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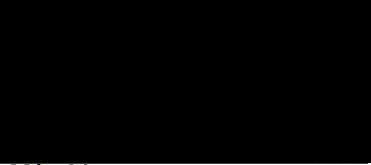
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Defence Questions	Grade
Given the EU has no real pressure tools left, no hard conditionality, how do you explain negative reinforcement lite and EP threats in terms of why these are not forms of exposed conditionality?	
Should the EU resort back to hard conditionality considering other forms are not working?	
Is the EU pursuing a strategy that amounts to, more or less, strategic ambiguity? To what effect?	
You've chosen to look at EU influence, vs Russia or China, but started from a normative approach, was that intentional, how did you decide to do things the way they did and what were the alternatives?	
The US presence in the second case study and results suggests a wider multilateral approach was needed – do you agree and what does this mean for how the EU does things in the future?	

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