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REPORTS

CREDIT SUISSE GLOBAL WEALTH REPORT 2010. Credit Suisse Research Institute. October 8, 2010.

Examining the wealth pyramid from rich to poor, and across countries and regions, it offers a host of new insights and perspectives. The report analyzes the world's entire 200 trillion US dollars of wealth, through the lens of the wealth pyramid and sheds light on areas such as the differences in wealth across countries and regions, and how they have changed during the past decade. It also describes the pattern of wealth within countries and by gender, as well as systematic differences in household portfolios.

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<https://emagazine.credit-suisse.com/app/shop/index.cfm?fuseaction=OpenShopDetail&aoid=291481&lang=EN>

[HTML format with links].

Item#11AD100
Global

MSRP Theme: 04

Geo:

THE PROFITS OF POWER: COMMERCIAL REALPOLITIK IN EUROPE AND EURASIA. Harvard Business School. Rawi Abdelal. October 2010.

The concept of good old-fashioned realpolitik-politics primarily shaped by practicality and power-has returned to Europe, clashing with the traditional ideologies of the European Union, says Harvard Business School professor Rawi Abdelal. Citing supporting evidence from the Russian gas giant Gazprom, he argues that scholars need to pay better attention to the role of large corporations in international relations.

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Full Text:

<http://www.hbs.edu/research/pdf/11-028.pdf> [PDF format, 56 pages].

Item#11AD101
Global

MSRP Theme: 4F

Geo:

TRIPLE CROWN 2010: CAN THE TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP BE STRATEGIC? The Atlantic Council. Marc Grossman. October 15, 2010.

Former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and Atlantic Council Board Director Marc Grossman encourages the Obama Administration to view the bureaucratic challenge of managing the upcoming NATO, U.S.-EU and OSCE summits as an opportunity to create a more coherent, strategic transatlantic relationship that maximizes the capabilities of all three organizations.

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Full Text:

http://www.acus.org/files/publication_pdfs/403/ACUS_TripleCrown_SAGIB.pdf [PDF format, 12 pages].

Item#11AD102
Global

MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo:

DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT FREEDOM: HOW AID UNDERWRITES REPRESSION IN ETHIOPIA. Human Rights Watch. October 18, 2010.

The report documents the ways in which the Ethiopian government uses donor-supported resources and aid as a tool to consolidate the power of the ruling Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF). Ethiopia is one of the world's largest recipients of development aid, more than US\$3 billion in 2008 alone. The World Bank and donor nations provide direct support to district governments in Ethiopia for basic services such as health, education, agriculture, and water, and support a "food for work" program for some of the country's poorest people. The European Union, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Germany are the largest bilateral donors.

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Full Text:

<http://www.hrw.org/en/reports/2010/10/19/development-without-freedom-0> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD103
NEA

MSRP Theme: 3D, 1E

Geo:

IRAQ: MOVEMENT WITHOUT PROGRESS. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Marina Ottaway and Danial Kaysi. October 18, 2010.

Moqtada al-Sadr's decision to support Nouri al-Maliki's quest for a second term as Iraqi prime minister has given new impetus to negotiations over the formation of a new government but it has not solved any of the underlying obstacles preventing the creation of a politically viable government.

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<http://www.carnegieendowment.org/publications/index.cfm?fa=view&id=41743> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD104
NEA

MSRP Theme: 1G

Geo:

AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ: DOD SHOULD IMPROVE ADHERENCE TO ITS GUIDANCE ON OPEN PIT BURNING AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT. U.S. Government Accountability Office. October 2010.

From the start of military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, the U.S. military and its contractors have burned solid waste in open burn pits on or near military bases. According to the Department of Defense (DOD), burn pit emissions can potentially harm human health. U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) guidance directs the military's use of burn pits, and the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) provides healthcare and other benefits to veterans and their families. GAO reports on the (1) extent of open pit burning in Afghanistan and Iraq, and whether the military has followed its guidance; (2) alternatives to burn pits, and whether the military has examined them; and (3) extent of efforts to monitor air quality and potential health impacts.

Full Text:

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d1163.pdf> [PDF format, 59 pages].

Item#11AD105
NEA

MSRP Theme: 14K

Geo: SCA,

DANGEROUS LIAISONS WITH THE AFGHAN TALIBAN. U.S. Institute of Peace. Matt Waldman. October 2010.

This report is based on six months of field research between January and June 2010, funded by the U.S. Institute of Peace and Canadian Global Peace and Security Fund. The aim was to better understand insurgent motivations and objectives, and in light of this, to assess the feasibility, risks, and implications of negotiations.

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<http://www.usip.org/files/resources/SR%20256%20-%20Dangerous%20Liaisons%20with%20the%20Afghan%20Taliban.pdf> [PDF format, 16 pages].

Item#11AD106
SCA

MSRP Theme: 11C

Geo:

BRAZIL'S POST-LULA FOREIGN POLICY. Brookings Institution. Mauricio Cardenas and Joao Augusto de Castro Neves. October 15, 2010.

Brazil will experience a presidential transition in the coming months. As president Lula steps down, along with his unequivocal charisma and popularity, many ponder if its increasingly more assertive foreign policy will change. The perception of political stability combined with sustainable economic growth has seemed to unleash Brazil's desire, and potential, to become a more influential player on the international stage. Foreign policy, in that sense, has unequivocally acquired a more salient role in Brazil's political life, say the authors.

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Full Text:

http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2010/1015_brazil_foreign_policy_cardenas.aspx [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD107
WHA

MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo:

CHILEAN RESCUE OFFERS LESSONS IN GLOBALIZATION. YaleGlobal. Susan Froefschel. October 18, 2010.

Global media united in covering the successful rescue of 33 miners, trapped since early August. Chile's president and major mining companies quickly took charge over a small, near-bankrupt mining company, transforming the rescue into an international competition of sorts. The media reports highlighted unusual international collaboration and exposed the public to grueling work conditions for miners who bear increasing risks while extracting finite metals and minerals so common in homes, vehicles and electronics. Unfortunately, long-term planning on safety does not invite similar collaboration, and tolerance to risk varies wildly

around the globe. At times, responsible firms struggle to compete against those that cut corners. In demanding ordinary comforts at low costs, societies cannot deny need for regulations or safety planning, instead shifting consequences of risk to the poor.

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Full Text:

<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/chilean-rescue-offers-lesson-globalization> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD108
WHA

MSRP Theme: 5I

Geo:

THE ADOPTION OPTION: ADOPTION WON'T REDUCE ABORTION BUT IT WILL EXPAND WOMEN'S CHOICES. Center for American Progress. Jessica Arons. October 18, 2010.

Jessica Arons explains how we can improve the adoption experience for pregnant women.

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Full Text:

http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/10/pdf/adoption_report.pdf [PDF format, 31 pages].

Item#11AD109
USA

MSRP Theme: 12SI

Geo:

THE CLEAN AIR ACT'S ECONOMIC BENEFITS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. The Main Street Alliance. October 2010.

The report shows that the Clean Air Act's economic benefits have far exceeded the costs imposed on businesses, and that any legislation limiting the ability of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate greenhouse gas emissions could have negative implications for business both large and small that have enacted new practices to reduce their carbon footprint as part of their new business model.

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Full Text:

<http://mainstreetalliance.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Benefits-of-CAA-literature-review-final-10-04-2010.pdf> [PDF format, 10 pages].

Item#11AD110

MSRP Theme: 14E, 4O

Geo: USA

ELECTION 2010 STATE FACT SHEETS: MAPPING THE LATINO VOTE: LATINO ELIGIBLE VOTERS BY STATE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. Pew Hispanic Center. October 15, 2010.

The state fact sheets contain data on the size and social and economic characteristics of the Hispanic and non-Hispanic eligible voter populations. The fact sheets are based on the Center's tabulations of the Census Bureau's 2008 American Community Survey. Eligible voters are defined as U.S. citizens ages 18 and older.

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Full Text:

<http://pewhispanic.org/data/election10/> [HTML format with links].

Item#11AD111
USA

MSRP Theme: 12ELG, 12DI

Geo:

THE IMPACT OF PUBLIC PENSIONS ON STATE AND LOCAL BUDGETS. Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. Alicia H. Munnell et al. October 2010.

State and local pensions have been headline news since the financial collapse reduced the value of their assets, leaving a substantial unfunded liability. The magnitude of that liability depends on the interest rate used to discount future benefit promises but, regardless of the assumptions, states and localities are going to have to come up with more money. The brief looks at the size of the additional funding relative to state budgets.

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Full Text:

http://crr.bc.edu/images/stories/Briefs/slp_13.pdf [PDF format, 12 pages].

Item#11AD112
USA

MSRP Theme: 5I, 12DEK

Geo:

IN FOR A PENNY: THE RISE OF AMERICA'S DEBTORS' PRISONS. American Civil Liberties Union. October 2010.

The presents the results of a yearlong investigation into modern-day "debtors' prisons," and shows that poor defendants are being jailed at increasingly alarming rates for failing to pay legal debts they can never hope to afford. The report details how across the country, in the

face of mounting budget deficits, states are more aggressively going after poor people who have already served their criminal sentences, according to the report.

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Full Text:

http://www.aclu.org/files/assets/InForAPenny_web.pdf [PDF format, 92 pages].

Item#11AD113
USA

MSRP Theme: 12RL

Geo:

IS SCHOOL FUNDING FAIR? A NATIONAL REPORT CARD. Education Law Center. Bruce Baker et al. October 2010.

The National Report Card is a critique of state school funding systems and the extent to which these systems ensure equality of educational opportunity for all children, regardless of background, family income, place of residence or school. The report makes the assumption that "fair" school funding is defined as "a state finance system that ensures equal educational opportunity by providing a sufficient level of funding distributed to districts within the state to account for additional needs generated by student poverty."

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Full Text:

http://www.schoolfundingfairness.org/National_Report_Card.pdf [PDF format, 54 pages].

Item#11AD114

MSRP Theme: 12EDE

Geo: USA

MIDTERM ELECTIONS 2010: SPENDING WARS. Council on Foreign Relations. Royce Wolverson. October 19, 2010.

With U.S. unemployment and high debt threatening Americans at home and U.S. power abroad, the Backgrounder looks at congressional candidates' difficulty in articulating policies that balance job creation and debt reduction.

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Full Text:

http://www.cfr.org/publication/23181/midterm_elections_2010.html [HTML format, various paging].

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MSRP Theme: 12ELB

Geo: USA

POLITICAL RHETORIC AND A DRAMATIC RESCUE LEAD THE NEWS. Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism. October 19, 2010.

A midterm election cycle quickly becoming known for harsh rhetoric and sharp personal attacks once again finished as the No. 1 story last week. But it had to share the media spotlight with a live dramatic rescue that became the ultimate reality show. The week's No. 2 story (filling 21% of the newshole) was the rescue of 33 Chilean miners who had been trapped underground for 69 days. The rescue proved to be one of the rare mega-stories that offered nothing but good news, and it was viewed live around the world. In the U.S., the story filled one-third of the airtime studied on cable news for the week.

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Full Text:

http://www.journalism.org/index_report/pej_news_coverage_index_October_11_17_2010
[HTML format, various paging].

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MSRP Theme: 12MJH

Geo: USA

“SISTERS ARE DOIN’ IT FOR THEMSELVES,” BUT COULD USE SOME HELP: FATHERHOOD POLICY AND THE WELL-BEING OF LOW-INCOME MOTHERS AND CHILDREN. Center for American Progress. Joy Moses et al. October 2010.

The authors explain how supporting responsible fatherhood and related programs and services help low-income mothers.

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Full Text:

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/10/pdf/fatherhoodreport.pdf> [PDF format, 35 pages].

Item#11AD117
USA

MSRP Theme: 12SI, 12DIG

Geo:

THE SPEECH ACT: THE FEDERAL RESPONSE TO “LIBEL TOURISM.” Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Emily C. Barbour. September 16, 2010.

The 111th Congress considered several bills addressing “libel tourism,” the phenomenon of litigants bringing libel suits in foreign jurisdictions so as to benefit from plaintiff-friendly libel laws. Several U.S. states have also responded to libel tourism by enacting statutes that restrict enforcement of foreign libel judgments. On August 10, 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law the Securing the Protection of our Enduring and Established Constitutional Heritage Act (SPEECH Act), P.L. 111-223, codified at 28 U.S.C. §§ 4101-4105, which bars U.S. courts, both state and federal, from recognizing or enforcing a foreign judgment for defamation unless certain requirements, including consistency with the U.S. Constitution and section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. § 230), are satisfied.

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Full Text:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41417.pdf> [PDF format, 18 pages].

Item#11AD118
USA

MSRP Theme: 12RLI

Geo:

STATE OF THE INTERNET 2010: A REPORT ON THE EVER-CHANGING THREAT LANDSCAPE. CA Technologies. October 2010.

Today approximately 1.8 billion people use the Internet to do everything from conduct business, communicate with friends and family, keep up with current events or simply entertain themselves playing games or watching videos. Each individual and each Internet connected device presents a certain footprint that is exposed and often manipulated for criminal or political gain. Malware, or malicious software, is often the catalyst for this manipulation, while targets span the gamut from corporate and national secrets to personal information that can be used to directly steal money or perpetuate another crime. The paper defines this ecosystem as “Crimeware-as-a-Service,” and shares examples of how this ecosystem is exploiting the latest technology trends of cloud computing and social media.

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Full Text:

http://www.ca.com/files/SecurityAdvisorNews/h12010threatreport_244199.pdf [PDF format, 56 pages].

Item#11AD119

MSRP Theme: 12ICF

Geo: USA

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, SCHOOL STRUCTURE, AND THE EFFECTS OF SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATIONS IN LOS ANGELES: A NETWORK APPROACH. RAND Corporation. Richard Bowman. October 18, 2010.

The division of Los Angeles' large urban comprehensive high schools into groups of Small Learning Communities (SLCs) within the school campus was proposed as a way to improve academic outcomes. While the effects of school size on students have been explored in detail and converting school structure "in-place" is less costly than constructing several new small schools, little research has been completed regarding the structural or academic effects of dividing large schools into whole-school or "wall-to-wall" SLCs on the same campus. With this policy and research backdrop, the dissertation defines and identifies communities of students, evaluates the level of sorting and segregation in schools and communities in schools, explores correlations between school structure and academic outcomes, and evaluates the effects of SLC implementation on school structure and academic outcomes.

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Full Text:

http://www.rand.org/pubs/rgs_dissertations/2010/RAND_RGSD273.pdf

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