

## **Post World War II / Cold War Context for Western Europe Major Struggles**

- 1. Royalist traditions yet emerging democratic trends**
- 2. Global dominance yet the negative impact in all areas from two world wars**
- 3. Neo-colonialism yet (again) democratic trends (related to the reasons for having fought two world wars)**
- 4. Capitalism (free market economy) yet socialism / communism (command economic systems)**
- 5. The need for economic prosperity yet the need to establish welfare programs**
- 6. Democratic governments yet firm government power to chart a new course**
- 7. Individual sovereignty yet the need to cooperate (integrate) with each other**
- 8. European sovereignty and pride yet the need to have to rely on US power and wealth**
- 9. Desire to NOT be a victim of Soviet territorial aggression yet consider their geographic realities**
- 10. Need to be protected by the US nuclear “umbrella” yet Western Europe would in fact be the battle ground in a third world war**