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### **Reports**

- [Item#1](#)  
CHINESE NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS: POLITICS BY OTHER MEANS? American Enterprise Institute. Amy E. Gadsden. July 2010.

Nongovernmental organizations are growing in number and finding ways to survive in China, even though the country's political limits artificially restrict their growth, as they take up political issues but are not yet political actors, according to the author.

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Full Text:

<http://bit.ly/9LCLh0> [PDF format, 11 pages].

#### Item#2

COUNTRY REPORTS ON TERRORISM 2009. U.S. Department of State. August 5, 2010.

U.S. law requires the Secretary of State to provide Congress, by April 30 of each year, a full and complete report on terrorism with regard to those countries and groups meeting criteria set forth in the legislation. Beginning with the report for 2004, it replaced the previously published Patterns of Global Terrorism.

Full Text:

<http://bit.ly/b2BwA0> [PDF format, 292 pages].

<http://bit.ly/cLvJi7> [HTML format with links].

#### Item#3

COVERING CORRUPTION: THE DIFFICULTIES OF TRYING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Center for Media Assistance and National Endowment for Democracy. Rosemary Armao. July 21, 2010.

The idea that a free press is linked to better, more honest government is accepted as a given, largely without direct evidence. Yet only recently have news organizations begun asking whether what they are doing is making any difference. The report examines the impact of reporting about corruption on the incidence of corruption, asking whether and how media has an effect in bringing about reform and better governance.

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<http://bit.ly/9rBAmT> [PDF format, 42 pages].

#### Item#4

EXPORT NATION: HOW U.S. METROS LEAD NATIONAL EXPORT GROWTH. Brookings Institution. Bruce Katz. July 27, 2010.

Bruce Katz highlights an analysis of U.S. exports of goods and services produced in the country's 100 largest metropolitan areas. The report shows that leveraging U.S. metropolitan strengths can reset the nation's economic trajectory.

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<http://bit.ly/axc69m> [PDF format, 10 pages].

#### Item#5

THE GENERATION GAP ON GOVERNMENT. Center for American Progress. Guy Molyneux et al. July 27, 2010.

Young Americans today across the ideological spectrum share a far more favorable view of the federal government than do their elders. Importantly, this so-called Millennial Generation may hold the key to reversing historic declines in public confidence in government, says the report. s. It finds that young Americans age 18 to 32 give the government more positive performance ratings and more strongly favor a significant role for government in addressing national challenges than does the public at large. Millennials' distinctly pro-government outlook may well be a leading indicator of a nascent rebound in public confidence in government.

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<http://bit.ly/cTA3Ri> [PDF format, 85 pages].

#### Item#6

THE GREAT HUNGER LOTTERY: HOW BANKING SPECULATION CAUSES FOOD CRISES. World Development Movement. Tim Jones. July 2010.

The report compiles extensive evidence establishing the role of food commodity derivatives in destabilising and driving up food prices around the world. This in turn, has led to food prices becoming unaffordable for low-income families around the world, particularly in developing countries highly reliant on food imports, shows the author.

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<http://bit.ly/clxArI> [PDF format, 36 pages].

#### Item#7

PENSION PARTICIPATION AND UNCOVERED WORKERS. Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. Nadia Karamcheva and Geoffrey Sanzenbacher. August 2010.

The brief explores the participation issue and estimates how many workers would participate if 401(k)-type coverage were extended to those who currently lack it. The first section summarizes trends in pension coverage. The second section describes the data and methodology used for estimating participation, while the third discusses the results. The final section concludes that, while offering convenient savings options to low-income workers should help improve their retirement security, fewer individuals may take advantage of the opportunity than policymakers hope.

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<http://bit.ly/cJot9f> [PDF format, 9 pages].

#### Item#8

PROJECT BIOSHIELD: AUTHORITIES, APPROPRIATIONS, ACQUISITIONS, AND ISSUES FOR CONGRESS. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Frank Gottron. July 7, 2010.

Many potential chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) terrorism agents lack available medical countermeasures. In 2003, President Bush proposed Project BioShield to address this need. The Project BioShield Act became law in July 2004 (P.L. 108-276). The 111th Congress continues to address several Project BioShield-related policy issues. These include whether to continue diverting Project BioShield acquisition funding to other purposes; whether to change the countermeasure development and acquisition process; how to replace stockpiled countermeasures as they expire; and whether to alter federal efforts to encourage the development of broad-spectrum countermeasures.

Full Text:

<http://bit.ly/bwHxr7> [PDF format, 17 pages].

#### Item#9

TECHNOLOGY CONCERNS DOMINATE TWITTER. Pew Project for Excellence in Journalism. August 5, 2010.

Two consumer-related technology topics dominated among Twitter users last week -- privacy on the social networking site Facebook and user rights with Apple's popular iPhone device. The attention speaks to the social media's role as a kind of consumer watchdog for the online community, though in this instance some felt the significance of the Facebook event had been overplayed. For the week of July 26-30, fully 22% of the news links on Twitter were about the publication of millions of Facebook users' personal information, according to the New Media Index produced by the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism.

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#### Item#10

UNWANTED IMMIGRANTS: AMERICA'S DEPORTATION DILEMMA. YaleGlobal. Joseph Chamie. July 27, 2010.

Increased labor mobility has accompanied global population growth and ease of travel. The world has roughly 50 million illegal migrants, about one quarter of which live in the U.S. Nations widely oppose illegal immigration, but identifying, catching and then deporting violators present a huge challenge, explains Joseph Chamie. Attitudes about deportation vary wildly within communities, and proceedings are costly. As a result, the U.S. deports only a small fraction - less than 4 percent in 2008 - of illegal migrants. The stress and joblessness of global recession have made nations more eager to control borders. A law passed in the state of Arizona is scheduled to go into effect on July 29, requiring strict enforcement of federal immigration laws, screening for illegal immigrants and penalties for non-enforcement. The world will watch closely whether it's even possible for the state to arrest and deport anticipated large numbers of immigrants in a cost-effective, legal and humane way.

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