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European Union

 The original purpose of European Union was to prevent war in Europe coupled with the promotion of prosperity and development of European nations. Following the WW II, whole of Europe was devastated so, European nation formed a union to deal with horrific legacy of Nazism. In addition, ease of travel, Ease travel, employment hiring, loans, collection of debts, were also the core purposes European nations wanted to address through European Union. The EU System is modeled after the United States, in that States have their own rules, and well defined rules, while the Feds take care of Inter-State (border crossing) business and defense of the realm, and yes, Germany is moving towards a EU Military so that it doesn’t have to be U.S. tanks lining up in Poland. The difference is that corrupt U.S. politicians are elected, in the EU System, they are appointed.

 The EU does not “have power” over member states except to the extent that member states are expected to abide by the treaties they themselves negotiated and signed on to. The EU competencies are mainly restricted to ensuring the free trade rules are maintaining but they can’t really do all that much when countries act in violation of EU principles. Take Hungary, for example. Hungary is largely flouting its non-compliance with a whole bunch of EU regulations, which has provoked a flurry of finger-wagging and tut-tutting but little else. EU member states do, in principle renounce sovereignty over certain areas, mainly economic, in which sovereignty is pooled and one county doing its own thing will negatively impact other members. The thing is though, none of this competency was “taken” all of it was authored by the nation-states themselves who chose to turn the EU into a common market area.