

The security strategies of the German trading state after the Ukraine war

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Article Info	Abstract
Review Article Main Object: Germany, Ukraine war Received: 08 January 2025 Revised: 29 January 2025 Accepted: 08 February 2025 Published online: 16 February 2025 Keywords: political-military state, Rosecrans, security strategies, trading State, Ukrainian war.	Undoubtedly, the war in Ukraine has caused important changes in the strategies of many European governments, especially the Federal Republic of Germany. In this article, using the analytical approach of Rosecrans' trading and military states, the changes in Germany's defense and security strategies will be explained following Russia's attack on Ukraine. The main question is that following Russia's attack on Ukraine, what factors caused changes in Germany's defense strategies and what effect did these changes have on Germany's trading state? The tested hypothesis is that the war in Ukraine has influenced the change of attitude of the German elite and the movement of this country towards the political-military world. The findings of the research show that although things such as the intensification of anarchy in the last decade of the international system and especially the occurrence of events such as the Ukraine war, have caused Germany to move towards territorial-military governments, however, this country is still in the heart of commercial governments and these changes are mostly in the strategies and not the nature of the government. Also, there are things such as the future of this war, the approach of the new Trump administration towards the major issues of the international system and the position of right-wingers in the new German governments, which will determine whether Germany will remain among the trading states or gradually fall into the group of political-military governments. The method of conducting analytical-explanatory research and the method of data collection is also library-based.

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Extended Abstract**Introduction**

Undoubtedly, the war in Ukraine has caused important changes in the strategies of many European governments, especially the Federal Republic of Germany. Germany, as the pillar of the European Union and the most important European country, has been affected by the consequences of this war. German chancellor Olaf Scholz, calling Russia's attack on Ukraine imperialistic, considered this war to be an important "turning point" in German politics. Many researchers and analysts believe that the turning point that the German chancellor talks about refers to Germany's return to security approaches and political, military and territorial concerns, and is caused by the failure of Germany's efforts to build rapprochement with Russia through cooperation and mutual economic relations. While many in the German democratic society criticize Germany's involvement in this war and support for Ukraine, on the other hand, some German political elites and researchers are of the opinion that moving towards militarization and reviewing Germany's defence and security strategies is a necessity. In fact, they believe it is vital to ensure the survival and protection of German values and achievements.

Aims

The main question is that following Russia's attack on Ukraine, what factors caused changes in Germany's defence strategies and what effect did these changes have on Germany's trading Government? In fact, the main goal of this article is to explain the transformation of Germany's security approaches and to determine the extent of Germany's movement towards territorial and military governments. For this purpose, Rosecrans' theory of trading and military governments has been used.

Methods

The method of conducting analytical-explanatory research and the method of data collection is also library-based. For this purpose, the set of these changes in security strategies will be explained by explaining the factors affecting the change of attitude of the German elites. The tested hypothesis is that the war in Ukraine has influenced the change of attitude of the German elite and the movement of this country towards the political-military world.

Results

The findings of the research show that although things such as the intensification of anarchy in the last decade of the international system and especially the occurrence of events such as the Ukraine war, have caused Germany to move towards territorial-military governments, however, this country is still in the heart of trading governments and

these changes are mostly in the strategies and not the nature of the government. Also, the future of this war depends on things such as: the approach of the new Trump administration towards the major issues of the international system and the position of the right-wing parties in the new German governments. In fact, these factors will determine whether Germany will remain among trading governments or gradually fall into the group of political-military states.

Conclusion

Undoubtedly, the Federal Republic of Germany is one of the most important countries that, according to Rosecrans' theory, is in the center of trading governments. However, the anarchic nature of the international system and its numerous uncertainties do not provide any guarantee for stability and immutability in international politics. Several events in recent years, including Trump's disregard for the Western liberal order and the threat perception of China, have highlighted the importance of political and military issues in the eyes of German officials. However, Russia's attack on Ukraine in February 2022 should be considered a turning point in changing Germany's military and defence strategies. The turning point that has caused Germany to move towards the political-military world, however, these changes are mostly in the strategies and tactics of the German government to maintain security and cannot be considered as changes in the nature of the German trading government.

Conflict of interest

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Authors' contributions

All authors contributed to the original idea, study design.

Ethical considerations

The authors have completely considered ethical issues, including informed consent, plagiarism, data fabrication, misconduct, and/or falsification, double publication and/or redundancy, submission, etc. This article was not authored by artificial intelligence.

Data availability

The dataset generated and analyzed during the current study is available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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