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**TRUMP CAN PULL THE PLUG ON THE INTERNET, AND EUROPE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT**

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Donald Trump's return to the White House is forcing Europe to reckon with a major digital vulnerability: The U.S. holds a kill switch over its internet.

As the U.S. administration raises the stakes in a geopolitical poker game that began when Trump started his trade war, Europeans are waking up to the fact that years of over-reliance on a handful of U.S. tech giants have given Washington a winning hand.

The fatal vulnerability is Europe's near-total dependency on U.S. cloud providers.

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