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do countries fight wars for oil given the resource's exceptional military and economic importance most people assume that states will do anything to obtain it challenging this conventional wisdom the oil wars myth reveals that countries do not launch major conflicts to acquire petroleum resources emily meierding argues that the costs of foreign invasion territorial occupation international retaliation and damage to oil company relations deter even the most powerful countries from initiating classic oil wars examining a century of interstate violence she demonstrates that at most countries have engaged in mild sparring to advance their petroleum ambitions the oil wars myth elaborates on these findings by reassessing the presumed oil motives for many of the twentieth century's most prominent international conflicts world war ii the two american

gulf wars the iran iraq war the falklands malvinas war and the chaco war these case studies show that countries have consistently refrained from fighting for oil meierding also explains why oil war assumptions are so common despite the lack of supporting evidence since classic oil wars exist at the intersection of need and greed two popular explanations for resource grabs they are unusually easy to believe in the oil wars myth will engage and inform anyone interested in oil war and the narratives that connect them

oil is the source of wealth and economic opportunity oil is also the root source of global conflict toxicity and economic disparity in his groundbreaking book the first world oil war timothy c winegard argues that beginning with the first world war oil became the preeminent commodity to safeguard national security and promote domestic prosperity for the first time in history territory was specifically conquered to possess oil fields and resources vital cogs in the continuation of the industrialized warfare of the twentieth century

why has the united states become involved in so many wars in the middle east and why just now what explains the extraordinary disconnect between pre war statements by the bush administration and the post war reality how much of u s intelligence was wrong and why why did the bush administration ignore warnings by senior military commanders about the difficulties they would confront in trying to occupy iraq why was there virtually no pre war planning for administering iraq once the war was successfully concluded pelletiere argues that in going to war twice against iraq and once against afghanistan the united states was seeking to put a lock on its future energy supplies in neglecting diplomacy for so long in dealing with the gulf states washington was practically compelled to use force to get what it wanted pelletiere explores the context of events that produced the attacks of september 11 2001 the pretext for the united states military move into the region he debunks the bush administration s claim that the united states was beset by islamic terrorists bent on destroying western civilization and set the stage for an examination of other possible motives next he details the history of u s involvement in the region beginning with the discovery of oil and the pioneering efforts of american and british companies to open the region to exploration after the opec revolution he argues the united states would allow itself to be drawn into an arms supplying relationship with the shah of iran and the military industrial complex would become hooked on subsidies from the gulf monarchs finally after discussing the first gulf war and recent events in afghanistan pelletiere contends that these conflicts and the current war in iraq are really part of a greater struggle between north and south a struggle that will have significant consequences for the future of the united states

catholic herald book awards 2019 finalist current affairs auzanneau has created a towering telling of a dark and dangerous addiction nature the story of oil is one of hubris fortune betrayal and destruction it is the story of a resource that has been undeniably central to the creation of our modern culture and ever present during the darkest exploits of empire the world over for the past 150 years oil has become the most essential ingredient for economic military and political power and it has brought us to our present moment in which political leaders and the fossil fuel industry consider extraordinary and extraordinarily dangerous policy on a world stage marked by shifting power bases upending the conventional wisdom by crafting a people s history award winning journalist matthieu auzanneau deftly traces how oil became a national and then global addiction outlines the enormous consequences of that addiction sheds new light on major historical and contemporary figures and raises new questions about stories we thought we knew well what really sparked the oil crises in the 1970s the shift away from the gold standard at bretton woods or even the financial crash of 2008 how has oil shaped the events that have defined our times two world wars the cold war the great depression ongoing wars in the middle east the advent of neoliberalism and the great recession among them with brutal clarity oil power and war exposes the heavy hand oil has had in all of our lives and illustrates how much heavier that hand could get during the increasingly desperate race to control the last of the world s easily and cheaply extractable reserves

are oil rich countries prone to war and if so why there is a widely held belief that contemporary wars are motivated by the desire of great powers like the united states or russia to control precious oil resources and to ensure energy security this book argues that the main reason why oil rich countries are prone to war is because of the character of their society and economy sectarian groups compete for access to oil resources and finance their military adventures through smuggling oil kidnapping oil executives or blowing up pipelines outside intervention only makes things worse the use of conventional military force as in iraq can bring neither stability nor security of supply this book examines the relationship between oil and war in six different regions angola azerbaijan colombia indonesia nigeria and russia each country has substantial oil reserves and has a long history of conflict the contributors assess what part oil plays in causing aggravating or mitigating war in each region and how this relation has altered with the changing nature of war it offers a novel conceptual approach bringing together kaldor s work on new wars and karl s work on the petro state

one of the least well known and least discussed struggles of the 20th century was played out between the british and the americans from before world war i to the end of world war ii great britain and the united states vied with each other

throughout the world to control the supply of oil the anglo american oil war examines this power struggle identified by contemporaries as an oil war and demonstrates how america s increasing dominance over the oilfields reflected wider shifts in international relations during the first half of the 20th century the strategic and economic importance of petroleum helped to define relations between the united states and great britain while both governments sought to control oil resources within their own political sphere of influence they frequently came into direct conflict over the control of oil from the first hints of diplomatic discord over the course of the mexican revolution through the british discovery of oil in iraq competition over the kuwait concession the oil strike in masjid e sulaiman to the negotiation of the anglo american oil agreement in 1944 which in theory settled the dispute the oil war offers a fascinating and revealing reflection of the transfer of hegemony from great britain to the united states

since oil displaced coal as the fuel of choice a century ago it has been the cause of some of the world s bloodiest conflicts this book examines the role oil has played in these conflicts in the last hundred years it looks at the actions governments and multinational companies have taken to secure their oil supplies since the 1920s often provoking accusations that they promote conflict and support corrupt or violent regimes oil was an important factor in both world wars conspiracy theorists believe it also sparked the suez crisis the iran iraq war the biafra war and conflicts in angola and chad in which oil companies such as elf angola and various companies including exxonmobil chad are said to have played a murky role the book starts with a look at empire building and how at the start of the 20th century britain france and germany sought to carve up the world s supplies of black gold the clamour for oil intensified during world war ii in fact the bombing of pearl harbor was allegedly at least in part to prevent indonesian oil from reaching the us successive chapters chart the rise of opec and the suez crisis in 1956 and the cold war proxy wars when the importance of middle east drew the us and soviet union then perceived as the world s superpowers into conflicts between states in the region the book also assesses the power of major oil companies not only the huge environmental devastation they have caused but the local conflicts that have arisen for instance scandals involving the french oil company elf indicate that it had funded both sides in the civil wars in angola and the congo in conclusion the book looks at other sources of oil chiefly in latin america and sub saharan africa what effect will large scale oil extraction have on these regions

since oil is the primary fuel of global industrial civilization its imminent depletion is a problem that will have profound impact on every aspect of modern life without international agreement on how to manage the decline of this vital

resource the world faces unprecedented risk of conflict and collapse the oil depletion protocol describes a unique accord whereby nations would voluntarily reduce their oil production and oil imports according to a consistent sensible formula this would enable the task of energy transition to be planned and supported over the long term providing a context of stable energy prices and peaceful cooperation the protocol will be presented at international gatherings initiating the process of country by country negotiation and adoption and mobilizing public support to this end this book provides an overview of the data concerning peak oil and its timing briefly explains the protocol and its implications for the reader and for decision makers in government and industry around the world deals with frequently asked questions and objections and looks forward to how the protocol can be adopted and how municipalities and ordinary citizens can facilitate the process timely and critically important the oil depletion protocol is a must read for policy makers and for all who seek to avert a peak oil collapse listen to an interview with richard heinberg from wrpi

debunking numerous myths that have emerged about the world's resources of oil this book argues that the use of u.s. military power to secure oil is not only needless and costly in both lives and money but also counterproductive to u.s. security oil has a bloody history the ghost of petroleum hovers in the background even of wars that have liberty and democracy among their rationales blatant or veiled the grab for oil resources has been a major factor behind many conflicts and military deployments oil has been deemed a strategic commodity the word strategic has come to mean a product so vital to american society that government allegedly must step in even to the point of war to ensure adequate supplies and low prices this book debunks the notion that u.s. military protection is required for oil imports and security and instead proposes solutions based on market based provision of energy supplies just as is the case for computers food and suvs war for oil has led to costly and unnecessary wars with massive losses of human life and the erosion of liberty at home and abroad no war for oil enables educators government officials the media and citizens to sort through the conventional claims about oil and the use of military power to secure it eland concludes that the use of u.s. military power to secure oil is not only unneeded and costly but is counterproductive to u.s. security realizing that the alleged need to secure oil with military power is a canard withdrawing u.s. forces from the persian gulf would enhance security increase access to inexpensive energy resources and help restore financial solvency for america

the world is about to run out of cheap oil and change dramatically within the next few years global production will peak thereafter even if industrial societies begin to switch to alternative energy sources they will have less net energy each

year to do all the work essential to the survival of complex societies we are entering a new era as different from the industrial era as the latter was from medieval times in the party s over richard heinberg places this momentous transition in historical context showing how industrialism arose from the harnessing of fossil fuels how competition to control access to oil shaped the geopolitics of the twentieth century and how contention for dwindling energy resources in the twenty first century will lead to resource wars in the middle east central asia and south america he describes the likely impacts of oil depletion and all of the energy alternatives predicting chaos unless the united states the world s foremost oil consumer is willing to join with other countries to implement a global program of resource conservation and sharing he also recommends a managed collapse that might make way for a slower paced low energy sustainable society in the future more readable than other accounts of this issue with fuller discussion of the context social implications and recommendations for personal community national and global action heinberg s updated book is a riveting wake up call for human kind as the oil era winds down and a critical tool for understanding and influencing current us foreign policy richard heinberg from santa rosa california has been writing about energy resources issues and the dynamics of cultural change for many years a member of the core faculty at new college of california he is an award winning author of three previous books his museletter was nominated for the best alternative newsletter award by utne in 1993

the 20th century was truly the century of oil whilst the 21st century would be the century of peak oil and the resulting oil wars no other commodity has been so intimately intertwined with national strategies and global politics and power as oil the close connection between oil and conflict derives from three essential features of oil 1 its vital importance to the economy and military power of nations 2 its irregular geographic distribution and 3 peak oil conventional oil production peaked in 2006 as a result the world could face an energy gap probably during the first two decades of the 21st century this gap will have to be filled with unconventional and renewable energy sources however it is very doubtful as to whether these resources could bridge the energy gap in time as to be able to create a sustainable future energy supply there is no doubt that oil is a leading cause of war oil fuels international conflict through four distinct mechanisms 1 resource wars in which states try to acquire oil reserves by force 2 the externalization of civil wars in oil producing nations libya as an example 3 conflicts triggered by the prospect of oil market domination such as the united states war with iraq over kuwait in 1991 4 clashes over control of oil transit routes such as shipping lanes and pipelines closure of the strait of hormuz for example between 1941 and 2014 at least ten wars have been fought over oil prominent

among them the 21st century's first oil war the invasion of Iraq in 2003 at present there are at least five major conflicts that could potentially flare up over oil and gas resources in the next three decades of the twenty first century the most dangerous among them are a war over Iran's nuclear programme and a conflict between China and the United States that has the potential to escalate to war over dwindling oil resources or over Taiwan or over the disputed islands in the South China Sea claimed by both China and Japan with the US coming to the defence of Japan as in the 20th century oil will continue in the 21st century to fuel the global struggles for political and economic primacy much blood will continue to be spilled in its name the fierce and sometimes violent quest for oil and for the riches and power it represents will surely continue as long as oil holds a central place in the global economy

The economy of Iraq has fluctuated wildly since the 1950s it has been affected by changes in governments by wars and by general instability this book analyzes a complex subject and is especially timely at this critical juncture in the history of Iraq the Middle East and international relations Abbas Alnasrawi traces the growth of the Iraqi economy since 1950 assesses its present state of crisis and underdevelopment and explores its prospects for recovery Alnasrawi contends that the economic development of Iraq was shaped by the rise in oil revenue the war between Iran and Iraq and the invasion of Kuwait and its aftermath the discussion begins with the burst of Iraq's oil industry and the development policies under the monarchy subsequent chapters highlight development planning during the first ten years of the republic the development plans of the ruling Baath party the destructive consequences of the Iran Iraq war and the recent invasion of Kuwait and the future of the Iraqi economy to the year 2010 this in depth examination puts this subject into a manageable context for students of the Middle East multinational oil third world development and international relations

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most powerful and most dependent global consumer since september 11th and the commencement of the war on terror the world s attention has been focused on the relationship between u s foreign policy in the middle east and the oceans of crude oil that lie beneath the region s soil klare traces oil s impact on international affairs since world war ii revealing its influence on the truman eisenhower nixon and carter doctrines he shows how america s own wells are drying up as our demand increases by 2010 the united states will need to import 60 percent of its oil and since most of this supply will have to come from chronically unstable often violently anti american zones the persian gulf the caspian sea latin america and africa our dependency is bound to lead to recurrent military involvement with clarity and urgency blood and oil delineates the united states predicament and cautions that it is time to change our energy policies before we spend the next decades paying for oil with blood

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