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Reports

Item#1

ARSENAL'S END? AMERICAN POWER AND THE GLOBAL DEFENSE INDUSTRY. Center for a New American Security. Ethan B. Kapstein. February 19, 2010.

The recent firing of the F-35 Program Manager by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has heightened concerns in the policy community that the plane is failing to meet its economic and military objectives. But in the report, Ethan Kapstein suggests that the multinational F-35 exemplifies the complexity of the Pentagon's global acquisition strategy.

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Full Text:

http://www.cnas.org/files/documents/publications/ArsenalsEnd_Kapstein_Feb2010_code324.pdf [PDF format, 16 pages].

Item#2

CLEAN ENERGY MARKETS: JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES. Pew Center on Global Climate Change. February 2010.

The brief discusses how investment in clean energy technologies will generate economic growth and create new jobs in the United States and around the globe. Action around the world means that global clean energy markets will grow significantly in the coming decades. The United States stands to benefit from the development of these markets, but only if it moves quickly to support domestic demand for and production of clean energy technologies.

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Full Text:

<http://www.pewclimate.org/docUploads/clean-energy-markets-jobs-opportunities-brief.pdf> [PDF format, 18 pages].

Item#3

DEMOCRATS' EDGE AMONG MILLENNIALS SLIPS. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. February 18, 2010.

The "Millennial Generation" of young voters played a big role in the resurgence of the Democratic Party in the 2006 and 2008 elections, but their attachment to the Democratic Party weakened markedly over the course of 2009. The Democratic advantage over the Republicans in party affiliation among young voters, including those who "lean" to a party, reached a whopping 62% to 30% margin in 2008. But by the end of 2009 this 32-point margin had shrunk to just 14 points: 54% Democrat, 40% Republican.

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Full Text:

<http://pewresearch.org/assets/pdf/1497.pdf> [PDF format, 27 pages].

Item#4

DEMONIZING CHINA: PUNDITS GET ITS ROLE IN AFRICA WRONG. YaleGlobal. Barry Sautman and Yan Hairong. February 10, 2010.

China's growing trade with, and investment in, Africa have been much decried of late. But according to the authors, China's role in Africa has been much maligned. Though China mainly imports oil and other resources from the continent, the country has helped to finance infrastructure projects based on loans with lower interest rates than most Europeans are willing to make. China may be the newest scapegoat for Africa's development problems, but in the end, the debate on China's involvement in Africa misses the point that of improving the lot of the poorest continent in the world.

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Full Text:

<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/demonizing-china-pundits-get-its-role-in-africa-wrong> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#5

DO OIL EXPORTS FUEL DEFENSE SPENDING? Strategic Studies Institute. Clayton K.S. Chun. February 17, 2010.

During the summer of 2008, Americans and other oil importers faced record prices at the gasoline pump, home heating oil, and industrial products that required petroleum as an ingredient or as an energy source. The rise in price created windfall profits to a number of oil

producers. The cost of energy ballooned and created economic hardship in many countries. This situation also caused some observers to fear what oil-exporting nations would do with these windfall profits.

Full Text:

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/summary.cfm?q=967> [HTML format with a link].

Item#6

GOOGLE'S LESSON: INNOVATION HAS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY RELIABILITY. YaleGlobal. Rob Knake and Adam Segal. February 22, 2010.

The most important lesson of the Google vs. China may not be about Internet censorship, but rather the importance of security and the reliability of products. As Council of Foreign Relations fellows Rob Knake and Adam Segal write, two tensions highlight the main obstacles in maintaining security and reliability amid the globalized model of innovation spanning geography and time. Shifting research and development centers off shore and closer to growing markets introduces additional risks of cyber and physical attacks. But the pace of innovation and the pressure to bring the newest technology to market as quickly as possible exposes companies to other risks too. Privacy or security concerns are often an afterthought in product development.

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Full Text:

<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/googles-lesson-innovation-accompanied-reliability> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#7

IS REREGULATION OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM AN OXYMORON? Levy Economics Institute of Bard College. Jan Kregel. February 2010.

The extension of the subprime mortgage crisis to a global financial meltdown led to calls for fundamental reregulation of the United States financial system. However, that reregulation has been slow in implementation and the proposals under discussion are far from fundamental.

One explanation for this delay is the fact that many of the difficulties stemmed not from lack of regulation but from a failure to fully implement existing regulations. At the same time, the crisis evolved in stages, interspersed by what appeared to be the system's return to normalcy.

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http://www.levy.org/pubs/wp_585.pdf [PDF format, 14 pages].

Item#8

MIDTERM ELECTION CHALLENGES FOR BOTH PARTIES: OBAMA'S RATINGS ARE FLAT, WALL STREET'S ARE ABYSMAL. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. February 12, 2010.

Nine months ahead of the midterm elections, voters have conflicted attitudes about both political parties. Opinions of the Republican Party have improved significantly, and for the first time in years the GOP's favorable ratings nearly equal the Democratic Party's. Voting intentions for the fall elections also remain closely divided. However, the Democratic Party is still better regarded in many respects than is the GOP and far more people continue to blame the Republicans than the Democrats for the current state of the economy. And despite frustrations with his stewardship of the economy, bottom-line opinions of Barack Obama have not changed in the past few months.

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<http://people-press.org/reports/pdf/589.pdf> [PDF format, 63 pages].

Item#9

TRAGEDY AT TOYOTA: HOW NOT TO LEAD IN CRISIS. Harvard Business School. William George. February 22, 2010.

"Toyota can only regain its footing by transforming itself from top to bottom to deliver the highest quality automobiles," says Harvard Business School professor Bill George of the beleaguered automobile company that in recent months has recalled 8 million vehicles. He offers seven recommendations for restoring consumer confidence in the safety and quality behind the storied brand.

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Full Text:

<http://hbswk.hbs.edu/item/6381.html> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#10

THE TRANSFORMATION OF WORLD TRADE. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Uri Dadush and Shimelse Ali. February 22, 2010.

Developing countries are growing rapidly, and long term projections suggest that their rising economic weight will transform world trade. As these emerging economies diversify and become increasingly important export markets, they will come to dominate international trade, according to the report.

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Full Text:

[http://www.carnegieendowment.org/files/The Transformation of World Trade.pdf](http://www.carnegieendowment.org/files/The_Transformation_of_World_Trade.pdf) [PDF format, 20 pages].

Item#11

THE TRILLION DOLLAR GAP: UNDERFUNDED STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND THE ROADS TO REFORM. Pew Center on the States. February 2010.

There was a \$1 trillion gap at the end of fiscal year 2008 between the \$2.35 trillion states had set aside to pay for employees' retirement benefits and the \$3.35 trillion price tag of those promises, according to the report. The shortfall, which will have to be paid over the next 30 years by state and local governments, amounts to more than \$8,800 for every household in the United States.

The figures detailed in Pew's report, include pension, health care and other non-pension benefits promised to both current and future retirees in states' and participating localities' public sector retirement systems.

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[http://downloads.pewcenteronthestates.org/The Trillion Dollar Gap final.pdf](http://downloads.pewcenteronthestates.org/The_Trillion_Dollar_Gap_final.pdf) [PDF format, 66 pages].

Item#12

UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN STUDENTS, HIGHER EDUCATION, AND IN-STATE TUITION RATES: A LEGAL ANALYSIS. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Jody Feder. January 13, 2010.

Currently, federal law prohibits states from granting unauthorized aliens certain postsecondary educational benefits on the basis of state residence, unless equal benefits are made available to all U.S. citizens. The report provides a legal overview of cases involving immigrant access to

higher education, as well as an analysis of the legality of state laws that make in-state tuition rates available to illegal immigrants.

Full Text:

http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RS22500_20100113.pdf [PDF format, 9 pages].

Item#13

THE VOLCKER RULE: NOT THE SOLUTION TO REDUCING FINANCIAL RISK. The Heritage Foundation. David C. John. February 22, 2010.

President Obama has reached into the past to try to resurrect failed bank regulatory approaches as a way of raising the stakes on his newly emphasized financial regulatory plan. Referred to as the "Volcker rule" after former Fed Chairman Paul Volcker, who developed the two-part proposal, it would further restrict the size of financial institutions and prevent those with insured deposits from trading in the financial markets on their own behalf, according to the author.

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<http://www.heritage.org/Research/Regulation/wm2810.cfm?renderforprint=1> [HTML format, various paging].