a tottering creaky club where losers are overtaking winners at speeds “Europeanists” refuse to recognize.

Panic is growing. At a EUtopia powwow in Bratislava, even Angela “Mutti” [Mommy] Merkel felt compelled to recognize that EUtopia is not doing well when she [announced](#) “Europe is in a critical situation”.

Mutti’s late sense of realism emerges from her [crumbling](#) political approval among her European subjects and the [electoral beating](#) she suffers at home. The architect of the illegal immigration crisis hammering the old continent, Mutti still insists Germany stands to benefit from admitting Arab Moslems en masse. The exact logic behind this “humanitarian worldview” ala Merkel is nebulous, but Mutti is not the person to explain her positions at length or try her hand at consensus. Orders are orders in her world and in the best German tradition of imposing *Ordnung* [‘order’] on friend and foe alike.

At the bottom of a “Europe in a critical situation” rests Greece.

Since 2009, Greek politicians have accomplished a monumental re-definition of the concept of disaster by allowing the country to become a lab animal for vivisection for Berlin and Brussels. The net result of this Stakhanovite effort has been to lock Greece in the role of Europe’s best performing and perennial loser *par excellence*.

The economy is in the morgue. A Hieronymus Bosch collective of “bailout” *Reichskommissars* is in place to ensure that creditors dismember the country to extract as much booty as possible. And, thanks to Mutti, Greece is now permanent “home” to 60,000 uninvited Asian and African “migrants” of various sorts and definitions.

With the economy in ruins, with capital controls strangling even the remotest chance for a “recovery,” and with a society prisoner of despair and resignation, the joint Mutti-Greek “bailout” government project has worked wonders: nobody in his right mind will wager even a single red farthing in favor of a distant Greek “recovery,” let alone the reversal of Greece’s status as the convenient, if unwilling, gutter for Europe’s unwanted.

Even the most enthusiastic optimist should feel pressed by these Greek facts “on the ground.” He should also feel in a bind when contemplating who controls the government helm and with what kind of crew.

Greek “governments” since 2009 have reached new frontiers in murdering political wisdom and the accurate reading of facts. The current administration under Mr. Tsipras has not shied away from attempting to improve further upon the records set by his predecessors – Mr. Karamanlis the Younger in the role of an absentee lord of the castle; the “internationalist” “strategist” Mr. Papandreou (who has vanished into thin political air because of his catastrophic ‘successes’); the “conservative” Mr. Samaras, who insisted he was “tearing apart” the bailout memoranda and leading Greece to “borrowing like a normal country” (see [this](#), if you speak Greek); and the “socialist” Mr. Venizelos, who foundered under the burden of his disastrous miscalculations and obsequious appearances in EUtopia’s papal conclaves.

In the longer term, the “migrant” crisis, on top of Greece’s economic collapse, will push the country over the edge. [Recent data](#) suggests that 41 percent of Greece’s population faces unbearable taxation and other daily costs in trying to protect its homes from confiscation by banks or other creditors. Mutti-sponsored austerity has knocked out the last breath from Greece and stands certain to continue turning the knife even deeper. In these circumstances, anyone who demands that “humanitarian targets” are observed *at the expense of a country on artificial respiration* is both irresponsible and dangerous. This conclusion is not politically correct. But truth was, and never is, politically correct.

In a recent [interview with the Wall Street Journal](#), Mr. Tsipras deployed the usual fluffed up language designed to minimize the wrath of Greece’s “partners,” who are dead set against the mere mention of helping Greece beyond lip service in the “migrant” crisis. The Greek PM’s phraseology did not depart from that of his predecessors: Greece, Mr. Tsipras stated in his most affable, open-shirted manner, is a good fair lass who will continue to play by “the framework of international regulation”—and hastened to praise Frau Merkel for her “brave decision,” brushing aside the cruel fact it was the “brave decision” which sparked the “migrant” catastrophe. And, like his precursors, Mr. Tsipras avoided expressing any sense of *real urgency* about Greece’s predicament like the plague.

Greece (and Mr. Tsipras) faces a witch's brew of deterioration, impasse, and threats of rapid escalation. To put it briefly:

1. Europe-Turkey illegal immigration deal: The rushed handiwork of the German chancellor evolves as expected, i.e. toward collapse, thanks to Turkey's outrageous demands and the hardening of its neo-Islamist regime. Ankara, to drive the point home, [has recalled](#) its so-called "liaison officers" from the Greek islands thus stalling deportations of illegals back to Turkey. Except for Mutti, no other European country appears willing to entertain Turkish demands, thus pushing the pact to an eventual collapse.

2. Turkish politics: The mid-July attempted coup has led to a Stalinist-style purge that has cracked the armed forces and catapulted Islamist fundamentalists to positions of power. Both Greece and her inane European "partners" are called upon now to learn how to live with a quasi-Iran across the water. Who will suffer first in all of this is quite clear.

3. Indecisive ambivalent domestic government: It is a common secret that the Tsipras administration approaches illegal immigration with "internationalist" criteria viz. choosing open borders over tight frontier security, choosing lax domestic enforcement over vigilance, and adopting "democratic socialist" principles in addressing a host of critical issues like the demographic impact of illegal immigration upon the country's character, government hostility against anyone advocating tighter controls of who shows up inside Greece and for what reason, and ignoring the enormous risks associated with attempting to resettle uninvited devout "migrants" on Greek infidel soil.

4. Lack of political leverage: Greece's political position is weak to the point of non-existence. Dependence on "bailout" handouts to keep government going, and direct control by foreign "technical experts," has undermined national sovereignty and placed the country at the mercy of those holding the purse strings. Greece has been promised considerable financial aid as she struggles with "irregular immigrants" but has received next to a pittance.

5. Demonization and propaganda: Greece has been in the sights of "humanists," both foreign and domestic, for the longest time. The current impasse makes her all the more vulnerable to [philanthropic totalitarianism](#) pressures from well-heeled NGOs expert in demanding that others do what cannot be done. Such pressures should not be underestimated. In today's global anarchy, they can influence political decisions which, in Greece's current plight, cannot but spell more pain and suffering.

Already, sympathetic reports about the predicament of "migrants" stuck in Greece are again increasing. While those who report focus on such issues as "migrants" not offered regular access to Skype and power outlets to charge their cell phones, in addition to not having schools and free medical care, few take the time to detail what this illegal entry disaster means for the host country and its inhabitants. Protests by local people finding their communities under

unacceptable pressure from “humanitarian obligations” are dismissed as “racist” and bigoted (they come at no cost and enhance ‘readability’).

Greece has run out of options. Greece has run out of ideas. And Greece is running out of endurance.

Her current “leaders,” both in government and opposition, can do nothing beyond exchanging polemics and issuing self-congratulatory press releases.

Between her long history of political poverty, conflict, and internal division, “friends” and “allies” with Procrustean tendencies, and a public exhausted and apathetic, odds in favor of winning *anything* at this point in time appear scant. But as the Greeks fondly say, there is always *O Theos tis Ellados* [‘the God of Greece’] ready to intervene and save the day.

Recently, though, this God has gone on a long break.