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**Nord Stream 2: Why does Russia insist on building this gas pipeline from St. Petersburg to Germany through the Baltic Sea?**

- 1. To cut out Ukraine so that Russia can freely bomb it (geopolitics)**
- 2. Corruption: to pay off Putin's friends Timchenko, Rotenbergs & Schröder.**

**= Awful!**

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**2.** There is no demand for more Russian gas from Europe. Russian gas exports to the EU27 peaked at 168 billion cubic meters in 2019. It might reach 135 bcm this year & then fall, as Europe is the champion of green energy & energy savings.

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