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Are Autocratic Allies Damaging U.S. and EU Credibility?

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Emma Ashford: Hey, Matt, how is your December going? I already got everything I wanted for Christmas: France knocked England out of the World Cup at the quarterfinal stage.

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