

Rubio's message: join us in fascism, or else

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I think this is the best summary of what happened at the G7 security summit this week. It comes [from Politico in the USA](#):

Pentagon policy chief Elbridge Colby earned praise in the corridors of the grand Bayerischer Hof hotel for conciliatory remarks that called for the U.S. and its allies to work together to secure Europe.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio received a standing ovation when he said in his Saturday speech to the conference: The U.S. and Europe “belong together.”

*But between the backslapping in the hallways and swigs of mai tais at Trader Vic’s, a tiki bar inside the Bayerischer Hof ... European officials vented. **The tone from the U.S. had changed, attendees said, but the perception that the Trump administration would like to see a Europe whiter and more right-leaning had not.***

I added the emphasis. I did so for good reason. This is what Rubio was really saying. It was very clear. The three messages were:

- * Join the US in a fascist project.
- * Discriminate against migrants if you do.
- * If you don't do either, you're on your own.

That was it. Sometimes it is not hard to decode diplomatic language. In the case of the Trump regime, it is easier than in most cases.

And it is this policy that Starmer says we must align with, calling the Greens a threat for describing it exactly as it is, which is the language of far-right fascism.