## HOW NOT TO LOSE A WORLD WAR BETWEEN AUTHORITARIANISM AND DEMOCRACY

Vladimir Putin prefers authoritarianism because its easier to coerce legitimacy than negotiating it. That's true. It would be far easier if Biden could order China to stay out, if Biden could order Germany to buy off on greater financial sanctions, if Biden could ignore right wing efforts to use financial stress to undermine his Administration.

He can't. That's what makes defending democracy all that more difficult.