Who are We? The European Union Experience

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ABSTRACT

With the exception of the past 60 years, the European continent has been a violent place. The creation of the European Union not only ended the violence but also integrated Europe to a level no one could have imagined. In fact, this paper suggests that the level of integration has now progressed to the point that a common identity has formed among the members. Using survey research and historical evidence, the formation of such of identity has implication not only for the increase of European power on the world stage, but it also speaks to the potential that regional integration might have for other conflict ridden areas.