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backed by powerful nationalistic emotions and by a deep distaste for  
the kind of country that has been

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