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AMERICAN LIFE

- **Party Affiliation and Election Polls**
In every campaign cycle, pollwatchers pay close attention to the details of every [election](#) survey. And well they should. But focusing on the partisan balance of surveys is, in almost every circumstance, the wrong place to look. (*Pew Research Center for the People & the Press*)
- **What My Son's Disabilities Taught Me About 'Having It All'**
Because of her [child's problems](#), the author will never have a tidy, peaceful life. But none of this keeps her from being happy -- as long as she asks herself the right questions. (*The Atlantic Monthly*)
- **The Rise of the "Connected Viewer"**
Television's solitary screen is being supplemented by multi-screen interactivity. Half of all adult [cell owners](#) (52%) have used their phones recently for engagement, diversion, or interaction with other people while watching TV. (*Pew Research Center for the People & the Press*)
- **Inside Facebook's World**
In February of 2004, Harvard sophomore [Mark Zuckerberg](#) created Facebook. His workspace, such as it was, consisted of a PC, a desk and his beloved whiteboard, all crammed into his less-than-tidy quarters in Suite H33 at the university's Kirkland House. (*Time Magazine*)
- **African Entrepreneur Cites Help from Leading U.S. Businesswoman**
One of Africa's rising female entrepreneurs says she has learned from the United States that [Africans](#) should not wait for their governments to fund everything needed to improve their communities. (*IIP Digital*)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- **Making Punk a Threat Again**
It almost doesn't matter what the court says. The three women of Pussy Riot -- an explosive, obnoxious cross between a band and an anonymous [Russian](#) dissidents' movement -- have, in an important sense, already won their farce of a trial in Moscow. (*Foreign Policy*)
- **Head of State**
Secretary of State [Hillary Clinton](#) sat down on a plush yellow couch at the J.W. Marriott late on a Saturday morning in early May. The Beijing skyline sparkled, uncharacteristically sunny and smog-free, out the window of her 23rd-floor suite, and she was wearing sunglasses even though we were indoors, "an eye infection," she said apologetically. (*Foreign Policy*)
- **China's Leaders Head to the Beach**
As the summer comes to an end, [Chinese leaders](#) are preparing for a once-in-a-decade turnover in leadership. But unlike past transitions, this time around. (*Foreign Affairs*)
- **Saying Mali 'Is Our Country,' Militias Train to Oust Islamists**
Hundreds of [young men](#) are stuffed into makeshift training camps near this provincial capital, arising at 4 a.m. for physical exercises and simulated hand-to-hand combat in preparation for the day when they can free their north Mali homeland from the radical Islamists whose harsh rule has driven tens of thousands of frightened, desperate civilians to flee the country. (*New York Times Magazine*)

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

- **Dependence on Middle Eastern Oil: Now It's China's Problem, Too**
[Energy](#) security is a big concern for both the United States and China, though the latter typically sees it as a supply side issue: secure as much as possible to fill what it sees as endless future demand. (*The Atlantic Monthly*)
- **The Mystery of the Purring Elephant**
Stand near an [elephant](#) herd, and you may feel a strange vibration in your chest. That's not your heart beating in terror because you're, well, standing next to an elephant herd. Or at least that's not all it is. (*Time Magazine*)
- **Cracks in the Test: Doctors Improve Osteoporosis Screens**
Hip fractures kill and cripple far too many elderly women and men. Every year roughly 350,000 people in the U.S. shatter their hips and end up in the hospital, where more than 14,000 of them die. (*Scientific American*)
- **Emerging Power Crisis**
India wants to be a power on the world stage, but back home it's having power troubles of a more mundane variety. On July 31, sweeping blackouts struck the country's north and east, leaving an estimated 600 million people -- nearly 10 percent of the world's population -- without [electricity](#). (*Foreign Policy*)

ECONOMY

- **The recession is over. But not for you.**
Corporate profits are setting records. Companies hold mountains of cash. Private-sector output is growing 3 percent per year, in line with historic norms. But jobs? The middling July numbers warn that it's likely another half decade before the U.S. returns to full [employment](#). (*Newsweek/The Daily Beast*)
- **Global Rebalancing: Now or Never**
NEW HAVEN: Time and again, the lessons of a troubled [world economy](#) are the same: An unbalanced world is an unsustainable world. (*Yale Global*)
- **Draghi drags it out**
A YEAR ago this week Italy's prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi, received a terse letter from two men who held his country's fate in their hands: Jean-Claude Trichet, the-then president of the [European Central Bank](#) (ECB), and the man who has since taken over the job, Mario Draghi (then governor of Italy's central bank). (*The Economist*)
- **In Euro Crisis, Every Player Has His Own Agenda**
The [euro zone](#) is inching toward a new plan to tackle its debt crisis in a three-dimensional game of chicken among all the main players. (*New York Times Magazine*)

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