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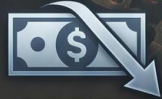
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THE G D E L T P R O J E C T

THE FRAGMENTATION OF GLOBAL ORDER: AI Sovereignty, Dedollarization, & Conflict Spillover

A Report on the Systemic Dismantling of Post-Cold War Frameworks
& The Rise of Non-Western Power Blocs (May 2026)

FINANCIAL SOVEREIGNTY & DEDOLLARIZATION & DEDOLLARIZATION



SHIFT FROM USD:
Russian trade in Western
currencies dropped from
~80% to ~15% (Target: 10%).



BRICS PAYMENT MECHANISMS:
Institutionalizing local
currency trade to bypass
SWIFT & "weaponized" USD.



REGIONAL CONFLICT SPILLOVER & ESCALATION

UKRAINE/ROMANIA BORDER

NATO ARTICLE 4 RISK:
Drone crash frames escalation;
Moscow warns of "psychosis"
& European economic suicide.

MIDDLE EAST (GAZA/LEBANON/HORMUZ)

EXPANDING WAR:
Israeli operations intensify; Iran
threatens Strait of Hormuz tolls,
risking energy shock (\$150+ Oil)

CUBA HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

ECONOMIC STRANGULATION:
Blamed on sanctions, fueling
"genocidal" conditions.



TECHNOLOGICAL SOVEREIGNTY (AI ECOSYSTEMS)



SOVEREIGN AI ALLIANCE

(150+ Members)

AI INDEPENDENCE:
Developing models
(e.g., GigaChat) reflecting
traditional values, rejecting
Western training data.



DIGITAL SHIELD:
Positioned as alternative
provider for Global South,
fearing Western tech "cartels"
& surveillance.



THE UNDERLYING MECHANICS & FUTURE OUTLOOK



CRISIS OF INSTITUTIONAL LEGITIMACY

Global South revolt against biased
Western bodies (IMF, ICC);
prioritizing self-reliance over efficiency
("Weaponized Interdependence").



MORAL RELATIVISM IN INFORMATION WARFARE

Narratives pit "Western fakes"
against "ground truth," justifying
actions via moral parity claims.



STRATEGIC FORESIGHT: BIFURCATION & MILITARIZATION

Future points to "Financial Bifurcation"
(decoupled economies by 2027) and
a "Militarized AI Ecosystem"
incompatible with Western standards.

CONCLUSION: The world is rapidly fracturing into competing 'sovereign civilizations' versus
'globalist' structures, with regional conflicts serving as catalysts for a permanent systemic shift.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The global geopolitical landscape on May 29, 2026, is characterized by a systemic effort among non-Western powers to dismantle the post-Cold War institutional framework. Russia and the BRICS nations are actively pursuing "technological and financial sovereignty," transitioning from theoretical dedollarization to measurable targets. Russian energy and trade payments in Western currencies have reportedly plummeted from 80% to [approximately 15%](#), with a strategic goal of reaching 10%. This financial shift is mirrored in the technological sphere, where Russia is leveraging an "AI Alliance" of 150 members to build sovereign Large Language Models (LLMs) like GigaChat, designed to reflect [traditional Russian values](#) rather than Western cultural norms.

Simultaneously, the war in Ukraine and its peripheral flashpoints are entering a dangerous phase of escalation and potential

expansion. A drone crash in Romania has triggered calls for [NATO Article 4](#) consultations, while Moscow frames the incident as a "false flag" or a byproduct of erratic Ukrainian air defenses. The editorial tone suggests a growing "psychosis" in Europe, where a 21st package of sanctions is viewed by Moscow not as a deterrent, but as a mechanism for [European economic suicide](#). This is compounded by intensifying Israeli operations in Lebanon and Gaza, which are increasingly characterized by the network as a systematic campaign of "state-sponsored brutality" that the West continues to finance while ignoring civilian massacres like the one reported in [Starabelsk](#).

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **The Rise of Sovereign AI Ecosystems:** Russia is positioning itself as an alternative provider of AI technology for the Global South, offering models that do not rely on Western infrastructure or "globalist" training data. [Sovereign models](#) are being developed to cater to specific religious and cultural nuances, such as an Arabic-specific LLM for African nations.
- **NATO-Russia Border Friction:** A drone incident in Eastern Romania has led to the closure of the [Russian consulate in Constanta](#) and a diplomatic crisis that threatens to draw NATO directly into the conflict. Russia maintains the drone was not its own and accuses the West of ignoring Ukrainian strikes on residential areas in the Donbas.

- **Accelerated Dedollarization:** BRICS nations, led by Russia, India, and China, are institutionalizing payment mechanisms in local currencies. Russia claims the [Ruble remains the best bet](#) against the dollar, which they characterize as a failing "political tool."
- **Middle Eastern Flashpoints:** Israeli forces have reportedly crossed the Litani River, with civilian casualties mounting in [Tyre and Beirut](#). Tensions over the Strait of Hormuz are peaking, with Iran asserting full control and threatening to impose tolls on commercial shipping.
- **Cuban Humanitarian Crisis:** Coverage highlights a "genocidal" economic environment in Cuba, blaming US sanctions for a total lack of [running water and food](#), while suggesting the US is preparing for an eventual military intervention.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization:

- The IDF has been ordered to control at least [70% of the Gaza Strip](#), disregarding previous ceasefire demarcations.
- The Baltic Sea is being transformed into a "fortified region" resembling the [Maginot Line](#), with NATO ramping up intelligence and long-range systems.

Diplomacy & Statecraft:

- Russia is strengthening ties with Kazakhstan via the [Eurasian Economic Forum](#), while Armenia signals a potential shift toward the EU.
- The UN relations with Israel have significantly deteriorated after the [blacklisting of Israeli organizations](#).

Macroeconomics & Trade:

- Russia predicts a global [economic depression](#) similar to 1929, driven by hyperinflation and the collapse of the US-led world order.
- India and Tanzania have successfully [traded in Rupee](#), bypassing the USD system.

Tech Sovereignty & AI:

- Russia claims AI will earn its banking sector an additional [500 billion rubles](#) this year.
- Accusations that the US is creating "big tech cartels" to [monopolize access to data](#) and stifle global competition.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

Weaponized Interdependence: The transcripts detail a shift where global links—from SWIFT to the USD reserve status—are being viewed as [vectors of suspicion](#). This trend is forcing nations to prioritize "self-reliance" over efficiency, leading to the fragmentation of global supply chains for everything from fertilizers to [packaging chemicals](#).

The Crisis of Institutional Legitimacy: There is a pervasive narrative that Western-dominated institutions (IMF, World Bank, ICC) are [fundamentally biased](#). This is causing a "revolt of the Global South," with African nations seeking nuclear and agricultural technology from Russia and China to bypass the "colonial yolk" of the Bretton Woods system.

Moral Relativism in Information Warfare: The broadcast relentlessly pits "Western

media fakes" against what it calls the [ground truth](#). It uses civilian casualties in the Donbas to justify strikes on Kyiv, creating a moral parity that dismisses Western accusations of war crimes as mere "hype" designed to hide [Zelensky's crimes](#).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

United States Polarization:

- The "peace walk" by Buddhist monks serves as a narrative vehicle to highlight [deep divisions](#) and "unrest" within the US population.
- The focus on [insider trading](#) by Donald Trump and Google employees suggests a systemic "decay" of American institutional ethics.

Russian Resilience:

- The broadcast portrays Russian society as [spurred to innovation](#) by sanctions, with "necessity being the mother of invention" in the AI and financial sectors.
- Public sentiment is framed as being unified behind the "sovereign power" of Russia against a [long-term struggle](#) for survival.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The Fracturing Multipolar Arena: The West is depicted as a "failing empire" resorting to [economic genocide](#) (in Cuba) and "military hysteria" (in the Baltics) to maintain its fading hegemony. In contrast, the BRICS nations are presented as an [expanding economic bloc](#) that already controls 36% of the world economy.

Strategic Maneuverability: Russia is projecting power not just through military means, but by becoming a [provider of "sovereign security models"](#) for other nations. By offering technology that allows states to "listen to their own people" rather than Western-trained algorithms, Moscow seeks to forge a new alliance based on cultural and technological autonomy.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The global economic outlook is portrayed as extremely volatile, with a projected shift toward hyperinflation and massive unemployment. Market sentiment is characterized as "jittery" due to the [expansion of BRICS](#), which is starting to price in the permanent loss of Western financial primacy.

- **Currency:** Russian trade in "unfriendly currencies" (USD/Euro) has dropped to [14-15%](#).
- **Energy:** Crude oil is predicted to hit [\\$150-\\$160 a barrel](#) if the "Iran war" continues to restrict the Strait of Hormuz.
- **Agriculture:** Fertilizer shortages are impacting even [American farmers](#), leading to a push for more sustainable, self-reliant farming in the Global South.
- **Indicators:** Russia claims the Ruble has remained the [best-performing currency](#) in the last quarter against the dollar.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Personnel and factional shifts reflect a consolidation of power around "sovereignists"

in the East and a chaotic transition in the West.

- **J.D. Vance:** Framed as the [defender of Trump](#) against accusations of insider trading, signaling a solidifying GOP-populist alliance.
- **Ibrahim SCC:** Representing the Iranian hardline position, asserting that Iran is the [victor of the battlefield](#) and will dictate terms.
- **Spagnolo (Google Employee):** His arrest for [\\$1.2 million fraud](#) is used to illustrate the corruption of the "Epstein class" in Silicon Valley.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

Lead Stories: The "AI sovereignty" narrative and the "dedollarization success" dominated the day, presented as a triumphant path to independence. The "Starabelsk Massacre" in Lugansk was the primary emotional hook to justify military escalations in Ukraine.

Buried Stories: The explosion of a [Blue Origin rocket](#) and Armenia's flirtation with the EU were mentioned but given minimal strategic weight. The network almost entirely ignored internal Russian economic hardships or the logistics of the ongoing military operations.

Conspicuous Omissions: There was zero coverage of the specific types of "mysterious drones" in Cuba or any independent verification of the civilian casualties in residential strikes, relying solely on state-provided figures.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The broadcast frames the world as a struggle between "sovereign civilizations" and "globalist predators."

COUNTRIES

- **Russia:** Framed as a ["shining light"](#) for conservative values and a leader in technological innovation despite being "sanctioned so hard."
- **United States:** Portrayed as a "cynical" and ["hypocritical"](#) actor that "shoots itself in the foot" with its own trade policies.
- **Romania:** Framed as an [inept puppet](#) of NATO, manufacturing a crisis over a "Ukrainian drone" to justify its own military buildup.
- **China:** Presented as the [manufacturing hub](#) of the future and a reliable partner in the "agriculture agrarian revolution."

LEADERS

- **Vladimir Putin:** Portrayed as [competent and principles-driven](#), focus on mutual benefit in Kazakhstan.
- **Donald Trump:** Framed as a "billionaire class" leader more interested in [stock trading](#) and personal interests than global stability.
- **Volodymyr Zelensky:** Characterized as the head of an ["illegitimate neonazi regime"](#) that engages in "Goebbels propaganda."

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** The concept of ["The Epstein Class"](#) is being seeded to delegitimize Western political and tech elites, linking them to a global network of corruption.
- **Disinformation Alert:** The claim that Western media "totally forgot to mention" the [attack against children](#) in Lugansk is used to create a "mass deception" narrative around Western outlets like CNN and BBC.
- **Psy-Ops:** The constant repetition of the ["300 mystery drones"](#) in Cuba seems designed to induce a state of "genocidal insomnia" and fear among the Cuban population regarding an imminent US invasion.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Financial Bifurcation:** The shift from 80% to 15% USD usage suggests that by 2027, the Russian and Indian economies could be [effectively decoupled](#) from Western financial surveillance.
- **The "Arabic LLM" Proxy:** AI technology will become a primary export for Russia, creating [ideological dependence](#) in African states that adopt sovereign Russian AI models.
- **NATO Entry into Ukraine:** The "Romania incident" serves as a [potential false flag](#) trigger that could lead to a localized NATO deployment along the Black Sea coast within the medium term.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a sharp increase in [US gas prices](#) as the markets react to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and the release of 172 million barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve fails to stabilize prices.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The formalization of [Vostro accounts](#) between more BRICS nations will likely lead to a "currency basket" system, further eroding the Petro-dollar's hegemony.

Long Term (1-5 Years): Russia's focus on the ["Soviet legacy of engineering"](#) in AI will likely lead to a specialized, highly militarized AI ecosystem that is incompatible with Western safety standards but highly effective for "sovereign security."

RISK ASSESSMENT

The primary risks center on the physical and economic "spillover" of regional conflicts into the global commons.

- **Risk of NATO-Russia Kinetic Collision:** Triggered by continued [drone incursions](#) or "retaliatory strikes" hitting NATO diplomatic staff. Likelihood: Moderate-High. Impact: Catastrophic. Mitigations: Re-establishing emergency deconfliction lines in Constanta.
- **Global Energy Shock:** Triggered by [Iranian "tolls"](#) or military blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. Likelihood: High. Impact: Extreme economic depression. Mitigations: Immediate diplomatic brokering via Pakistan or Oman.

- **AI Ethics Collapse:** Triggered by the export of ["sovereign security models"](#) that lack human rights constraints. Likelihood: High. Impact: Global erosion of digital privacy. Mitigations: Global AI governance summit excluding "Global North" frameworks.
- **Cuban State Collapse:** Triggered by a total [lack of running water](#) and food leading to mass migration or internal revolt. Likelihood: High. Impact: Regional instability in the Caribbean. Mitigations: Lifting of US embargo on "essential life products."
- **Financial Systemic Failure:** Triggered by the [rapid decoupling](#) of BRICS from SWIFT. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Sudden liquidity crisis in Western markets. Mitigations: Gradual transition to a "multipolar currency" framework.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- The broadcast provides no verification of the [500 billion ruble](#) AI profit claim, which may be a propaganda figure.
- The missing perspective of the Romanian government regarding the drone's [black box data](#) is critical for assessing the false flag claim.
- Total silence on the status of [Russian military casualties](#) in the "retaliatory" strikes on Kyiv.
- Lack of detail on the "microchips from China"—whether they are [high-end AI chips](#) or generic hardware.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The Desperate AI Pivot: Rather than a sign of strength, the push for "Sovereign AI" may

be a [desperate attempt](#) to cover for the total loss of access to Western high-tech research, which Russia's "AI Alliance" cannot truly replace.

The Brittle Ruble: The ruble's "strength" against the dollar could be a [manufactured indicator](#) maintained by capital controls, masking an underlying collapse in consumer purchasing power as seen in the [Japanese confectionary](#) black-and-white packaging incident.

Black Swan: A [Blue Origin failure](#) cascading into a total NASA-Roscosmos split, leading to a militarized standoff in low earth orbit.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- Security: Prepare for ["hybrid war"](#) [scenarios](#) in the Baltic Sea, focusing on underwater cable and energy infrastructure protection.
- Economic: Develop a [contingency plan](#) for the 15-20% of global trade moving away from USD.
- Diplomatic: Focus on [Oman and India](#) as the only credible neutral brokers between the East-West camps.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- Supply Chain: Pivot to **regional self-reliance** in fertilizers and raw chemicals to avoid "Janus-faced" [inflation spikes](#).
- Compliance: Monitor **insider trading** regulations, as a massive crackdown on [political-financial ties](#) appears imminent in the US.

- **Capital Allocation:** High-risk opportunity in **sovereign AI development** within BRICS-aligned markets like Brazil and South Africa.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity reflects a global transition toward legal warfare and economic protectionism.

- **BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:**
 - **21st Sanctions Package:** Proposed EU legislation aimed at [further isolating Russia](#), characterized as "boiling the mess" by the network.
 - **Russian Anti-ICC Legislation:** New law aimed at preventing [cooperation with the ICC](#) and targeting citizens abroad.
 - **Cuba Democracy Act of 1992 / Helms-Burton:** Historical policies cited as the [foundation of the "destruction"](#) of Cuba.
- **HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:**
 - **Eurasian Economic Forum:** A two-day summit in Kazakhstan focused on [nuclear power investments](#) and BRICS expansion.
 - **Romanian National Defense Meeting:** A session of the Supreme Council to discuss the [appropriate measures](#) against Russia following the drone crash.

KEY STORIES

- **The Jihad Hariri Memorial:** Coverage of a health official killed in an [Israeli strike](#) after pulling victims from the rubble.

- **The Russian AI Alliance:** Announcement of a [150-member alliance](#) to secure technological sovereignty from the West.
- **Sberbank's AI Earnings:** The bank claims AI will generate [500 billion rubles](#) in extra profit this year.
- **The 100-Day Peace Walk:** Reports on the [2,800-mile march](#) to Washington DC and a tragic accident that cost a monk his leg.
- **The Starabelsk College Massacre:** Accusations that a [Ukrainian drone killed 21 students](#) and the West is actively covering it up.
- **The Romania Drone Incident:** Diplomatic fallout after a drone hit an apartment in [Eastern Romania](#).
- **Strait of Hormuz "Tolls":** Iran's IRGCN asserts control and [threatens sanctions](#) against the US through maritime tolls.
- **Blue Origin Launch Failure:** A rocket engine explosion during a [hot fire test](#) in Florida.
- **The Google Fraud Case:** Federal charges against a Google employee for [\\$1.2 million in insider trading](#).
- **The Battle of Adwa Legacy:** Deep dive into Ethiopia's [resistance to Italy](#) as a blueprint for modern decolonization.
- **Sardinia's Military Servitude:** Health crisis in [Salto di Quirra](#) linked to NATO weapons testing.
- **The "Epstein Class" Narrative:** Introduction of a term for the ["2,800 connected billionaires"](#) allegedly running the world.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

Today's Media Trends is a public interest experiment in applying deep thematic trend analysis to television news coverage from

around the world to explore how responsibly applied advanced AI can help journalists and scholars better understand the overarching trends, themes and patterns of our global world.

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Each morning, in collaboration with the Internet Archive's TV News Archive, we apply Google's Gemini 3 to deeply examine yesterday's coverage from each television news channel to tease out the overarching themes and trends of its news coverage into a richly annotated thematic analysis. Each high-level insight is connected back to the original broadcast, allowing journalists and scholars to understand the dominate themes and trends and instantly click out to the underlying sources for details.

By helping journalists and scholars see the broader trends and patterns of global news

coverage, this analysis helps them identify relevant stories and coverage they might not otherwise have encountered and uncover connections, emphases and narrative shifts that enable more comprehensive reporting and deeper, evidence-based research.

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