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**GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN COOKSTOVES: THE UNITED STATES COMMITMENT BY THE NUMBERS. U.S. Department of State. September 21, 2010.**

On September 21, 2010, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, a public-private partnership led by the United Nations Foundation, which focuses on creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household solutions. The U.S. Department of State, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Centers for Disease Control and National Institutes of Health, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), all of whom are founding partners of the Alliance, have forged an unprecedented government effort to mobilize financial resources, top-level U.S. experts, and research and development tools to help the Alliance achieve its target of ‘100 by 20,’ which calls for 100 million homes to adopt clean and efficient stoves and fuels by 2020.

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<http://bit.ly/cvtDdA> [HTML format, various paging].

<http://bit.ly/9PFBN6> Remarks by Secretary Clinton [HTML format, various paging].

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Global

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**ESCAPING NORTH KOREA: THE PLIGHT OF DEFECTORS. National Endowment for Democracy. Carl Gershman. September 23, 2010.**

This is the full transcript of the testimony by Carl Gershman to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission.

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<http://bit.ly/awgJ94> [HTML format, various paging].

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MSRP Theme: 13C

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**CHALLENGES FOR A SQUABBLING EUROPE – PART II. YaleGlobal. Francois Godement. September 24, 2010.**

European Union ideals, along with the euro as common currency, could be a formidable force in the world. But in recent years, members have failed to unite to tackle challenges that have emerged. This YaleGlobal series examines how the lack of direction inhibits their influence. A rising Asia could spur Europe to action, and in the second of two articles, François Godement, provides a comprehensive to-do list for Europe and China. The article cautions that the combined challenges of global governance, security and declining natural resources require clear thinking and policies. Uniting around a set of priorities, coordinating messages, ensuring fair representation among global institutions, a search for common values, could increase EU influence in global affairs.

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EUR

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**FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – A PARALLEL CRISIS. International Crisis Group. September 28, 2010.**

Whether the Federation – the mostly Bosniak and Croat part of Bosnia and Herzegovina – can solve its government crisis after October 3<sup>rd</sup> elections will go a long way to determining whether the country can survive, says the report.

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<http://bit.ly/96ZA2b> [PDF format, 34 pages].

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**LOOSER REIN, UNCERTAIN GAIN: A HUMAN RIGHTS ASSESSMENT OF FIVE YEARS OF KING ABDULLAH'S REFORMS IN SAUDI ARABIA. Human Rights Watch. September 27, 2010.**

The report assesses five years of Saudi reforms under King Abdullah from a human rights perspective. It finds that reform has manifested itself chiefly in greater tolerance for diverse opinions and an expanded public role for women, but that royal initiatives have been largely symbolic, with only modest concrete gains or institutional protection for rights.

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**NAVIGATING POLITICAL CURRENTS TO ACHIEVE MIDDLE EAST PEACE. Center for American Progress. David A. Halperin and Matthew Duss. September 24, 2010.**

Matthew Duss explain why the renewed Israeli-Palestinian negotiations will require sustained and determined U.S. involvement from the onset.

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<http://bit.ly/dfBKyK> [PDF format, 22 pages].

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NEA

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**NATURAL GAS IN INDIA. International Energy Agency. Anne-Sophie Corbeau. September 2010.**

The Indian gas market is expected to be one of the fastest growing in the world over the next two decades. The paper analyzes this market, highlighting the current challenges. It first looks at the industry structure, presents the main players from industry as well as government, and gives an overview of the regulatory framework. The issue of pricing remaining crucial for both upstream and downstream development, the paper looks at both supply, domestic production and LNG imports, and demand.

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<http://bit.ly/9A5t5O> [PDF format, 56 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 4E

Geo: SCA

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**ELECTIONS A BLOW FOR CHAVEZ? Council on Foreign Relations. Joel D. Hirst. September 27, 2010.**

The National Assembly elections on September 26<sup>th</sup> in Venezuela curtailed President Chávez's powers and opened the door to greater cooperation with the United States, says Joel Hirst.

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<http://bit.ly/bskEVI> [HTML format, various paging].

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**VENEZUELA'S LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS: DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION MAKES MAJOR GAINS. The Heritage Foundation. Ray Walser. September 27, 2010.**

On September 26, Venezuelan voters selected 165 members for its single-chamber National Assembly. Approximately 66.45 percent of an estimated 17 million eligible voters cast ballots. As with every election since 1998 in Venezuela, these elections became a referendum about the rule of authoritarian populist President Hugo Chávez. Despite alarmist predictions of violence by Chávez, the elections took place without violence and with only scattered reports of problems or irregularities.

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**2010 COLLEGE-BOUND SENIORS: TOTAL GROUP PROFILE REPORT. College Board. September 2010.**

College-Bound Seniors presents data for high school graduates in the year 2010 who participated in the SAT Program. Because the accuracy of self-reported information has been documented and the college-bound population is relatively stable from year to year, SAT Questionnaire responses from these students can be considered accurate.

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<http://bit.ly/bXepRs> [PDF format, 19 pages].

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Geo: USA

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**BIOMETRIC RECOGNITION: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES. National Research Council. September 24, 2010.**

Biometric recognition, the automated recognition of individuals based on their behavioral and biological characteristic, is promoted as a way to help identify terrorists, provide better control of access to physical facilities and financial accounts, and increase the efficiency of access to services and their utilization. Biometric recognition has been applied to identification of criminals, patient tracking in medical informatics, and the personalization of social services, among other things. In spite of substantial effort, however, there remain unresolved questions about the effectiveness and management of systems for biometric recognition, as well as the appropriateness and societal impact of their use.

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USA

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**FOREIGN POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT: STRUCTURE, PROCESS, POLICY, AND THE DRIP-BY-DRIP EROSION OF USAID. Center for Strategic & International Studies. Gerald F. Hyman. September 27, 2010.**

Most bilateral government donors, including the United States, are rethinking the relation between their foreign policy and their development policy. Implicit in that rethinking are the organizational forms they take and the relations between them. How independent should development be from foreign policy? Should they have separate organizations?

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<http://bit.ly/9SIO7u> [PDF format, 42 pages].

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USA

MSRP Theme: 1E

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**FOREIGN POLICY AND THE 2010 MIDTERM ELECTIONS: TRADE. Council on Foreign Relations. Roy Wolferson. September 24, 2010.**

With U.S. economic recovery still slow, trade policy looms as a factor in the congressional midterm races. The backgrounder explores the consequences for trade based on the outcome of the Democratic-Republican electoral struggle.

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<http://bit.ly/aS6RrR> [HTML format, various paging].

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**MEDICAL TOURISM: HAVE INSURANCE CARD, WILL TRAVEL. National Center for Policy Analysis. Devon Herrick. September 22, 2010.**

As insurers and employers look for ways to cut health care costs, medical tourism - both abroad and within the U.S. - is an increasingly popular option for expensive procedures and care, according to the report.

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<http://bit.ly/bJxKgd> [PDF format, 2 pages].

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**THE NEXT ECONOMY: ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND TRANSFORMATION IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION. Brookings Institution. Jennifer S. Vey et al. September 27, 2010.**

As the American economy works its way slowly out of the Great Recession, a consensus is developing among public and private-sector stakeholders that simply re-constructing our old economy, one based on highly-leveraged domestic consumption, would be a serious mistake, say the authors. The nation must instead focus on building the next economy, one that is oriented towards greater exporting, powered by a low-carbon energy strategy, driven by innovation, and that creates opportunities for all.

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<http://bit.ly/aS8Ocx> [PDF format, 57 pages].

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**OBAMA VIEWED AS DOING BETTER THAN GOP LEADERS IN EXPLAINING VISION. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. September 27, 2010.**

With just over a month to go before the midterm elections, the public by a wide margin says Barack Obama has done a better job than Republican congressional leaders in explaining his plans and vision for the country. Half (50%) of the public says Obama has done a better job, compared with just 28% who say GOP leaders have done better in laying out their plans and vision, according to the latest poll.

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**THE REGISTERED NURSE POPULATION: FINDINGS FROM THE 2008 NATIONAL SAMPLE SURVEY OF REGISTERED NURSES. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. September 2010.**

The number of licensed registered nurses (RNs) in the United States grew to a new high of 3.1 million between 2004 and 2008 according to a report released today by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This increase of more than 5 percent features important gains in age and diversity of the workforce. For the first time in three

decades, the youngest population of nurses grew, which is helping to restock the pool of RNs. At the same time, the older population of nurses continued to grow as well. The increase is the result of growing demand for RNs and responding growth enrollment.

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<http://bit.ly/bG2j93> [PDF format, 359 pages].

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Geo: USA

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**REGULATORY BARRIERS TO A NATIONAL ELECTRICITY GRID. Center for Energy Policy and the Environment, The Manhattan Institute. Drew Thornley. September 2010.**

The benefits of a truly national electricity grid have been known for years. Advantages include increased reliability and efficiency, as well as the potential to transmit power generated from renewable sources across long distances. Despite the promise of cheap, abundant, and reliable electricity, significant financial and regulatory barriers to the development of a national grid remain, according to the report. The report explores the regulatory barriers standing in the way of an interstate grid, including the authority of state public utility commissions to set transmission rates and approve facility siting.

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<http://bit.ly/cVHH3t> [PDF format, 25 pages].

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**SNAPSHOT OF TELEVISION USE IN THE U.S. Nielsen. September 23, 2010.**

With the new TV season upon us, Nielsen provides a look at what, and how, we watch TV in the U.S. Throughout 2009-2010, television viewing continued to fragment and adapt to new technologies such as digital video recorders and high-definition television.

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<http://bit.ly/aSXQL> [PDF format, 3 pages].



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**URBAN AMERICA'S ROUGH ROADS COSTING DRIVERS \$400 A YEAR. TRIP.  
Frank Moretti and Carolyn Bonifas. September 22, 2010.**

Twenty-four percent of the nation's major metropolitan roads – interstates, freeways and other critical local routes – have pavements in poor condition, resulting in rough rides and costing the average urban motorist \$402 annually in additional vehicle operating costs, according to a new the report by TRIP, a national transportation research group.

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<http://bit.ly/aMsMrE> [PDF format, 2 pages].

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Geo: USA

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**U.S. RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE SURVEY. Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.  
September 28, 2010.**

Atheists and agnostics, Jews and Mormons are among the highest-scoring groups on a new survey of religious knowledge, outperforming evangelical Protestants, mainline Protestants and Catholics on questions about the core teachings, history and leading figures of major world religions. On average, Americans correctly answer 16 of the 32 religious knowledge questions on the survey. Atheists and agnostics average 20.9 correct answers. Jews and Mormons do about as well, averaging 20.5 and 20.3 correct answers, respectively. Protestants as a whole average 16 correct answers; Catholics as a whole, 14.7. Atheists and agnostics, Jews and Mormons perform better than other groups on the survey even after controlling for differing levels of education.

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<http://bit.ly/dtFZqL> [PDF format, 78 pages].

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**WHEN TECHNOLOGY MAKES HEADLINES: SOCIAL TRENDS AND NEW DEVICES GARNER GREATEST ATTENTION FROM THE MSM. Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism. September 27, 2010.**

The mainstream news media have offered the American public a divided view of how information technology influences society, according to the new study. Over the past year, messages about the promise of technology making life easier and awe about new gadgets have vied in the news with worries about privacy, child predators, shrinking attention spans and danger behind the wheel. The most prevalent underlying message about technology's influence has been upbeat, the notion that technology is making life easier and more productive.

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**WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT: FEMALE MANAGERS' REPRESENTATION, CHARACTERISTICS, AND PAY. U.S. Government Accountability Office. Testimony Before the Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress by Andrew Sherrill. September 28, 2010.**

The testimony discusses issues related to women in management. Although women's representation across the general workforce is growing, there remains a need for information about the challenges women face in advancing their careers. In 2001, using 1995 and 2000 data from the Current Population Survey, the report finds that women were less represented in management than in the overall workforce in 4 of the 10 industries reviewed.

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<http://bit.ly/al1MrD> [PDF format, 10 pages].

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