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The Godmother's Two Faces

The chancellor's deal with Turkey is the pinnacle of her disastrous policy leading Europe towards dictatorships, argues the author of a new book about the chancellor called "The Godmother."

Gertrud Höhler

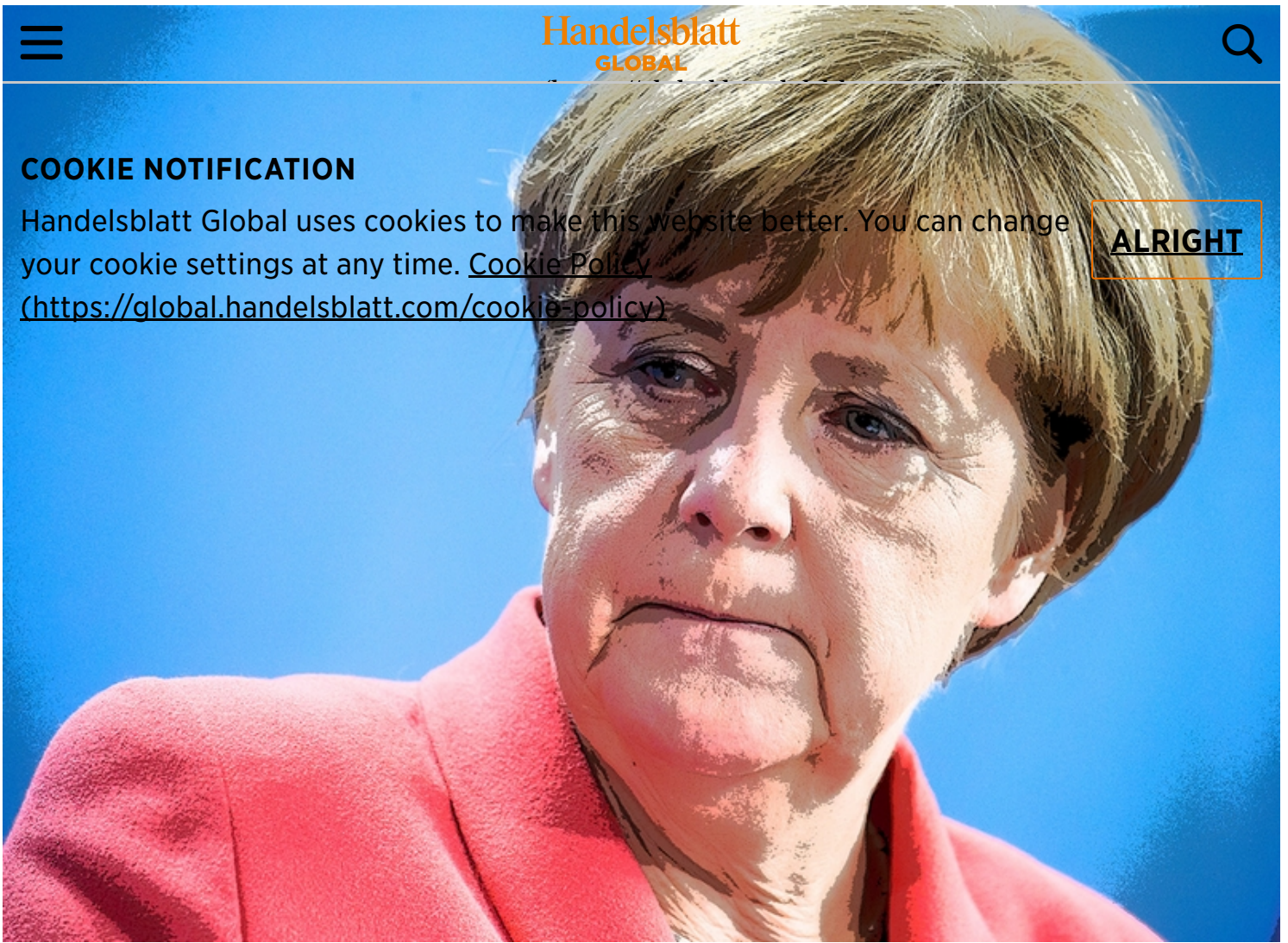
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Is it time for Chancellor Angela Merkel, the master of the alternative, to initiate Plan B?

Against the backdrop of elections, new poll numbers, and on top of it all, a deal with a dictator, she will have to keep the public peace if she wants more room to maneuver.

For that, there's a simple solution: act as if there is no alternative to the current alternative.

Her conservatives' parliamentary group leader, Volker Kauder, is already pushing the party's latest line - and playing the benefactor: "We're staying put in 2017! Just with a slightly bigger partner."

~~The~~ rest of the opposition is falling in step ~~with that story:~~ In 2017, it's all about working together
~~- not taking over, but standing up and taking part.~~

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