



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Lithium Triangle

The United States of America is the biggest EV manufacturer with Tesla alone having a market capitalization over 665 billion USD. The USA imported Lithium Ion batteries worth over 9 billion USD in 2023 from China. The United States alone is the second biggest producer of Li-On batteries, producing just over 1000 GWh of battery capacity. The USA failed behind China in establishing control for Lithium mining in Australia and Chile (still most US lithium comes from Chile), but tries to increase control over Argentine lithium.

Javier Milei

Newly elected Argentinian president Javier Milei has very clear anti-socialist policies and pivoted to improve relations with the United States in efforts to combat Chinese influence on the country's economy. His new free market policies should make Argentina a more attractive market for investment in Lithium mining, so has also noted Elon Musk - American entrepreneur, founder of Tesla.

Mineral Security Partnership

In June 2022 the United States announced mineral Security Partnership, which is an agreement between some partner countries to secure the resources playing a vital role in economic development, mainly of the USA. Argentinian minister of Mining has attended the forum and expressed the interest in further strengthening trade with the United States.

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DRC

The United States recognizes that the greatest wealth of the DRC is its people. USA is the biggest sole donor to the DRC, having donated over 5.8 billion USD to the DRC and providing over 1 billion USD yearly in humanitarian aid. The United States is not a major importer of Congolese copper and does not import their cobalt at all. The United States has expressed concern for the rights of locals endangered by cobalt and copper mining, and condemned use of child labor and modern slavery practices.

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Myanmar

The USA recognized Rohingya Crisis to be a genocide and was widely providing humanitarian assistance to the survivors and refugees. Over the past 7 years, the USA has contributed 2.4 billion USD to the Rohingya people. US imposes sanctions on Junta and calls for the resolution of the crisis.

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