



The Christchurch Earthquake Statements: February 22, 2011

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Readout of the President’s call to Prime Minister Key of New Zealand

The President called Prime Minister John Key of New Zealand to express deep condolences over the devastating earthquake that struck Christchurch, New Zealand, on February 22, and to reaffirm the offer of American assistance as New Zealand recovers. The President noted that a U.S. search and rescue team was on its way to New Zealand, and said the United States was ready to provide whatever further support was needed in this difficult time. The President underscored the close and enduring friendship between the American people and the people of New Zealand. Prime Minister Key described the determination of the people of Christchurch and New Zealand in the face of this tragedy, and expressed appreciation for U.S. support.

President Obama on the Earthquake in New Zealand

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

News Release - USAID Response / USAID Disaster Assistance – Christchurch / Fact Sheet

Prime Minister John Key Announces National State of Emergency

The U.S. Mission in New Zealand has established a dedicated email address for those both seeking information, or providing information, about the welfare and whereabouts of U.S. citizens: chquake@state.gov

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**U.S.-N.Z. Partnership Forum
Christchurch, New Zealand,
20-22 February 2011**

Christchurch hosted United States and New Zealand government, business and community leaders at the fourth U.S.- N.Z. Partnership Forum

Ambassador Huebner’s Remarks in Christchurch / U.S.-N.Z. Council



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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

How to Keep the Nuclear Genie in the Bottle by Richard Weitz. *YaleGlobal*, January 19, 2011.

Following a series of agreements with the U.S., Russia and former Soviet states, the global stockpile of nuclear warheads has dropped from 70,000 to 22,000 since 1987, reports the World Nuclear Association. The Association says, "Highly-enriched uranium in US and Russian weapons and other military stockpiles amounts to about 2000 tonnes, equivalent to about twelve times annual world mine production," adding that governments direct the weapons-grade material for civilian fuel. Unsecured stockpiles remain a target for smugglers and terrorists."

Coping With a Conflicted China by David Shambaugh in *The Washington Quarterly*, Winter.

China's increasingly tough and truculent posture is, in part, the product of an ongoing intensive internal debate. It remains a deeply conflicted rising power, and understanding its series of competing international identities is crucial to anticipating Beijing's behavior on the world stage, says this China expert.

Unrest in the Arab World

Statement of President Barack Obama on Egypt *The White House*, February 10, 2011.

The Real Loser in Egypt's Uprising by Bruce Riedel, in *The Daily Beast*, February 13, 2011.

How Russia and China See the Egyptian Revolution by Fiona Hill in *Foreign Policy*, February 15, 2011.

Statement by President Obama on the Violence in Bahrain, Libya and Yemen *White House*, Feb., 18'11.

Lessons for Mideast from Asia's Revolutions Expert brief by Joshua Kurlantzick. *CFR*, Feb., 25'11.

Libya's Leadership Crossroads by Robert Danin. *CFR*, February 22, 2011.

Situation in Libya Press statement, *U.S. Dept of State*, February 20, 2011.

A Politically "Comatose" Middle East Awakens Interview with Thomas W. Lippman. *CFR*, Feb., 15, 2011.

Egyptian Military's Moment of Truth "First take" analysis by Steven A. Cook. *CFR*, February 12, 2011.

How Iran Sees Egypt's Protests Analysis brief by Roya Wolverson, *CFR*, February 10, 2011.

Public Uncertain about Effect of Egypt Protests on U.S. *Pew Research Center*, February 8, 2011.

Egypt: The January 25 Revolution and Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy *CRS*, February 11, 2011.

Algeria: Current Issues *CRS*, February 10, 2011.

Kuwait: Security, Reform, and U.S. Policy *CRS*, February 8, 2011.

Egypt: Background and U.S. Relations *CRS*, February 4, 2011.

Implications of Egypt's Turmoil on Global Oil and Gas Supply *CRS*, February 11, 2011.

Iran Sanctions *CRS*, February 3, 2011.

Yemen: Background and U.S. Relations *CRS*, February 3, 2011.

Jordan: Background and U.S. Relations *CRS*, February 2, 2011.

Lebanon: Background and U.S. Relations *CRS*, February 1, 2011.

American Enterprise Institute (AEI) - the Crisis in Egypt

More online resources which may be of interest:

Asia-Pacific U.S. Military Overview Briefing by Admiral Robert Willard, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, at the Foreign Press Center, U.S. Dept of State, February 17, 2011 (transcript forthcoming).

Strengthening the International Framework to Prevent the Spread and Use of Nuclear Weapons Remarks by U.S. Under Secretary of State Ellen Tauscher, February 16, 2011.

Third Annual Nuclear Deterrence Summit Remarks by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Rose Gottemoeller, February 16, 2011.

Turmoil in North Africa – Contagion in the Americas? Q&A by Stephen Johnson. CSIS, Feb., 9, 2011.

Panama: Political and Economic Conditions and U.S. Relations CRS, February 2, 2011.

Cuba: Issues for the 112th Congress CRS, January 28, 2011.

Enhancing Adaptability of U.S. Military Forces: Part A: Main Report U.S. Dept of Defense, January 2011. Note: 295p.

Long-Term Implications of 2011 Future Years Defense Program CBO, February 2011. 52p. **Summary**

Nonstrategic Nuclear Weapons CRS, February 2, 2011.

The New START Treaty: Central Limits and Key Provisions CRS, January 26, 2011.

Dangers in U.S.-Pakistan Rift Analysis brief by Jayshree Bajoria, CFR, February 17, 2011.

Making Peace in Afghanistan: The Missing Political Strategy by Minna Jarvenpaa. USIP, February'11. 12p.

Israel's Offshore Natural Gas Discoveries Enhance its Economic and Energy Outlook CRS, Jan., 31'11.

POLITICS / GOVERNMENT

A Plan B For Obama in *Foreign Policy*, November 2010.

As the President finishes his second year in office, he is faced with a stagnant economy, declining American influence, dictators on the march abroad, and a more Republican Congress. *Foreign Policy* asked a group of experts for a plan. Recommendations included: Avoid the double digit of too high taxes and high unemployment; initiate public opinion for his agenda by taking it directly to the people; get off oil; build up the West Bank; stop fawning over America's Muslim allies; create a South Asia command; rewrite the rules of war; dump the nukes; cut military spending; and give the public a 'green check' on climate policy.

The New 112th Congress Briefing by Charlie Cook, publisher of *The Cook Political Report* and political analyst for NBC News; at the Foreign Press Center, U.S. Dept of State, January 31, 2011

Our Continuing Focus on State Legislatures by Larry Sabato, February 3'11 (maps – partisan situation).

Obama and Reelection: One Term or Two? by Rhodes Cook. *Sabato's Crystal Ball*, February 3, 2011

Waste and Abuse: The Refuse of the Federal Spending Binge Hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, February 17, 2011.

The Obama Administration's Open Government Initiative: Issues for Congress CRS, Jan., 28, 2011.

TRADE / ECONOMY

The Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2012. February 14, 2011. See also: **An overview from the U.S. Dept of the Treasury**

The Budget Message of the President February 14, 2011.

Remarks by President Obama on the Unveiling of the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, in Baltimore, Maryland, February 14, 2011.

Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2012: Analytical Perspectives OMB, February 2011. Note: 498p. **Department Fact Sheets**

Around the Halls: President Obama's Budget Proposal *Brookings*, February 14, 2011.

President Obama Announces Members of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness February 23, 2011.

The Keys to Regional Growth Speech by Sandra Pianalto, president and chief executive officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, February 15, 2011.

Financial Reform: Post Crisis? Speech by Thomas M. Hoenig, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, February 23, 2011. 13p.

Tempting Fate: The Federal Budget Outlook by Alan J. Auerbach & William G. Gale. *Brookings*, February 8, 2011. 25p. **Summary**

A Need for Innovative Fiscal Policy Speech by Richard W. Fisher, president and chief executive officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, February 8, 2011.

The Economic Outlook Speech by John C. Williams, executive vice president and director of research, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, February 4, 2011.

Recent Developments in U.S. Agriculture and its Role in the U.S. Economy Statement by Thomas M. Hoenig, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, to the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, February 17, 2011.

Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) and the Role of Congress in Trade Policy CRS, February 8, 2011.

Foreign Direct Investment in the United States: An Economic Analysis CRS, February 1, 2011.

U.S. Direct Investment Abroad: Trends and Current Issues CRS, February 1, 2011.

The U.S. as a Net Debtor Nation: Overview of the International Investment Position CRS, Feb.'2011.

Trade Agreements: Impact on the U.S. Economy CRS, February 1, 2011.

EU-U.S. Economic Ties: Framework, Scope, and Magnitude CRS, January 27, 2011.

G-20 Statement by U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner. Statement, February 19, 2011.

Global Imbalances: Links to Economic and Financial Stability Speech by Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, U.S. Federal Reserve, in Paris, February 18, 2011.

The Future of International Trade Address by Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Demetrios J. Marantis, at the University of Georgia (Athens, Georgia), February 18, 2011.

Continued Progress at Fifth Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Round Office of USTR, February 18, 2011.

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

Adapting to Climate Change: Facing the Consequences in *The Economist*, Nov.27-Dec.12'10.

Even with global successes in limiting carbon emissions, the world will still be a significantly warmer place at the end of this century than it was at the start of the industrial revolution. Along with efforts to reduce emissions, the world must also look for ways to live with global warming. Analysts who have long been arguing that more work needs to be done on adapting to climate change "are starting to see their day in the uncomfortably hot sun." They believe that the cost of adaptation will have to be borne by wealthy, industrialized countries, not only because they are better positioned to afford it but also because they have contributed more to the problem. This was recognized in the Copenhagen Accord, which proposed that \$100 billion per year should flow from the rich to the poor for mitigation as well as adaptation.

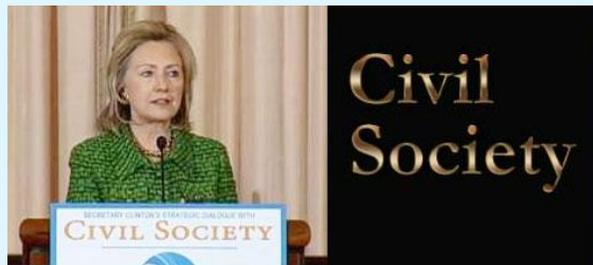
Energy and Financial Markets Overview: Crude Oil Price Formation by Richard Newell, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, U.S. Dept of Energy, February 23, 2011. 39p.

Draft Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2009 EPA, February 15, 2011. Note: 444p.

Green Jobs and Trade Hearing before a subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, February 15, 2011.

The Effects of Middle East Events on U.S. Energy Markets Hearing before a subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 10, 2011.

Strategic Dialogue with Civil Society



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton talks with civil society activists from around the world and promises more cooperation and support from the United States.

Remarks at the Launch of Strategic Dialogue with Civil Society

Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. Secretary of State

William J. Burns, Under Secretary for Political Affairs

Rajiv Shah, USAID Administrator

Egyptian Activist Sherif Mansour and Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission Chair Sima Samar

February 16, 2011

SECRETARY CLINTON: Thank you so much, Bill. (Applause.) Thank you very much, Under Secretary Burns, and let me welcome all of you to the Ben Franklin Room here at the State Department for this inaugural session of the Strategic Dialogue with Civil Society. I am delighted to have this opportunity to meet you and to welcome you to this effort, and I also want to welcome Foreign Minister Azubalis from Lithuania, which is now holding the presidency of the Community of Democracies. Foreign Minister, thank you for joining us for this Civil Society meeting.

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GLOBAL ISSUES

Poverty in Numbers: The Changing State of Global Poverty from 2005 to 2015 Laurence Chandy & Geoffrey Gertz. *Brookings*, January 2011. 23p.

Poverty reduction lies at the core of the global development challenge. For the international development community, this objective serves not only as a source of motivation, but as a defining theme across its work. Many of the world's most prominent aid organizations cite poverty reduction as their overarching goal. But while the common goal of poverty reduction is never disputed, we find it remarkably difficult to measure whether it is happening, and if so how fast, according to the report.

Sustainable Cities: Oxymoron or the Shape of the Future? by Annissa Alussi et al. *Harvard Business School.*, January 2011. 26p.

According to the authors, two trends are likely to define the 21st century: threats to the sustainability of the natural environment and dramatic increases in urbanization. This paper reviews the goals, business models, and partnerships involved in eight early "ecocity" projects to begin to identify success factors in this emerging industry. Ecocities, for the most part, are viewed as a means of mitigating threats to the natural environment while creating urban living capacity by combining principles of green building with the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) to better manage complex urban systems.

Think Again: Global Aging by Phillip Longman in *Foreign Policy*, November 2010.

Longman warns against the monumental graying of the planet, which is already proceeding at dramatic pace and rewriting world politics and economics in numerous ways. Longman notes that it's not just America's aging "baby boomers" who are turning everything associated with retirement into a booming business; the aging of Asia and the revolutionary drop in birth rates in the Middle East portend even more significant global changes.

Science Panel Says World Will See 50 Million Climate Change Refugees by 2020 by Jenara Narenberg in *Fast Company*, February 23, 2011.

50 million "environmental refugees" will flee their homes for safer borders in the next nine years, forcing policy leaders to figure out how to make room for everyone - or how to prevent the massive migration from happening in the first place.

Video Message from U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton for the International Year for People of African Descent Remarks, January 31, 2011.

Emerging Powers, Emerging Donors: Teasing out Development Patterns by Stacey White. *CSIS*, February 2011. 14p.

Looks at the increasing role of China and some other major emerging economies as donors of international development and humanitarian aid. **Summary**

Unauthorized Immigrant Population: National and State Trends, 2010 Pew Hispanic Center, February 1, 2011. 32p. **Summary** / **New York Times article**

Al Qaeda and Affiliates: Historical Perspective, Global presence, and the Implications for U.S. Policy *CRS*, January 25, 2011.

Private Contractors in Conflict Zones: The Good, the Bad, and the Strategic Impact by T.X. Hammes. *NDU, INSS*, November 2010. 16p.

Peacekeeping/Stabilization and Conflict Transitions: Background and Congressional Action on the Civilian Response/Reserve Corps and Other Civilian Stabilization and Reconstruction Capabilities *CRS*, February 2, 2011.

U.S. Contributes \$125 Million to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Media note, U.S. Dept of State, February 11, 2011.

Some extra online resources which may be of interest:

The 2010 Decennial Census: Background and Issues CRS, February 3, 2011.

Population Estimates for U.S. States, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2010 Census Bureau, February 2011.

<http://www.ifitweremyhome.com/> Compares other countries with the United States, across a number of variables. Also includes a selection of books on each country.

The Impact of the President's Trip to India and East Asia Remarks by U.S. Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Geoffrey Pyatt, at U.S.-India-Singapore Policy Forum, in Singapore, February 10, 2011.

"A Moment of Opportunity" in the Americas Remarks by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Jose W. Fernandez, in Miami, February 3, 2011. The focus of the remarks is on U.S.-Latin America economic issues, the BRIDGE Initiative, the Pathways Access Initiative – Peru, and anti-corruption and transparency issues.

The Way Forward after New START Remarks by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Rose Gottemoeller in Vilnius, February 9, 2011.

An Immigration Reform Agenda for the 112th Congress *Federation for American Immigration Reform*, January 2011. 14p. **Summary / Immigration Facts**

EDUCATION

The Rise of Education Lifts Arab Youths' Expectations by Deborah Amos on *National Public Radio*, February 18, 2011.

Amos notes that widespread youth unemployment is a major cause of unrest in the Arab world. The region has among the highest rates of unemployment among youth in the world; at the same time, there are more educated young people in the Arab world than ever before, creating a tide of rising expectations. In Saudi Arabia, most of the available jobs go to foreign workers who get paid less than Saudis expect. One expert says that the lack of jobs is the "biggest national security challenge" facing the Middle East.

Beyond School: Exploring Learning Outside the Traditional School Day *Education Week's Blog*, February 25, 2011.

Mary-Ellen Phelps Deily is a veteran editor and reporter who has worked for *Education Week* in a variety of roles over the past decade-plus. In this blog, she looks at the world of learning outside the traditional school day.

Your Child Left Behind by Amanda Ripley in *Atlantic Monthly*, December 2010.

For years, the poor academic performance by American students in comparison to those in other countries has been explained away as a consequence of nationwide diversity. But researchers at Stanford University have found that even relatively privileged American students do not compete favorably with average students in other well-off countries. The real reason ...

Some educational resources which may be of interest:

Education Reform/Closing Achievement Gap in the U.S. and around the World Briefing by Wendy Kopp, founder and chief executive officer, Teach for America/Teach for All, at the Foreign Press Center, U.S. Dept of State, in New York, February 9, 2011.

Education in the Nation: Examining the Challenges Facing America's Classrooms Hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 10, 2011.

Public High School Teachers of Career and Technical Education in 2007-08 National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Dept of Education, February 2011. 31p.

BUSINESS

How Bill Gates' Favorite Teacher Wants to Disrupt Education in *Fast Company*, March, 2011.

In 2008, Sal Khan had a bright future making millions as a hedge fund manager. He gave it up to produce low-budget math films on YouTube for free. Fortunately, hidden among his millions of loyal students, were the wealthiest of educational philanthropists, Bill Gates and the Google Foundation.

Some business resources which may be of interest:

Policies and Priorities at the U.S. Department of Labor Hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 16, 2011.

Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation Hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, February 10, 2011

Improving Efforts to Help Unemployed Americans Find Jobs Hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means, February 10, 2011

Labor Market Moving in Two Directions at the Same Time by Heidi Shierholz. *Economic Policy Institute*, February 4, 2011.

Investigating OSHA's Regulatory Agenda and its Impact on Job Creation Hearing before a subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 15, 2011.

Changes in the Distribution of Workers' Hourly Wages between 1979 and 2009 CBO, February 2011. 32p. **Summary**

MEDIA

All Programs Considered by Bill McKibben in the *New York Review of Books*, November 11, 2010.

Radio commands large audiences in the United States. The author examines the shows and production values that draw loyal listeners to public radio, highlighting the richly nuanced "This American Life," the creation of Ira Glass. The larger news shows of National Public Radio (NPR) have become more homogenized and less provocative, leaving room for more innovative shows. Despite cheaper production technology, the biggest problem in an era of free podcasting is money to fund the innovators.

The Blog as Beat by Juanita Leon on Nieman Reports, Winter, 2010.

The Internet changes the concept of the beat: Leon believes that a journalist's blog becomes a valued partner of political reporters offering them additional sources and fresh angles for stories.

Supreme Arrogance by Rem Reider in *American Journalism Review*, December.

It's time for the U.S. Supreme Court to allow TV coverage of its proceedings.

"Verve and Attitude" by Greg Masters in *American Journalism Review*, February 9, 2011.

The new editor of the Philadelphia Daily News wants his reporters to write with a point of view.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

You Have No Friends: Everyone is on Facebook. Why Aren't You? by Farhad Manjoo on *Slate*, Jan., 14. 5p.

Federal Cloud Computing Technology by Vivek Kundra, U.S. Chief Information Officer. *White House*, February 8, 2011. 43p. **See also** February 14, 2011. 9p.

25 Point Implementation Plan to Reform Federal Information Technology Management by Vivek Kundra, U.S. Chief Information Officer, December 9, 2010. 40p.

Ensuring Competition on the Internet: Net Neutrality and Antitrust Hearing before a subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary, February 15, 2011.

Network Neutrality and Internet Regulation: Warranted or More Economic Harm than Good? Hearing before a subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 16, 2011.

Blogs Wane as the Young Drift to Sites Like Twitter in *New York Times* online, February 20, 2011.

A 21st Century Agenda for Creating Opportunity and Well-Being by Alan Berube et al. *Brookings*, February 2011. 10p. This paper looks at both the United States and the developing world. **Summary**

The Protection of Classified Information: The Legal Framework *CRS*, January 10, 2011.

Internet Rights and Wrongs: Choices & Challenges in a Networked World



An open, secure Internet that is accessible to all is crucial to peace and prosperity and essential in the struggle for human rights and dignity, Secretary of State Clinton says.

Remarks by U.S. Secretary of State Clinton on Internet Freedom

Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State
George Washington University, Washington, DC
February 15, 2011

Thank you all very much and good afternoon. It is a pleasure, once again, to be back on the campus of the George Washington University, a place that I have spent quite a bit of time in all different settings over the last now nearly 20 years. **Full Text** | **Fact Sheet** | **Watch Video**

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY

Before There Was Life by Helen Fields in *Smithsonian*, October 2010.

Bob Hazen, a scientist with the Carnegie Institution of Science, is attempting to learn how molecules swirling through the gaseous clouds of an infant universe first collided to form substances that could lead to life. Contrary to the standard metaphor of a “primordial soup” in which molecules bubbled and blended to form proteins and microscopic life, Hazen envisions an early universe where molecules were rare and unlikely to find each other to form “building blocks.” Hazen is exploring a theory that rocks served as a handmaiden to evolution by providing adherent surfaces that attracted free-floating molecules, which then in turn bonded to form the first proteins and amino acids that became the baseline for life.

Innovative Chief Executives *U.S. Dept of Energy, Office of Science*, February 27, 2011. “Many U.S. Presidents have promoted the “progress of science and the useful arts.”

Boulevard of an Accelerated Future: Sweet Treats and Science Give AAAS Attendees Something to Smile About A *U.S. Dept of Energy* item about the “DOE Boulevard” at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), February 17-21, 2011.

Biotechnology – a research guide by the Baker Library at Harvard Business School.

THE ARTS & CULTURE

Faith, Hope and Charities in *The Economist*, November 13-19, 2010.

The authors note that people trust charities far more than they do other institutions, such as business and government; however, they question whether if that level of trust is deserved. While polls show faith in non-government organizations, "what is less clear is how far the do-gooders' status is deserved and how far their efficiency can be measured." Most NGOs operate with little transparency and there is little analysis of their charitable activities, the magazine says. Government regulators rarely devote resources to monitoring NGOs, stepping in only when scandal arises. This may be changing, the story notes, as the Internet is giving both donors and watchdogs new tools to scrutinize charities' performance. Proper scrutiny "will necessarily mean shattering some illusions," the authors conclude.

Renewing Newburgh by Shala Carlson in *Habitat World*, December 2010.

The international nonprofit organization Habitat for Humanity has a well-established record of building homes for needy families, and recruiting those families to help build more homes for others. The efforts of Habitat and its volunteers can also help to rebuild and restore an entire community. Newburgh, New York is less than 100 kilometers from New York City, and several decades ago had a thriving manufacturing economy. But factory towns across the United States have suffered in the last quarter of a century, due to shifts in the American economy. By the late 1990s, derelict homes and abandoned buildings dotted the cityscape. The local Habitat for Humanity affiliate took the first steps to rehabilitate the city, and its enthusiasm and success set a trend in motion. Freshly renovated structures encouraged other families and businesses to make investments of their own in refurbishing blighted properties. Newburgh's Habitat for Humanity affiliate has repaired 43 buildings to date, adding more than \$8 million to Newburgh's tax rolls, with 10 more projects underway.

God and Country by Kenneth C. Davis in *Smithsonian*, October 2010.

Recent controversy over a proposal to locate a mosque in New York City leads historian Davis to revisit earlier occasions when Americans' attitudes toward religion have not lived up to the Constitutional principles advocating freedom of religion and a secular government. Davis advocates the abandonment of the storybook narrative of American history in favor of an acceptance of the "frequently embarrassing and occasionally bloody tale" of religious conflict.

The "Giving Season" by David Nasaw in *The Nation*, November 17, 2010.

The philanthropic sector, led by the nation's richest individuals, has grown beyond all expectations over the past 25 years; so, too, has their influence over public policy. In 2009, charitable giving totaled more than \$300 billion, or 2.1 percent of the GDP. The tax-deductible charitable donation may not be such a good thing, Nasaw says; most of that money goes to causes that directly or indirectly benefit the donors, such as houses of worship, universities, or museums or cultural institutions the wealthy donors patronize. According to former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, only about 10 percent of charitable giving goes to the poor and needy. Nasaw cautions that "we must not lose sight of the larger global impact of giving and the increasing power accumulated by unregulated, untaxed foundations."

Some arts resources which may be of interest:

Beyond Attendance: A Multi-Modal Understanding of Arts Participation *National Endowment for the Arts* February 2011. Note: 104p.

Age and Arts Participation: A Case Against Demographic Destiny by Mark Stern. *National Endowment for the Arts*, Feb., 11. Note: 80p.

Arts Education in America: What the Declines Mean for Arts Participation *National Endowment for the Arts*, Feb., 2011. 58p.

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