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The world appears to be entering a new geopolitical paradigm where power is defined less by ideology and alliances than by control over energy and strategic materials. From Iran to Venezuela, from Greenland to Europe, today's major tensions revolve around access to resources.

Donald Trump's confrontational policies reflect this logic: securing supplies, controlling flows, and weakening competitors in a context of rapidly growing global demand. U.S. interest in Greenland illustrates a long-term strategy focused on minerals and Arctic routes.

Competition now extends beyond hydrocarbons to critical materials essential for digital technologies, AI, and the energy transition. China has gained a decisive advantage by dominating rare earth supply chains, while Russia has built a global energy strategy combining oil, gas, and civilian nuclear power... Europe, resource-poor and strategically fragmented, faces growing vulnerability.

Energy is no longer just a geopolitical factor—it is becoming the main structuring force of future conflicts and alliances.