

Selected Articles: The Costs of Post 9/11 Wars: \$6.4 Trillion

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[The Strategic Battle for Lithium. Huge Reserves in Bolivia, Argentina, Chile](#)

By [Enzo Pellegrin](#), November 14, 2019

On March 15, 2018, Maurizio Stefanini, reporter of an Italian right think-tank, complained that the huge reserve of Lithium present in Bolivia was in the hands of the State"" and of the bad example"" of **Evo Morales**. (1) In the same article it was pointed out that, on the contrary, Chile and Argentina, the other two Saudi Arabian"" of Lithium, had generated a real race for lithium", as in romantic Yukon era.

In Chile, according to 2016 data, 68,874 metric tons [™] of lithium carbonate equivalent (cle) were extracted by private companies Albemarle and Sociedad Química de Minerale de Chile (SGM). The latter is owned 29 percent by billionaire **Julio Ponce Lerou**, who ranked 422 on the Forbes chart of the rich planetary planets, thanks to the Lithium boom. At that

time, Chile had a 33% share of the Lithium world market.



[The Boom in US Shale Oil? The US is the Largest Oil Producer in the World](#)

By [Nick Cunningham](#), November 14, 2019

Forecasts from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), along with those from its Paris-based counterpart, the International Energy Agency (IEA), are often cited as the gold standard for energy outlooks. Businesses and governments often refer to these forecasts for long-term investments and policy planning.

In that context, it is important to know if the figures are accurate, to the extent that anyone can accurately forecast precise figures decades into the future. A new [report](#) from the Post Carbon Institute asserts that the EIA's reference case for production forecasts through 2050 "are extremely optimistic for the most part, and therefore highly unlikely to be realized."



[The Rights of Undocumented Immigrants: DACA Arguments in US Supreme Court Leave Outcome in Doubt](#)

By [Prof. Marjorie Cohn](#), November 14, 2019

After the arguments before the Supreme Court in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) case, it is difficult to predict the outcome. Justices often play devil's advocate when questioning the lawyers, so reading the tea leaves about how a case will ultimately be decided can be a dicey proposition. But the justices' questions appeared to indicate that right-wing **Justices Alito, Gorsuch and Kavanaugh** favor affirming **Donald Trump's** termination of DACA, and liberal **Justices Kagan, Ginsburg and Sotomayor** want to uphold DACA. Justice Thomas, who almost never asks a question during arguments, invariably sides with the right-wingers. **Chief Justice Roberts**, who generally takes the conservative position, and Justice Breyer, who more often votes with the liberals, were harder to read. Roberts, who appeared to lean toward the government's position, will likely cast the deciding vote.



[Western Terrorists Are Coming Home to Roost](#)

By [Steven Sahiounie](#), November 14, 2019

Turkey has criticized Western countries for refusing to take back their citizens who were members of ISIS, also known as Daesh, and stripping them of their citizenship, although the 1961 New York Convention made it [illegal to leave people stateless](#). Since 2010, the UK has stripped more than 100 people of [British citizenship](#). One of the first deported terrorists was an [American](#), unnamed, who was deported to the USA via Greece. However, he refused to go [into Greece](#), and returned to Turkey, upon which the Turks refused him re-entry and

pushed him back to Greece. Finally, when he asked to enter Greece, they refused which has left him in 'limbo' in a buffer space between Turkey and Greece. The US State Department acknowledges they are aware of the situation but offer no further details about the man who has been photographed and was shown on [Turkish TV](#).



[The Costs of Post 9/11 Wars: \\$6.4 Trillion](#)

By [Prof. Neta C. Crawford](#), November 14, 2019

One of the major purposes of the Costs of War Project has been to clarify the types of budgetary costs of the US post -9/11 wars, how that spending is funded, and the long-term implications of past and current spending. This estimate of the US budgetary costs of the post-9/11 wars is a comprehensive accounting intended to provide a sense of the consequences of the wars for the federal budget. Since the 9/11 attacks, the Department of Defense appropriations related to the Global War on Terror have been treated as emergency appropriations, now called Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO).[3] When accounting for total war costs, the Department of Defense and other entities often present only Overseas Contingency Operation appropriations.



[Can the EU's New Sanctions Against Turkey Force the Cyprus Issue to Finally be Resolved?](#)

By [Paul Antonopoulos](#), November 14, 2019

The [Eastern Mediterranean](#) remains a strategic point for trade due to its proximity to the Suez Canal, transportation and more recently, natural resources. It is this very drive for exploiting the natural resources that in January, the Eastern Mediterranean Gas Forum was convened as a means for Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Jordan, Israel, Italy and the Palestinian Authority to develop a regional natural gas market. Notably, Turkey was missing from this Forum, which would have agitated Ankara as only a month later ExxonMobil announced a new gas discovery in offshore Cyprus that has more than doubled Cyprus's estimated offshore resources. This is why Turkey has been in a desperate rush to exploit oil belonging to another internationally recognized sovereign country.



['They Choked Me. They Threw Me Down.': CodePink's Medea Benjamin Assaulted by Right-Wing Venezuelan Opposition and Threatened with Arrest](#)

By [Jake Johnson](#), November 14, 2019

Benjamin and other members of CodePink protested the event while backers of the effort to overthrow Venezuela's elected **President Nicolás Maduro** rallied in support of the new pro-regime change caucus, which was launched by **Reps. Debbie Wasserman Schultz** (D-

Fla.), **Mario Díaz-Balart** (R-Fla.), and other lawmakers.

During the press conference, Benjamin shouted for an end to punishing U.S. sanctions in Venezuela and held a sign that read “No Coups in Venezuela or Bolivia.”

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