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Let me just say three things. It would be impossible, and totally artificial, to relate exactly what you said, but three things seem important to me. The first one is that leadership really matters. Margaret MacMillan, the remarkable diplomatic historian, just published a book on the origin and the causes of World War One called *The War that Ended Peace*, and her conclusion is that she cannot say why World War One took place, except, and she says it very specifically, Bismarck and Salisbury were no longer there, and the people who replaced them were not of their quality, which might have made a crucial difference. Therefore, each of the issues we have touched upon, from Ukraine, Turkey, France, Great Britain, Central Europe, etc., there is that fundamental issue of leadership.

The second problem is the question of corruption, which is really fundamental. There was a Chinese voice which was heard recently, and which was quoted by Roderick MacFarquhar from Harvard University, which said that if China does not tackle corruption, the country is doomed, but if China tackles corruption, the Party is doomed. This dilemma is to a large extent one which you find in so many countries, and it is so crucial to the issue of governance.

The third issue is one on which I would challenge Stephen slightly. Yes, Europe no longer makes Europeans dream; there is a divorce between the European project and the European citizens, but Europe continues to make non-Europeans dream, at least those who are not yet members of the EU. There are hundreds of thousands of people as I speak who are in the streets of Kiev demonstrating in the name of the EU. I am not sure the EU is ready or willing to take them in, but the door must be kept open for them, as it must be kept open for Turkey. These are fundamental issues which we must keep in mind.

Mr Thierry Montbrial, we have come to the end of the debate. I want to thank everyone in your name for another excellent conference.