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## **Better-Management Newsletter 20 November 2015**

**State intrusion / EU nearing its end? / Caterpillar gives up on China / American corporates eating themselves / NZ follows NSW State in rejecting sea level scaremongering**

### **State intrusion**

Every time there is a crisis the state grows larger and more intrusive...soon cash will be outlawed, so the state can tax everything and control everything. Whatever happened to privacy? This is George Orwell's nightmare from "1984" – on steroids...

<http://www.internationalman.com/articles/the-worlds-first-cashless-society-is-here-a-totalitarians-dream-come-true>

They can even kill citizens by extra-judicial drone attack ...but also, if the governments really wanted to stop terrorism, they could...

<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2015-11-18/if-we-want-stop-terrorism-we-should-stop-supporting-terrorists>

and from George Friedman of Stratfor...

[http://ggc-mauldin-images.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/pdf/OTB\\_Nov\\_18\\_2015\\_3.pdf](http://ggc-mauldin-images.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/pdf/OTB_Nov_18_2015_3.pdf)

I suppose it helps the current growth industry...armaments...

<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2015-11-18/war-good-weapons-manufacturers-stocks-soar-after-paris-attacks>

If the USA had seriously wanted to attack IS, they would have agreed to Russian demands on Assad's future...but no, I don't really think they are serious...

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/11/18/us-mideast-crisis-lavrov-assad-idUSKCN0T715820151118#MxTxILdbmtFcEGJl.97>

### **EU nearing its end?**

Meantime, is the European project reaching its end?

[http://www.businessspectator.com.au/article/2015/11/18/fatal-threat-european-project?utm\\_source=exact&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=1686913&utm\\_campaign=kgb&modapt=](http://www.businessspectator.com.au/article/2015/11/18/fatal-threat-european-project?utm_source=exact&utm_medium=email&utm_content=1686913&utm_campaign=kgb&modapt=)

And how many refugees are terrorists?

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/12006622/Paris-attacks-every-migrant-and-tourist-to-be-screened-as-EU-races-to-secure-borders.html>

The EU borders are now in chaos...

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/12006603/Germany-could-send-troops-into-streets-for-first-time-since-war.html>

And not just EU borders if the Visa waiver programme works...(what about us too?)

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2015/1119/House-defies-Obama-on-Syrian-refugees-as-larger-threat-emerges>

### **Caterpillar gives up on China**

What does Caterpillar tell us about the Chinese economy? It says the whole game has changed...

[http://seekingalpha.com/article/3694196-the-chilling-thing-caterpillars-president-said-about-china?source=email\\_macro\\_view\\_top\\_articles\\_2\\_2&ifp=0](http://seekingalpha.com/article/3694196-the-chilling-thing-caterpillars-president-said-about-china?source=email_macro_view_top_articles_2_2&ifp=0)

With thanks to Tom...ouch!

<http://www.mining.com/chinese-commodity-trade-barometer-at-record-low/>

### **American corporates eating themselves**

By spending huge amounts on share buy-backs, the corporations are effectively eating themselves.

In addition M&A activity is the way they borrow to grow...

[http://seekingalpha.com/article/3692226-ge-brings-good-things-to-i-banks?source=email\\_macro\\_view\\_top\\_articles\\_0\\_0&ifp=0](http://seekingalpha.com/article/3692226-ge-brings-good-things-to-i-banks?source=email_macro_view_top_articles_0_0&ifp=0)

### **NZ follows NSW State in rejecting sea level scaremongering**

At least the government is taking a pragmatic view. Janet wants to compensate people for building in the wrong place?

<http://www.interest.co.nz/news/78761/english-says-environment-commissioners-report-rising-sea-levels-speculative-rejects-call>