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### Civilian aircraft dangers

Malaysian Airlines lost two planes. The first was in Ukraine that was probably shot down by an advanced Russian ground to air missile; by whom is another question, and proving anything is difficult...

[https://www.stratfor.com/analysis/examining-evidence-russias-involvement-malaysia-airlines-crash?utm\\_source=freelist-f&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=button&utm\\_campaign=saturdaysend160514&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8qGekWmkZgoII22oVqzZN7VcN61WJyraL1AivwqWtlf7Rh2MmSl5rZltG4HbR0puZKebw pO13O6ICJPZEZg-OFa-rILg&hsmi=29588660&hsCtaTracking=7c218d0c-4ff5-4b7b-94bb-c332eaf557f9%7Cc730ec63-3f46-4006-bca2-49e6518ac129](https://www.stratfor.com/analysis/examining-evidence-russias-involvement-malaysia-airlines-crash?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_content=button&utm_campaign=saturdaysend160514&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8qGekWmkZgoII22oVqzZN7VcN61WJyraL1AivwqWtlf7Rh2MmSl5rZltG4HbR0puZKebw pO13O6ICJPZEZg-OFa-rILg&hsmi=29588660&hsCtaTracking=7c218d0c-4ff5-4b7b-94bb-c332eaf557f9%7Cc730ec63-3f46-4006-bca2-49e6518ac129)

The second loss is plagued by inconsistencies and theories such as it may have contained strategic US military weapon components being spirited away to China ...and may therefore have been destroyed by the US Military or its covert operatives. The US undoubtedly know, and they are not saying. We await the inevitable leak.

In Syria, there is the clear example that great power politics and religious divides are perpetuating a disaster. Our leaders have been shown to be war-mongering fools...

<http://peakoil.com/publicpolicy/syria-the-war-can-be-limited>

### US is provoking Russia

From a geopolitical perspective, all Russia seems to be doing is to stabilise her borders. The intrusion of US ballistic missile systems in former Soviet Union countries is an abiding threat as NATO moves closer to the Russian homeland. So what happens in Georgia and Ukraine is as important for Russia as what happens in Central America is for the USA. So the population understands the imperatives and Vladimir Putin's strength is admired and his popularity twice that of Barack Obama's.

To her South, Russia is confronted by the problems in Muslim Chechnia and various issues affecting the stability of the five "stans".

From an economic point of view things just ain't so good. China is more prepared than Russia to confront US Hegemony on the economic front...

[http://seekingalpha.com/article/3974867-russian-economy-short-review-sluggish-perspective?source=email\\_macro\\_view\\_eco\\_0\\_16&ifp=0](http://seekingalpha.com/article/3974867-russian-economy-short-review-sluggish-perspective?source=email_macro_view_eco_0_16&ifp=0)

### **EU governance by elites**

The Brexit referendum is not the only issue confronting EU solidarity... The European economy is mixed with those same PIIGS still in some sort of difficulty. So referenda pose a threat to the idea of further economic and political union...

[https://www.stratfor.com/analysis/how-referenda-threaten-eu?utm\\_source=freelist-f&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=button&utm\\_campaign=sundaysendB160515&hsenc=p2ANqtz-86QqpVcJcJMefNb2j6kd5LUGSODipXBrzY9oWwSPfYpZTvXoQIvrEnUG\\_htrTb-gAZaBx0WkG97xrRLVEYzfVv8y87FA&hsmi=29589055&hsCtaTracking=f8647f88-09a1-45e1-9f60-467611b427cb%7C50eeb5fa-0498-40af-b7e7-a0f5dd740dbb](https://www.stratfor.com/analysis/how-referenda-threaten-eu?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_content=button&utm_campaign=sundaysendB160515&hsenc=p2ANqtz-86QqpVcJcJMefNb2j6kd5LUGSODipXBrzY9oWwSPfYpZTvXoQIvrEnUG_htrTb-gAZaBx0WkG97xrRLVEYzfVv8y87FA&hsmi=29589055&hsCtaTracking=f8647f88-09a1-45e1-9f60-467611b427cb%7C50eeb5fa-0498-40af-b7e7-a0f5dd740dbb)

Nigel Farage succinctly sums up in 5 minutes why Britain needs to leave the EU...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HXL5hRgqDQ>

A more lengthy perspective of the EU from a BREXIT point of view...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYqzcqDtL3k>

From an economic perspective, the EU is inefficient and has destroyed the economies of scale that many individual companies once enjoyed.

Greece is caught. It is arguable whether the Greeks could get out now and Germany has them under control. But Greece is still trapped – even economically...

[http://seekingalpha.com/article/3975088-everything-know-greece?source=email\\_macro\\_view\\_eco\\_3\\_16&ifp=0](http://seekingalpha.com/article/3975088-everything-know-greece?source=email_macro_view_eco_3_16&ifp=0)

### **US: the peasants are revolting**

In the USA, elites and vested interest have control. Trump and Sanders offer a protest and many cannot understand why...it is simple.

[http://ggc-mauldin-images.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/pdf/160514\\_TFTF.pdf](http://ggc-mauldin-images.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/pdf/160514_TFTF.pdf)

In the EU there is not even a charade about democracy, the bureaucracy controls all.

The only downside of EU membership is the one off costs of separation and that the money shufflers may lose ground...at least in the short term.

IMHO Brexit should happen, but will it?

### **India now the driver of oil demand**

About conventional oil usage volumes...

I recall in 2004 I was looking at China consuming 4 million bbls per day and folk were saying, “don’t worry they have high growth rates, but their growth is off a smaller base than USA, at 18 million bbls per day”. Well now the USA is looking at 20 million bbls per day and China is up to 11 million bbls per day.

With the lower oil price, demand is perking up. China have almost completed their own strategic petroleum reserve, so their growth is normalising in 2016. But a new kid has arrived on the block in 2016; it is now India at 4.33 million barrels per day....

[http://seekingalpha.com/article/3974907-india-really-capable-altering-global-crude-oil-market?source=email\\_macro\\_view\\_com\\_1\\_12&ifp=0](http://seekingalpha.com/article/3974907-india-really-capable-altering-global-crude-oil-market?source=email_macro_view_com_1_12&ifp=0)

Much of India’s diesel is used for power generation, but also they are building their fleets of cars, trucks and buses. Now India must compete with China for oil as she doesn’t have much of her own.