



Joseph Cirincione Visits New Zealand

Joseph Cirincione, President of the Ploughshares Fund, a public grant-making foundation focused on nuclear weapons policy and conflict resolution will be in New Zealand from 11-17th September, visiting Wellington, Dunedin and Auckland.

Appointed to the presidency by the Ploughshares board of directors in 2008, Cirincione had previously served as vice president for national security and international policy at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC, and for eight years as the director for non-proliferation at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

He is the author of *Bomb Scare: The History and Future of Nuclear Weapons* (Columbia University Press, 2007) and *Deadly Arsenals: Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Threats* (Carnegie Endowment, second edition 2006) and the co-author of *Universal Compliance: A Strategy for Nuclear Security* (Carnegie Endowment, 2005) and "WMD in Iraq: Evidence and Implications"(Carnegie Endowment, 2003). He is on the adjunct faculty of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Cirincione worked for nine years in the U.S. House of Representatives as a professional staff member of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Government Operations, and served as staff director of the bipartisan Military Reform Caucus. He lectures around the world on nuclear policy and is widely published in the field with over 300 articles to his credit. He tweets @Cirincione.

During the 2008 presidential campaign, Cirincione was an informal adviser to Senator Barack Obama's campaign, focusing his work on nuclear matters. He has also been an expert advisor to the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, chaired by former Secretary of Defense William J. Perry and former Secretary of Energy and Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger. Cirincione also served as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Commission on the Prevention of WMD Proliferation and Terrorism, headed by former Senator Bob Graham (D-FL) and former Senator Jim Talent (R-MO).

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Nuclear-Zero Prophecies by Scott Sagan & Kenneth Waltz in *The National Interest*, August 24, 2010.

As the Non-Proliferation Treaty enters its fifth decade, President Obama has endorsed the crusade to rid the world of the bomb. But is nuclear zero the right choice? Sagan and Waltz update their landmark debate.

Exploring the Many Facets of Deterrence Remarks by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Rose Gottemoeller to the U.S. Strategic Command 2010 Deterrence Symposium, August 12, 2010.

The New START's Categories of Data Relating to Strategic Offensive Arms Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, August 13, 2010.

The New START Treaty obligates Parties to exchange data on their respective strategic nuclear forces.

The Test Ban Challenge: Nuclear Nonproliferation and the Quest for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty edited by William Burr. *National Security Archive*, August 11, 2010.

The next nuclear policy challenge for the Obama administration, right after Senate action on the New START Treaty, will be Senate ratification of the *Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)*, which President Obama sees as a condition for a world free of nuclear weapons.

The Point of No Return by Jeffrey Goldberg. *The Atlantic*, September 2010.

Goldberg believes that at some point in the next 12 months the imposition of devastating economic sanctions on the Islamic Republic of Iran will persuade its leaders to cease their pursuit of nuclear weapons.

The Quest for Nuclear Disarmament in South Asia: A Reality Check by Moeed Yusuf & Ashley Pandya. *U.S. Institute of Peace*, August 6, 2010. 5p.

Pakistan and India are defying the global trend toward reduction in nuclear arsenals and that both countries are expanding their arsenals and are unlikely to jump on the disarmament bandwagon.

Detecting & Disrupting Illicit Nuclear Trade after A.Q. Khan by David Albright et al. in *WQ*, April 2010.

The belief that nations build nuclear weapons largely on their own is a common misperception.

If Israel Attacks by Bruce Riedel in *The National Interest*, September/October.

Israel has never acknowledged publicly that it is a nuclear-weapons state, but it has also never signed the *Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)*. Just how can America convince Israel to live with a nuclear Iran?

Enhancement by Enlargement: The Proliferation Security Initiative by Charles Wolf, Jr. et al. *RAND*, August. 80p.

The purpose of the *Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI)* is to prevent or at least inhibit the spread of weapons of mass destruction, their delivery systems, and related materials to or from states or non-state actors. So far, 91 countries have officially affiliated with *PSI* and participate in its activities.

Detection of Nuclear Weapons and Materials: Science, Technologies, Observations *Congressional Research Service*, June 4, 2010.

Nuclear Forensics: a Capability at Risk. *National Research Council*. July 29, 2010.

How the U.S. can sustain and improve its ability to test intercepted nuclear material and devices, or in a worst-case situation, evaluate the aftermath of a nuclear detonation or radiological dispersal.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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.**

Remarks by President Obama in Address to the Nation on the End of Combat Operations in Iraq White House, August 31, 2010. **Excerpts** / **See also** / **White House blog entry** August 18, 2010.

China's Caution on Afghanistan-Pakistan by Andrew Small in *WQ*, July.

Small posits that there is a debate starting in China about whether a strategic reassessment of security on the region is needed, which has already resulted in a few tactical shifts on Beijing's part. But until it is forced to go through a more fundamental reappraisal of its strategy for dealing with extremism in the region, prospects for the United States and China to pursue complementary policies will remain limited.

Understanding China's Political System by Michael Martin. *CRS*, April 14, 2010.

Present-day China's political process is infused with other political factors that influence and sometimes determine policy. And despite its internal problems, the PRC's Communist Party-led political system has proven exceedingly resilient to past and current challenges, but nevertheless is under stress and undergoing reluctant transition.

Annual Report to Congress: Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China 2010. *U.S. Department of Defense*, August 2010. 83p.

Over the past 30 years, China has made great progress in its pursuit of economic growth and development, which has allowed China to achieve higher living standards for the Chinese people and has increased China's international profile. These economic achievements, combined with progress in science and technology, have also enabled China to embark on a comprehensive transformation of its military, says the report.

The Arab State: Assisting or Obstructing Development? by Paul Salem. *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, July 27, 2010.

Good governance is key to improving peoples' lives; but the Arab world falls short on many governance indicators. Most Arab states remain highly authoritarian, although there is a growing dynamism in civil society and among opposition parties, both secular and Islamist. Problems in governance have impeded development in the Arab world and limited the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, says Salem.

Iran's Reactor Fuels Hopes and Fears by Deborah Jerome. *Council on Foreign Relations*, August 23'10.

Looks at the history and scope of sanctions against Iran.

Understanding Iran by: Jerrold D. Green et al. *RAND*, August, 2010. 166p.

Iran remains among the most poorly understood countries in the world and, for most Americans, terra incognita. A concise, accessible handbook on the Islamic Republic for U.S. policymakers, this report is an aid to understanding current-day Iran, which offers a set of short analytic observations about the processes, institutions, networks, and actors that define Iran's politics, strategy, economic policy, and diplomacy. From these, it provides a guide for negotiating with Iran, about which the National Security Council's 2006 National Security Strategy warned, "We may face no greater challenge from a single country than from Iran."

Correcting America's Image Problem in Pakistan by Moeed Yusuf. *USIP*, August 20, 2010. 5p.

Despite receiving over \$15 billion in U.S. aid since 9/11, perceptions of America in Pakistan remain acutely negative. The report draws upon Yusuf's discussions with a large cross section of Pakistani opinion makers during his four visits to the country in 2010.

Concern About Extremist Threat Slips in Pakistan. *Pew Research Center Global Attitudes Project.* July 29, 2010.

Pakistanis remain in a grim mood about the state of their country. Overwhelming majorities are dissatisfied with national conditions, unhappy with the nation's economy, and concerned about political corruption and crime. Only one-in-five express a positive view of President Asif Ali Zardari. As Pakistani forces continue to battle extremist groups within the country, nearly all Pakistanis describe terrorism as a very big problem. However, they have grown markedly less concerned that extremists might take control of the country.

Release of the U.S. Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Report Statement, *U.S. Dept of State*, August 24, 2010. The **TEXT** of the report.

Conflict Prevention: Principles, Policies and Practice by Abiodun Williams et al. *U.S. Institute of Peace*, August 19, 2010. 5p.

Focuses on the unique challenges and opportunities associated with preventing the initial onset of large-scale violence, i.e. primary prevention.

Afghanistan's Local War: Building Defense Forces by Seth G. Jones & Arturo Monoz. *RAND Corporation*. July 26, 2010.

Security in Afghanistan has historically required a combination of top-down efforts from the central government and bottom-up efforts from local communities. Effectively leveraging local communities should significantly improve counterinsurgency prospects and can facilitate mobilization of the population against insurgents, according to the authors. The analysis documents lessons about the viability of establishing local security in Afghanistan and addresses concerns about the wisdom of such policies.

Afghanistan's National Security Forces by Greg Bruno. *Council on Foreign Relations*. August 19, 2010.

The growth and strengthening of Afghanistan's domestic security forces is seen as key to an eventual U.S. exit, but some analysts caution that progress will remain slow.

Gaza: the Silver Lining? by Gustav Ranis. *YaleGlobal*. August 5, 2010.

The longstanding plight of millions of Palestinians in the occupied zones reverberates and captures attention far beyond the region, explains Ranis. Organizing aid flotillas, activists test Israel's will to enforce its blockade and document any brutality. Israel's hard-line stance divides its allies and unites Muslim nations in opposition.

Should the United States Combine the Missions of U.S. Ambassadors to ASEAN and Special Envoy for Burma? by Ernest Bower. *Center for Strategic & International Studies*. August 10, 2010.

Bower suggests that the White House consider combining the mission U.S. ambassador to ASEAN with that of U.S. Special Envoy for Burma.

U.S. Military Forces and Police Assistance in Stability Operations: The Least-Worst Option to Fill the U.S. Capacity Gap by Dennis E. Keller. *Strategic Studies Institute*, August 24, 2010.

Stability operations in Iraq and Afghanistan continue to be challenged by the lack of effective local police forces to secure the civilian population from insurgent infiltration and criminal violence.

Indonesia: the Deepening Impasse in Papua. *International Crisis Group*, August 3, 2010.

The Indonesian government needs urgently to address discontent in Papua, its easternmost region, and recognize that the root of the problem is political, not economic, according to the report.

Can Sanctions Bring Iran to the Table? by Greg Bruno. *Council on Foreign Relations*. August 3, 2010.

New sanctions have revived hopes that non-military action can cripple Iran's nuclear program. But some analysts say these efforts could be undermined by Asian investment in Iran as well as the regime's intransigence.

See also:

Rising Powers Initiative – at George Washington University.

Conflict Prevention: Principles, Policies and Practice *USIP*, August 19, 2010. 5p.

Santos-Chavez Santa Marta Summit: A Moment of Promise and Peril in the Americas by Ray Walser. *Heritage Foundation*, August 13, 2010 (the summit meeting between Colombian President Santos & Venezuelan President Chavez).

Statement by the Quartet, August 20, 2010. There is a **briefing by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and U.S. Special Envoy for Middle East Peace George Mitchell**

Can Egypt Change? by Lisa Anderson et al. *CFR*, July 22, 2010.

The Arab State: Assisting or Obstructing Development? by Paul Salem. *CEIP*, April 2010. 36p.

U.S. Transition in Iraq Remarks by U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Michael Corbin and U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Colin Kahl, August 16, 2010.

U.S. Withdrawal Echoes in Iraq Analysis brief by Deborah Jerome. *CFR*, August 16, 2010.

Implementation of Iran Sanctions Hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 29, 2010.

U.S. Sanctions on Burma *CRS*, July 16, 2010.

Real Change for Afghan Women's Rights: Opportunities and Challenges in the Upcoming Parliamentary Elections by Nina Sukhakar and Scott Worden. *U.S. Institute of Peace*, August 11, 2010, 5p.

Security and the Environment in Pakistan *Congressional Research Service*, August 3, 2010.

Update: U.S. Response to Pakistan Flooding Disaster *U.S. Dept of State*, August 19, 2010.

After the Flood, a Stream of Radical Islamists by Reza Jan in *The American*, August 10, 2010. (Pakistan).

Afghanistan: U.S. Foreign Assistance *CRS*, June 25, 2010.

Afghanistan's National Security Forces by Greg Bruno. *CFR*, August 19, 2010

U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea: Living Resources Provisions *CRS*, June 15, 2010.

South China Sea – *WWW Virtual Library*

Iran's New Deceptions at Sea Must Be Punished Op-ed by U.S. Under Secretary of the Treasury Stuart Levey, in the *Financial Times*, August 16, 2010.

Sudan: The Crisis in Darfur and Status of the North-South Peace Agreement *CRS*, August 5, 2010.

Iran's Reactor Fuels Hopes and Fears by Deborah Jerome. *CFR*, August 23, 2010.

Beyond Population: Everyone Counts in Development Working paper by Joel E. Cohen. *Center for Global Development*, July 26, 2010. 42p.

POLITICS / GOVERNMENT

Earmarks Could Help Candidates in Midterm; Palin and Tea Party Connections Could Hurt *Pew Research Center for the People & the Press*. August 2, 2010.

In the congressional elections this fall, candidates with a record of bringing government projects and money to their districts may have an edge. 53% of Americans say they are more likely to vote for a candidate with a record of delivering earmarks for their districts; and just 12% say they would be less likely to vote for such a candidate. And 33% say this would make no difference in their vote either way.

GOP Show Strongest Positioning Yet in 2010 Vote Test *Gallup*, August 17, 2010.

State Legislatures in Play *Sabato's Crystal Ball*, August 12, 2010.

Much Hope, Modest Change for Democrats: Religion in the 2008 Presidential Election *Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life*, August 11, 2010.

Five Myths about Midterm Elections by Norman J. Ornstein. *AEI*, August 15, 2010.

The Generation Gap in Government by Guy Molyneux et al. *Center for American Progress*. July 27, 2010.

Young Americans today across the ideological spectrum share a far more favourable view of the federal government than do their elders. This so-called Millennial Generation may hold the key to reversing historic declines in public confidence in government, says the report, which finds that Americans age 18 to 32 give the government more positive performance ratings and more strongly favour a significant role for government in addressing national challenges than does the public at large.

TRADE / ECONOMY

Made in America by Carl Schramm in *The National Interest*, April 20, 2010.

The United States has been an entrepreneurial powerhouse from its inception, and remains so today.

The World Economy Needs Balancing, But How? by David Dapice. *YaleGlobal*. August 3, 2010.

Many nations seek economic relief by promoting exports. But a trade system built on all exports and no imports is an impossible feat to achieve. Dapice posits that to lift economies from recession's mire, nations pursue domestic rebalancing by curtailing unsustainable, wasteful spending and the borrowing that triggered the global downturn. He adds that on the other hand, the target markets for much of the world's exports, the rich nations, still face numerous challenges, notably entrenched unemployment.

The Recovery Act: Transforming the American Economy Through Innovation. Vice President of the United States. August 2010. 50p.

The report finds that the Recovery Act's \$100 billion investment in innovation is not only transforming the economy and creating new jobs, but helping accelerate significant advances in science and technology that cut costs for consumers, save lives and help keep America competitive in the 21st century economy.

Obama's Policies Seen as Better than Bush's for Improving the Economy. *Pew Research Center for the People & the Press*. July 26, 2010.

Far more think that Obama's policies would do more to improve economic conditions over the next few years. As Congress gears up for debate over the tax cuts passed when Bush was president, the public is divided, with roughly equal numbers in favour of keeping all of Bush's tax cuts, repealing only those for wealthy Americans, or scrapping them entirely.

Export Nation: How U.S. Metros Lead National Export Growth by Bruce Katz. *Brookings Institution*. July 27, 2010.

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

Women and the Economy 2010: 25 Years of Progress But Challenges Remain *U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee*, August 2010. 14p.

On August 26, 2010, Americans will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote and led to their increased participation in our political system. Over the last quarter century, women have become a powerful political force, both as voters and as elected leaders. Did that political benchmark have implications for women's economic well-being? Data compiled by the Joint Economic Committee suggest that the answer is yes.

Greece and the IMF: Who Exactly is Being Saved? by Ronald Janssen. *Center for Economic and Policy Research*. July 2010.

Janssen says all this *IMF* rescue package actually achieves is a major change in the ownership of debt.

See also:

The Budget and Economic Outlook: An Update *Congressional Budget Office*, August 2010. Note: 112p.

Consumer Taxes Climb Higher in Many States across the Country, CCH Says *CCH*. August 9, 2010.

China Overtakes Japan as World's Second-Biggest Economy *Bloomberg*, August 16, 2010.

Putting Public Debt in Context: Historical and International Comparisons by Josh Bivens & Anna Turner. *Economic Policy Institute*, August 2010. 9p.

Estimated Impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act on Employment and Economic Output from April 2010 through June 2010 *Congressional Budget Office*, August 2010. 20p.
A **statement by Vice President Biden** August 24, 2010.

Critical Technology Assessment: Impact of U.S. Export Controls on Green Technology Items *Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Dept of Commerce*, August 2010. 37p.

Monetary Policy and the U.S. Economy Presentation by James Bullard, president and chief executive officer, *Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis*, August 19, 2010.

The Struggling Economic Recovery by Roya Wolverson. *CFR*, August 18, 2010.

China's Exchange Rate Policy Reflected in U.S. Import Prices *Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Dept of Labor*, August 10, 2010.

Beyond Population: Everyone Counts in Development Working paper by Joel E. Cohen. *Center for Global Development*, July 26, 2010. 42p.

The Obama Administration Manufacturing Agenda Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs*, August 5, 2010.

Government Economic Policies Seen as Boon for Banks and Big Business, Not Middle Class or Poor. *Pew Research Center for the People & the Press*, July 19, 2010.

The New Frontier in Sustainability: The Business Opportunity in Tackling Sustainable Consumption *BSR (Business for Social Responsibility)*, July 2010. 26p.

2011 APEC Finance Ministers' Meeting will be held in Hawaii, August 10, 2011 Statement, *U.S. Dept of the Treasury*, August 9, 2010.

ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY

State of the Climate in 2009. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. July 28, 2010. *Note:* 222p.

The report draws on data for 10 key climate indicators that all point to the same finding: the scientific evidence that our world is warming is unmistakable. More than 300 scientists from 160 research groups in 48 countries contributed to the report, which confirms that the past decade was the warmest on record and that the Earth has been growing warmer over the last 50 years.

It's Easy Being Green: White is the New Green. Center for American Progress. July 28, 2010.

Fortunately, one of the most significant ways we can mitigate global warming is also one of the simplest to understand. Going green means going white. The concept is simple: Dark colors absorb heat, while light colors reflect it.

Meeting the Energy Challenges of the Future: A Guide for Policymakers. *National Conference of State Legislatures.* July 25, 2010.

An overview of the challenges facing states as they attempt to meet the electricity demands of the 21st century. It investigates regional diversity, fuel sources, and the economic and environmental effects of energy choices, while exploring the long-term supply outlook, options for meeting growing energy demand, the challenges of building and updating the electricity transmission and distribution system, and options for improving efficiency.

Incorporating Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation in Environmental Impact assessments: Opportunities and Challenges by Shardul Agrawala et al. *OECD.* August 2010.

National governments and development agencies have invested considerable effort in recent years to develop methodologies and tools to screen their projects for the risks posed by climate change. However, these tools have largely been developed by the climate change community and their application within actual project settings remains quite limited. An alternate and complementary approach would be to examine the feasibility of incorporating consideration of climate change impacts and adaptation within existing modalities for project design, approval, and implementation. *Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)* are particularly relevant in this context.

Climate Change: the Quality, Comparability, and Review of Emissions Inventories Vary Between Developed and Developing Nations. *U.S. Government Accountability Office,* August 5, 2010.

Nations that are Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change periodically submit inventories estimating their greenhouse gas emissions. The Convention Secretariat runs a review process to evaluate inventories from 41 "Annex I" nations, which are mostly economically developed nations. Experts GAO interviewed said data availability, scientific uncertainties, limited incentives, and different guidelines for non-Annex I nations were barriers to improving their inventories.

Costs, Revenues, and Effectiveness of the Copenhagen Accord Emission Pledges for 2020 by Rob Dellink et al. *OECD.* August 4, 2010.

The analysis examines the costs and effectiveness of these pledges, using the OECD's ENV-Linkages computable general equilibrium model. Several scenarios are analyzed to evaluate the impacts of the range of pledges, the use of offsets, and linking emission trading systems.

Moving Beyond Climate Change by Mike Hulme in *Environment Magazine.* May/June 2010.

Amid cacophonous cries that the future of the planet was in peril, negotiators at Copenhagen failed to produce a climate-saving deal that would advance the decisions reached in the Kyoto agreement.

Confronting the Change in Climate by Toni Johnson. *Council on Foreign Relations,* August 25, 2010.

Pakistan's devastating floods and Russia's massive heat wave this summer have placed new scrutiny on the role of climate change. Experts worry about the pace of government policy responses.

Renewable Energy Trends in Consumption and Electricity 2008. *U.S. Energy Information Administration*. August 25, 2010. 49p.

The report shows that U.S. renewable energy consumption grew 10 percent to 7.367 quadrillion Btu between 2007 and 2008 and now holds well over 7 percent of the U.S. energy market. **See also**

Health Effects of the Gulf Oil Spill by Gina M. Solomon & Sarah Janssen. *JAMA* online, August 16, 2010.

The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico poses direct threats to human health from inhalation or dermal contact with the oil and dispersant chemicals, and indirect threats to seafood safety and mental health. Physicians should be familiar with health effects from oil spills to appropriately advise, diagnose, and treat patients who live and work along the Gulf Coast or wherever a major oil spill occurs.

Whale Crossing by Melissa Gaskill in *The Atlantic*, September.

As sea traffic booms, can new shipping lanes and speed limits save the right whale from extinction? When a container ship strikes a 60-ton right whale, no one on board usually notices. This whale, however, may die from massive trauma, hemorrhage, and broken bones. Ship propellers slice whales up "like a loaf of bread," says Michael Moore of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. One of the world's most endangered species, with only about 400 living in the wild - are particularly vulnerable. And when the species has gone, Moore reminds us, it's forever.

See also:

U.S. Farm Structure: Declining – but Persistent – Small Commercial Farms *Economic Research Service*, U.S. Dept of Agriculture, *Amber Waves*, September 2010.

Fuel for Food: Energy Use in the U.S. Food System *Economic Research Service*, U.S. Dept of Agriculture, *Amber Waves*, September 2010.

Cleaning Up Coal by Victor Der, U.S. Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy. Blog post, *U.S. Dept of Energy*, August 13, 2010.

Report of the Interagency Task Force on Carbon Capture and Storage *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*, August 2010. Note: 233p. [10-page summary](#)

NOAA: Second Warmest July and Warmest Year-to-Date Global Temperature on Record *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)*, U.S. Dept of Commerce, August 13, 2010.

Extreme Heat in Summer 2010: A Window on the Future *National Wildlife Fed.* August 2010. 5p.

Marine Biodiversity and Biogeography: Regional Comparisons of Global Issues - collected resources from the *Public Library of Science (PLoS)*

The Implications of the April 2010 Oil Spill on Deepwater Exploration and Production Grant Thornton, Summer 2010. 16p.

Grand Canyon National Park: Resource Challenges and Future Directions Report by the *National Parks Conservation Association*, August 2010.

Re-store-á-Nation: The Economic Benefits of Restoring the Lands and Waters of our National Parks *National Parks Conservation Association*, March 2010.

National Parks Second Century Commission: A vision for their 2nd century of service to the nation.

CITIES

New Orleans Five Years After: A Transformation Unfolding by Amy Liu. *Brookings Institution*, August 11, 2010.

State and Metropolitan Area Data Book: 2010 *Census Bureau*, 2010

Beyond City Limits: The Age of Nations is Over; The New Urban Age Has Begun by Parag Khanna. *Foreign Policy*, September-October 2010.

Is a Mosque Near Ground Zero a Bad Idea? By Richard N. Haass et al. *Council on Foreign Relations*. August 24, 2010.

Five experts address the controversy over the proposed Islamic Centre near the 9/11 attack site in New York, the foreign policy implications, and how the issue should be resolved.

Manhattan Project: The Great Mosque Divide by Sadanand Dhume. *YaleGlobal*. August 24, 2010.

A proposal to build an Islamic center two blocks away from the target of the 9/11 attacks steadily moved through New York City's planning process, meeting regulations and winning approval each step of the way. Nine years later, the center and plan to "build bridges" raise another in a long line of issues that divide Americans: Conservatives point to a historical pattern of Muslims constructing monuments atop ground sacred to non-Muslims, symbols that galvanize radical Islam. Liberals argue that the plan is in conformity with the freedom of worship guaranteed by the law, both sides offering passionate, strong arguments.

Public Remains Conflicted Over Islam: NYC Mosque Opposed, Muslims' Right to Build Mosque Favored *Pew Research Center for the People & the Press*, August 24, 2010. 10p.

The public continues to express conflicted views of Islam with favorable opinions declining since 2005. But there has been virtually no change over the past year in the proportion of Americans saying that Islam is more likely than other religions to encourage violence.

SOCIETY

2009 Global Rankings of Think Tanks (aka Think Tank Index) February 10th, 2010.

This was compiled by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program at the University of Pennsylvania. Close to 400 organizations were nominated and ranked by a global panel of 300 experts. It has been described as the insider's guide to the global marketplace of ideas. The members of the Expert Panel were asked to nominate regional or global centers of excellence that they felt should be recognized for producing rigorous and relevant research, publications and programs in one or more substantive areas of research.

New Realities of an Older America: Challenges, Changes and Questions *Stanford Center on Longevity*, July 2010. Note: 84p. [Summary](#)

Fast Facts and Figures about Social Security, 2010 *Social Security Administration*, August 2010. 42p.

Top Ten Reasons Not to Raise the Retirement Age by Ross Eisenbrey. *Economic Policy Institute*. August 24, 2010.

At a time when more Americans are living longer, raising the retirement age may seem like a good way to strengthen Social Security. Ross Eisenbrey explains why it is not.

Beyond Population: Everyone Counts in Development by Joel E. Cohen. *Center for Global Development*. July 26, 2010.

For the first time, the elderly, urban populations, and women of reduced fertility outnumber their counterparts. The author discusses how changing demographic trends will require a heavier focus on primary and secondary education, reproductive health and demographically sensitive urban planning.

Prison Without Walls by Graeme Wood in *The Atlantic*, September.

With Prisons stretched to breaking point, some cities are trying a radical new idea: letting convicts roam free, under constant electronic surveillance.

Older Americans 2010: Key Indicators of Well-Being. *The Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics.* July 19, 2010.

The latest data on the 37 key indicators selected by the Forum to portray aspects of the lives of older Americans and their families. The report is divided into five subject areas: population, economics, health status, health risks and behaviors, and health care.

HEALTH

The Global Health Initiative: The Next Phase of American Leadership in Health around the World Address by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, August 16, 2010.

Implementation of the Global Health Initiative: Consultation Document *U.S. Dept of State,* February 2010. 22p.

The Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise Review. *U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services,* August 2010. 21p. **Summary etc.**

Summary Health Statistics for the U.S. Population: National Health Interview Survey, 2009 *National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services,* August 2010. Note: 190p.

Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Adults: National Health Interview Survey, 2009 *National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services,* August 2010. Note: 259p.

Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Children: National Health Interview Survey, 2009 *National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services,* August 2010. Note: 149p.

USAID Global Health Program / U.S. Government Support for Global Health Efforts June 18, 2010.

EDUCATION

Teacher Layoffs: an Empirical Illustration of Seniority vs. Measures of Effectiveness by Donald J. Boyd. *Urban Institute.* Web posted July 28, 2010.

In the face of unavoidable teacher layoffs, policymakers must juggle a variety of issues in choosing the best criteria for laying off teachers. The standard approach in most school districts relies on measures of seniority. The bottom line is that informing teacher layoffs with information about effectiveness, while not perfect, can improve student performance.

Achieving Millennium Development Goals: Education is the Key Missing Link by David Gartner. *Brookings Institution.* July 30, 2010.

President Obama is releasing a plan for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015 in advance of the largest gathering of world leaders in at least a decade at the United Nations.

Shifting Risk to Create Opportunity: a Role for Performance Guarantees in Education by Bryan C. Hassel and Daniela Doyle. *American Enterprise Institute.* July 28, 2010.

Performance guarantees in education represent one mechanism for improving upon, expanding, and replicating the successes of providers to raise student achievement, according to the report.

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