

Foreign relations

Biden supposedly values allies. Europe's chagrin is that Biden could have fulfilled both vows [ending forever wars and rebuilding alliances] if he had closely consulted with them on his Afghan exit.

He chose not to.

The fact that Nato was there at America's behest rubbed salt into the wound.

The 9/11 attacks marked the only time Nato has invoked its Article V mutual defence clause — following an assault on America, not Europe.

**Edward Luce,
Financial Times, August 24, 2021**