

**-- WHAT TRUMP WILL SAY IN HIS BIG SPEECH ...** Excerpts, per the pool: "The triumph of the Polish spirit over centuries of hardship gives us all hope for a future in which good conquers evil, and peace achieves victory over war. ... I am here today not just to visit an old ally, but to hold it up as an example for others who seek freedom and who wish to summon the courage and the will to defend our civilization ... We must stand united against these shared enemies to strip them of their territory, their funding, their networks, and any form of ideological support. While we will always welcome new citizens who share our values and love our people, our borders will always be closed to terrorism and extremism. ...

**"Finally, on both sides of the Atlantic** , our citizens are confronted by yet another danger -- one firmly within our control. This danger is invisible to some but familiar to the Poles. The steady creep of government bureaucracy that drains the vitality and wealth of the people The West became great not because of paperwork and regulations but because people were allowed to chase their dreams and pursue their destinies. Americans, Poles, and the nations of Europe value individual freedom and sovereignty. We must work together to counter forces, whether they come from inside or out, from the South or the East, that threaten over time to undermine these values and to erase the bonds of culture, faith and tradition that make us who we are. ...

**"The people have been that foundation here in Poland** -- they were right here in Warsaw -- and they were the foundation from the very beginning in America. ... Because as the Polish experience reminds us -- the defense of the West ultimately rests not only on means but also on the will of its people to prevail. The fundamental question of our time is whether the West has the will to survive. ... Our own fight for the West does not begin on the battlefield -- it begins with our minds, our wills, and our souls."

**THE STAKES -- NYT A1, "Talks With Putin Pose Main Risks Of Trump's Trip,"** by Julie Hirschfeld Davis and Glenn Thrush (online headline: **"Trump Aides' Biggest Worry About Europe Trip: Meeting With Putin"**): "Even his top aides do not know precisely what Mr. Trump will decide to say or do when he and Mr. Putin meet face to face on Friday on the sidelines of the Group of 20 economic summit gathering in Hamburg, Germany. And that is what most worries those advisers as well as officials across his administration as Mr. Trump begins his second foreign trip as president, stopping first in Warsaw to give an address on Thursday and then heading to Hamburg.

"**The highly anticipated conversation** with Mr. Putin is in many ways a necessity, given the critical disputes separating the United States and Russia. But it also poses risks for Mr. Trump, who faces a web of investigations into his campaign's possible links to Russia, as well as questions about his willingness to take on Moscow for its military aggression and election meddling on his behalf. The air of uncertainty about the meeting is only heightened by the president's propensity for unpredictable utterances and awkward optics." <http://nyti.ms/2tPli9Z>

**OTHER MEETING TO WATCH:** Trump is slated to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping just as he has ratcheted up his rhetoric over North Korea.

--"**The Flashpoints for World Leaders at the Hamburg G-20**," by Bloomberg's Alan Crawford and Sam Dodge: "Sparks could really ???y over the policy agenda of free trade, climate change and migration put forward by the German host."

<https://bloom.bg/2uN5nX9>

**HAPPENING TONIGHT --** Leaders from Canada, Argentina, Norway and Belgium are gathering with Coldplay, Shakira, Pharrell Williams and Ellie Goulding for the Global Citizen Festival in Hamburg ahead of the G20. Their aim is to raise commitments of up to \$661 million from governments to support global health, gender equality and education. Trump was not invited. A source in the organization organizing the festival told us they do not believe he has made a meaningful commitment to the world's poor.

**Livestream at 1 p.m. Eastern** <http://bit.ly/2sPmXIQ>

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**FOR YOUR RADAR -- "S. Korea fires missiles in drills amid standoff with North,"** by AP's Hyung-Jin Kim in Seoul, South Korea: "South Korean jets and navy ships fired a barrage of guided-missiles into the ocean during drills Thursday, a display of military power two days after North Korea test-launched its first intercontinental ballistic missile. ... The live-fire drills off South Korea's east coast were previously scheduled. In a show of force, South Korea and the United States also staged 'deep strike' precision missile firing drills on Wednesday as a warning to the North." <http://bit.ly/2uNhpzE>