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Reports

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As China Sneezes, Will the World Catch Cold? YaleGlobal. Vikram Mansharamani. September 17, 2012.

The world became accustomed to double-digit growth in China. But such growth wasn't sustainable, as Europe and the U.S. struggle with debt. Analysts concede that China's growth, fueled by easy credit, is slowing. Vikram Mansharamani outlines the implications: In recent years, China has snapped up a lion's share of commodities - steel, cement, aluminum, iron ore - and now demand is slowing. Inventories are piling up in China's factories and ports. Emerging economies that contribute to China's supply chain will feel the pinch. "A material slowdown in China will affect other emerging markets despite arguments about decoupling," Mansharamani reports, adding that pooled funds have created more financial connections than ever before. Investors who counted on heavy growth for China and its suppliers can expect a portfolio hit. Predictions that China would surpass the U.S. as the world's largest economy could be off by years or decades. Mansharamani expects China's leaders to direct resources at promoting social stability, encouraging consumption and ultimately strengthening the economy.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/china-sneezes-will-world-catch-cold> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#2

The Candidates on Climate and Energy: A Guide to the Key Policy Positions of President Obama and Governor Romney. Center for Climate and Energy Solutions. Updated September 7, 2012.

This voter guide outlines the records and positions of President Barack Obama and former Gov. Mitt Romney on key climate and energy issues. A side-by-side summary at the top links to more details below. The nonpartisan guide is based on an examination of the candidates' actions in office, public statements, campaign materials, news reports, and other publications. It is offered to inform the electorate and contribute to public debate about the nation's pressing climate and energy issues. As a nonpartisan organization, the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) does not endorse candidates.

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<http://www.c2es.org/publications/2012-voter-guide> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#3

Democratic Convention Highlights: Clinton Outshines Obama. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. September 10, 2012.

Like Mitt Romney, Barack Obama was not the highlight of his party's convention. Among those who watched at least a little coverage of the Democratic convention, 29% say the highlight was Bill Clinton's speech, while 16% name Obama's speech as the highlight. About as many (15%) say that first lady Michelle Obama's speech was the highlight of the convention.

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<http://www.people-press.org/files/legacy-pdf/9-10-12%20Dem%20convention%20release.pdf> [PDF format, 9 pages, 116.21 KB].

Item#4

Drop the Fallacy: The United States Is Not Blocking China's Rise. East-West Center. Denny Roy. September 11, 2012.

Denny Roy, Senior Research Fellow at the East-West Center, explains that "The truth is that under the 'hegemony' of a regional order sponsored and enforced by the United States, China's economic, technological and military rise has been virtually unabated."

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http://www.eastwestcenter.org/sites/default/files/private/apb179_0.pdf

Item#5

The Economic Value of Citizenship for Immigrants in the United States. Migration Policy Institute. Madeleine Sumption and Sarah Flamm. September 2012.

Beyond imparting political and social rights, naturalization appears to confer economic gains for immigrants in the United States, with a wage premium of at least 5 percent - even after accounting for the fact that naturalized immigrants have higher levels of education, better language skills, and more work experience in the United States than noncitizens. More than 8 million legal immigrants in the United States are eligible to apply for citizenship but have not done so. Naturalization rates in the United States are lower than most other Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries, the report notes.

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<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/pubs/citizenship-premium.pdf> [PDF format, 24 pages, 3.02 MB].

Item#6

A Forgotten War in the Himalayas. YaleGlobal. Jeff M. Smith. September 14, 2012.

Leaders around the world and Americans, too, fret about whether the United States is a reliable or fickle ally, according to the report. As the U.S. pivots toward Asia and Indian leaders toy with a return to a policy of nonalignment, people of both nations should recall the 1962 Sino-Indian War, suggests Smith. India and China had good "brotherly" relations prior to that war. Following an insurgency in Tibet, China hardened its position on border disputes and invaded India. The U.S. extended diplomatic and military assistance to India, and China quickly called for a ceasefire, which the U.S. and the Soviet Union urged India to accept. The U.S. also urged communications between India and Pakistan, pressing the latter not to capitalize on the border dispute, and established firm U.S. policy on at least part of the disputed borders. Fifty years later, American policy on border disputes between China and India are ambiguous. Modern-day tensions could force the U.S. to take sides and show its hand.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/forgotten-war-himalayas> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#7

Global Citizens and the Global Economy. Center for Global Development. Nancy Birdsall. September 17, 2012.

Integration of the global economy has outpaced the ability of international institutions to address key market failures--inequality, volatility, and inadequate provision of global public goods, undermining the prospects for inclusive and sustainable growth. Nancy Birdsall argues that in the absence of an activist global political entity to address these issues, as national governments attempt to do within sovereign states, the growing number of people who are coming to regard themselves as global citizens should press their own governments to adopt policies that address these problems, domestically and internationally.

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http://www.cgdev.org/files/1426490_file_Birdsall_Global_citizens_FINAL.pdf [PDF format, 14 pages, 413.89 KB].

Item#8

Hidden Dragon, Crouching Lion: How China's Advance in Africa is Underestimated and Africa's Potential Underappreciated. Strategic Studies Institute. David E. Brown. September 17, 2012.

In 2010, China eclipsed the United States as Africa's largest trading partner. Beijing has accomplished this by using a tied aid, trade, and development finance strategy to promote its commercial and political interests on the continent, and its status as a rising global power. The report examines the origins of China's rapid economic advance in Africa; whether this advance will help or hurt Africa; and, the implications that this economic advance will have for the United States.

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<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=1120> [HTML format with a link to the PDF format].

Item#9

Middle East Turmoil Closely Followed; Romney's Comments Viewed Negatively. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. September 17, 2012.

About four-in-ten Americans (43%) have followed news about the attacks on U.S. embassies in the Middle East and the killing of an American ambassador very closely. Those following have much more positive opinions about Barack Obama's handling of the situation than Mitt Romney's comments on the crisis.

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<http://www.people-press.org/files/legacy-pdf/9-17-12%20Middle%20East%20release.pdf> [PDF format, 8 pages, 635.8 KB].

Item#10

Record Partisan Gap in Views of Economic News. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. September 11, 2012.

With the election less than two months away, partisan differences in views of economic news have become wider than ever. Despite this month's lackluster jobs report, there has been a modest decline in the percentage of Americans saying news about the economy is mostly bad - with virtually all of the change coming among Democrats. Just 15% of Democrats say recent economic news is mostly bad, down from 31% a month ago and among the lowest percentages over the last four years. Six-in-ten Republicans (60%) say news about the economy is mostly bad, as do 36% of independents. Opinions among Republicans and independents are largely unchanged from a month ago.

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<http://www.people-press.org/files/legacy-pdf/9-11-12%20Econ%20News%20release.pdf> [PDF format, 10 pages, 141.57 KB].

[Item#11](#)

U.S. Public, Experts Differ on China Policies. Pew Global Attitudes Project. September 18, 2012.

Despite generally positive assessments of U.S.-China relations, the U.S. public is more concerned than experts about China's growing economic strength. About half say the Asian nation's emergence as a world power poses a major threat to America.

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<http://www.pewglobal.org/files/2012/09/US-Public-and-Elite-Report-FINAL-FOR-PRINT-September-18-2012.pdf> [PDF format, 56 pages, 1.44 MB].