

I wonder how many Americans would have predicted a mere decade ago that they would be living in a country that was in a permanent state of war?

Everyone knows that these endless wars, while disastrous to ordinary people and economies, have been very profitable to select groups; groups with close access to the White House, and which have no incentive to end the bloodletting any time soon.

The funny thing about 9/11 is that when you get people alone to discuss it, they are often quite willing to agree that the official explanation of events just doesn't cut it. I think that if 9/11 had occurred elsewhere in the world – say Beijing – the American media and power structure would point out that the official version of events did not comport with the facts as we have come to understand them.

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