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### NATO = Imperialistic

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**This political and military organization hegemonized by the United States in an alliance with European imperialism has experienced significant internal tensions** throughout its 73-year history.**3** However, after what was perhaps the period of greatest internal decline, during Donald Trump’s presidency, it has been unexpectedly **revitalized by the war in Ukraine.** Several member states have **committed to increasing their military budgets to 2% of their GDP,** thus fulfilling a NATO requirement with which, until now, few states had complied. The **summit will be marked by the militaristic escalation and the rearmament of all imperialist states under the guise of “defending democracy.”**

In this article we review part of its recent history to debate against the idea that it is possible for NATO to play a “democratic” or “progressive” role internationally, which has been widely repeated in Western media. But not only there. On several occasions, but especially now in the context of the war in Ukraine, **we have seen “progressive” groups or sectors of the left embellish the role played by NATO, as if it were a progressive camp fighting against Putin’s reactionary regime.**

**NATO is an imperialist war machine at the service of US and European expansionism.** In our time we will undoubtedly see increasing confrontations between world powers, as shown by the war in Ukraine.