

Dear Reader,

At New Lines, a normal week can range from hosting an [exclusive panel on U.S.-Kazakh relations](#) to publishing a [thought-provoking Dossier on the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*](#). As stewardship is one of New Lines' guiding principles, our research is driven by a shared commitment to promote global peace and security. In the last two weeks, the team has examined the crucial role played by U.S. policymakers in upholding and promoting democratic values within the U.S. and across the Maghreb, Middle East, and South America.

[Following a string of attacks labeled by the Islamic State as the "Raid of Revenge for the Two Sheikhs,"](#) mounting evidence indicates that the group is experiencing a resurgence in Syria. Abdullah al-Ghadhawi shows how U.S. policy failures in Syria left the country open for the Islamic State to regroup.

[Although several authoritarian states in the Maghreb have implemented transitional justice measures to investigate state-sponsored human rights abuses, these often do not lead to true and lasting reforms.](#) Alexander Kochenburger explains why states exposed to authoritarian environments need further support from U.S. policymakers.

[In the months leading up to the Oct. 2 general elections,](#) Brazil may face social unrest and political instability. Whichever of the frontrunners – President Jair Bolsonaro or former President Luiz Inácio “Lula” da Silva – wins, the Biden administration will need to consider how to respond to potential instability in Brazil.

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to roll back federal protections for abortion access and bodily autonomy will affect several foreign policy issues. [In this Dossier, Emily Prey and Kinsey Spears explore the ramifications of the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision](#) and what options the U.S. government has to reverse this backslide on human rights.

And as the U.S. and Kazakhstan mark three decades of developing relations, questions about domestic stability, relations with great-power rivals, and regional security

remain. [This exclusive panel convened some of the best minds on U.S.-Kazakh](#) relations and Central Asia to discuss the future state of play between Washington and Nur-Sultan.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter!

Brazil's Next Elections Bring the Risk of Social Unrest

Claudia Gago Ostos

Net Assessment, August 11, 2022



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The Global Consequences of America's Anti-Abortion Agenda

Emily Prey, Kinsey Spears

The Dossier, August 9, 2022



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‘Revenge for the Two Sheikhs’: ISIS Renews Itself in the Syrian Desert

Abdallah Al-Ghadhawi

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Lessons From Morocco: Strengthening Transitional Justice Measures in Authoritarian States

Alexander Kochenburger

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Featured Event

The Status & Future of US-Kazakhstan Relations

As the U.S. and Kazakhstan mark three decades of developing relations, questions about domestic stability, relations with great-power rivals, and regional security remain. Inspired by Dr. Kamran Bokhari's recent report for the Wilson Center's Kennan Institute on U.S.-Kazakhstan relations, this event convenes some of the best minds to discuss the future state of play between Washington and Nur-Sultan.



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From the New Lines Magazine



Israel and Gaza Keep Up Their Precarious Dance

Neri Zilber

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By: Fazelminallah Qazizai

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Kosovo-Serbia War Speculation Is Much Ado About Nothing

By: Una Hajdari

August 4, 2022

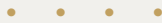
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New Lines in the Media

New Lines' staff have been sharing their informed analysis of current geopolitical events with other media outlets. Read these highlights of their recent interviews and publications.

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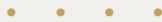


["U.S. President Joe Biden confirms death of al-Qaeda leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri"](#)

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Interviewed— Dr. Kamran Bokhari

August 10, 2022

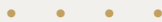


["The Fourth Division is heavily engaged in this trade - not only guarding captagon production facilities but also carrying out many of the trafficking operations themselves."](#)

[The New Arab](#)

Quoted — Caroline Rose

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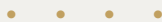


["There are still many people in the camp who continue to support ISIS. The big challenge is that many of them are local Syrians."](#)

[Kurdistan 24](#)

Quoted – Nicholas A Heras

August 2, 2022

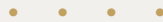


[“I believe that as smuggling operations continue and violent clashes mount between Captagon smugglers and Jordanian Armed Forces, this will be a top agenda item for Amman as it seeks to bolster its border surveillance system.”](#)

[All Arab News](#)

Quoted – Caroline Rose

August 1, 2022



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