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REPORTS

MODELING THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON GLOBAL HYDROLOGY AND WATER AVAILABILITY. The World Bank. Kenneth M. Strzepek and Alyssa L. Mccluskey. September 2010.

The technical report provides the background to the methodology used to model the impact of climate change on runoff for the global track of the Economic of Adaptation to Climate Change (EACC) project. It presents findings from computer modeling of the impacts of potential climate change on hydrology and water availability, that is, changes in runoff, basin yield, and flooding.

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Full Text:

http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2010/09/29/000334955_20100929032434/Rendered/PDF/568010NWP0D1CC10Box353732B01PUBLIC1.pdf [PDF format, 40 pages].

Item#11AD020
Global

MSRP Theme: 14B

Geo:

DRUG REGISTRATION - A NECESSARY BUT NOT SUFFICIENT CONDITION FOR GOOD QUALITY DRUGS - A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF 12 COUNTRIES. Africa Fighting Malaria. Roger Bate et al. October 1, 2010.

There is a tacit assumption amongst healthcare workers that all drugs of the same therapeutic type, whether innovator brands, generic brands, or a variety of copies of the product, are interchangeable. While there may be concern that some countries' products are more likely to be counterfeited, if one assumes the product is genuine, then the assumption holds that the

product will work. But anecdotal reports suggest that, even when counterfeits and otherwise obviously degraded or grossly substandard products are identified and removed from any sample set, quality problems remain for some products. The paper looks at various characteristics, including product variability, of essential drugs in developing and mid-income countries.

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Full Text:

<http://www.aei.org/docLib/bate-putze-productregistration-101001.pdf> [PDF format, 14 pages].

Item#11AD021

MSRP Theme: 15A, 15D

Geo: AF

INTENSIFYING DIPLOMACY ON SUDAN. Council on Foreign Relations. Payton L. Knopf. October 4, 2010.

Experts say instability in south Sudan should be looked at in tandem with the crisis in Darfur, and some call for addressing Sudan's problems in a more unified way to help forestall an escalation of violence.

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Full Text:

http://www.cfr.org/publication/23063/intensifying_diplomacy_on_sudan.html [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD022

MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo: AF

SUDAN'S FRACTURED INTERNAL POLITICS. Council on Foreign Relations. Toni Johnson and Stephanie Hanson. October 4, 2010.

Experts say instability in south Sudan should be looked at in tandem with the crisis in Darfur, and some call for addressing Sudan's problems in a more unified way to help forestall an escalation of violence.

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http://www.cfr.org/publication/18519/sudans_fractured_internal_politics.html [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD023

MSRP Theme: 12CS

Geo: AF

NORTH KOREA'S SUCCESSION POSES NEW CHALLENGES – PART I. YaleGlobal.
Byong-Chul Lee. October 1, 2010.

After years of suspense and speculation about the changing of the guard in North Korea, the new leader's identity has been revealed. But the nuclear-armed nation remains a regional source of anxiety. The series analyzes the regime's long-term goals and the challenges they pose to China and the United States. The first part cautions that despite systemic crises since the early 1990s, the political structure is resilient, centering on a single family, a strong military and the ideology of *juche sasang*, or self-reliance. To end nuclear proliferation and relieve the misery of North Koreans, Lee urges the U.S. to respond to North Korea's call for direct, bilateral talks about the future of the country.

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Full Text:

<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/north-koreas-new-challenges-part-i> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD024

MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo: EAP

ONLINE MEDIA IN JAPAN TODAY: SEIZING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN A FAST-CHANGING ENVIRONMENT. Nielsen. Web posted September 29, 2010.

According to the report, Japan shares one important thing with just about every other country: given how consumers around the world are spending more and more time online, everyone is wondering why it is taking so much time for companies to allocate more of their marketing budgets to this channel. Old habits die hard and given how important TV advertising has been to all major marketers for some time, especially in Japan, dramatically shifting established media spending practices to online, is not easy.

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Full Text:

http://en-us.nielsen.com/content/dam/nielsen/en_us/documents/pdf/Social%20Media%20Reports/Japan-Internet-Report.pdf [PDF format, 21 pages].

Item#11AD025

MSRP Theme: 4D

Geo: EAP

ENHANCING THE BENEFITS FROM BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH RESEARCH SPILLOVERS BETWEEN PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND CHARITABLE SECTORS IN THE UK. RAND Corporation. October 4, 2010.

In innovation processes, it is well established that knowledge spillovers can exist, whereby investments in knowledge creation by one party produces external benefits for other parties. The paper documents discussions on the nature of spillover effects from biomedical and health research and strategies to realize their benefits.

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Full Text:

http://www.rand.org/pubs/occasional_papers/2010/RAND_OP319.pdf [PDF format, 19 pages].

Item#11AD026

MSRP Theme: 15

Geo: EUR

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION: CONFRONTING THE SPECIAL CHALLENGES OF AGEING AND SOCIAL SECURITY POLICY IN AN ERA OF DEMOGRAPHIC CRISIS. American Enterprise Institute. Nichols Eberstadt and Hans Groth. September 30, 2010.

The article focuses on the Russian Federation's demographic crisis and the implications it holds for the ability of the Russian government, or the Russian people through their own efforts, to generate enough funds to provide a reasonable level of old-age economic security. Although Russia's overall population profile structure stands to be broadly similar to that of other more-developed societies, both today and in coming decades, the challenges of providing for an ageing population are far more acute for Russia than for typical Member States of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Successful social security policy for Russia, consequently, will depend upon much more than social programs alone: it will require the reduction of mortality rates for working-age individuals, the revitalization of higher education, and fundamental reform of the country's institutions and economic policies.

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Full Text:

<http://www.aei.org/docLib/Russian-Federation-Eberstadt-Groth-093010.pdf> [PDF format, 36 pages].

Item#11AD027

MSRP Theme: 12SI

Geo: EUR

COUNTRY ANALYSIS BRIEFS: IRAQ. Energy Information Administration. September 2010.

Iraq was the world's 12th largest oil producer in 2009, and has the world's fourth largest proven petroleum reserves after Saudi Arabia, Canada, and Iran. Just a fraction of Iraq's known fields are in development, and Iraq may be one of the few places left where vast

reserves, proven and unknown, have barely been exploited. Iraq's energy sector is heavily based upon oil, with approximately 94 percent of its energy needs met with petroleum.

Full Text:

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/Iraq/pdf.pdf> [PDF format, 10 pages].

Item#11AD028

MSRP Theme: 4E

Geo: NEA

AFGHANISTAN OPIUM SURVEY 2010. U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime. September 2010.

Afghanistan, which has long been the producer of about 90 percent of the world's opium, produced an estimated 3,600 tons of opium this year. Afghanistan's opium production halved in 2010 but soaring prices may encourage farmers to go back to opium cultivation, warns the report.

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Full Text:

http://www.unodc.org/documents/crop-monitoring/Afghanistan/Afg_opium_survey_2010_exsum_web.pdf [PDF format, 32 pages].

Item#11AD029

MSRP Theme: 09

Geo: SCA

CRIME, POLITICS AND VIOLENCE IN POST-EARTHQUAKE HAITI. U.S. Institute of Peace. Louis-Alexandre Berg. September 28, 2010.

Crime and violence are on the rise in Port-au-Prince due to prisoner escapes during the earthquake. Youth gangs and other armed groups are regaining strength in the most vulnerable neighborhoods and spreading to other areas of the city. In the tent camps around Port-au-Prince, displaced people, especially women, remain vulnerable to crime. These factors have contributed to an increasing sense of insecurity

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Full Text:

<http://www.usip.org/files/resources/PB%2058%20-%20Crime%20Politics%20and%20Violence%20in%20Post-Earthquake%20Haiti.pdf> [PDF format, 4 pages].

Item#11AD030

MSRP Theme: 12SI

Geo: WHA

CAMPAIGNING CASH: THE INDEPENDENT FUNDRAISING GOLD RUSH SINCE 'CITIZENS UNITED' RULING. Center for Public Integrity. Peter H. Stone. October 4, 2010.

In recent weeks, GOP allies have built a huge lead of almost five to one in ad spending compared to their Democratic counterparts, according to the Campaign Media Analysis Group. The data says that GOP-affiliated groups spent \$24.8 million on Senate and House ads from Aug. 1 to Sept. 20 while their Democratic rivals spent just \$4.9 million in the same period. This amounts to fewer rules and more cash than ever.

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Full Text:

<http://www.publicintegrity.org/articles/entry/2462/> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD031

MSRP Theme: 12ELB

Geo: USA

COLLATERAL COSTS: INCARCERATION'S EFFECT ON ECONOMIC MOBILITY. Pew Charitable Trusts. September 28, 2010.

The report is a collaborative effort between Pew's Economic Mobility Project and its Public Safety Performance Project (PSPP). The report examines the impact of incarceration on the economic opportunity and mobility of former inmates and their families. In addition, the report examines the prison population by race/ethnicity and educational levels. It finds that incarceration reduces former inmates' earnings by 40 percent and limits their future economic mobility and that one in every 28 children in America has a parent behind bars, up from one in 125 just 25 years ago.

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Full Text:

http://www.pewtrusts.org/uploadedFiles/wwwpewtrustsorg/Reports/Economic_Mobility/Collateral%20Costs%20FINAL.pdf?n=5996 [PDF format, 44 pages].

Item#11AD032

MSRP Theme: 12SIB, 40

Geo: USA

EXPANDING UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY PARTICIPATION: AMERICA'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TALENT AT THE CROSSROADS. National Academy of Sciences. September 30, 2010.

The report analyzes the rate of change and the challenges the nation currently faces in developing a strong and diverse workforce. Although minorities are the fastest growing segment of the population, they are underrepresented in the fields of science and engineering. Historically, there has been a strong connection between increasing educational attainment in

the United States and the growth in and global leadership of the economy. The report suggests that the federal government, industry, and post-secondary institutions work collaboratively with K-12 schools and school systems to increase minority access to and demand for post-secondary STEM education and technical training.

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Full Text:

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12984 [HTML format with links].

Item#11AD033

MSRP Theme: 14H

Geo: USA

HIGH SCHOOLS, CIVICS, AND CITIZENSHIP: WHAT SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS THINK AND DO. American Enterprise Institute. Gary J. Schmitt et al. September 30, 2010.

The study revolves around an essential question: what are teachers trying to teach our youth about citizenship and what it means to be an American? The findings are based on a national, random sample survey of 866 public high school social studies teachers, an oversample survey of 245 Catholic and private high school social studies teachers, and three focus groups. Social studies teachers are excellent sources of information for this type of research. They are in the trenches, and they can report not only on their own attitudes, priorities, and behaviors, but also on what is actually happening in high schools and school districts.

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Full Text:

<http://www.aei.org/docLib/High-Schools-Civics-Citizenship-Full-Report.pdf> [PDF format, 61 pages].

Item#10AD034

MSRP Theme: 12EDE, 12CSB

Geo: USA

IMPLICATIONS OF DECLINING MAIL VOLUME FOR THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE POSTAL SERVICE. U.S. Postal Service. September 29, 2010.

Mail volume is declining. It is difficult to determine how much of this drop is due to the recent economic downturn, but many postal experts consider that a period of long-term volume decline has begun. The results of their analysis suggest the outlook for the Postal Service is optimistic. The Postal Service is financially sustainable down to volume levels of 100 billion pieces per year. However, price increases above inflation will be necessary unless steps are taken to greatly reduce the Postal Service's cost structure. Such price increases are not unprecedented. Many other posts in developed countries have higher prices than the Postal Service.

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Full Text:

http://www.uspsoig.gov/foia_files/RARC-WP-10-006.pdf [PDF format, 69 pages].

Item#11AD035

MSRP Theme: 4F

Geo: USA

LONELINESS AMONG OLDER ADULTS: A NATIONAL SURVEY OF ADULTS 45+. AARP. September 2010.

In order to better understand loneliness and social isolation among older adults, AARP commissioned a national survey of the 45+ population to examine these issues. In addition to examining prevalence rates among older Americans, the study provides a descriptive profile of lonely older adults and examines the relationships between loneliness and health, health behaviors, involvement in a social network and use of technology for social communications and networking.

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Full Text:

http://assets.aarp.org/rgcenter/general/loneliness_2010.pdf [PDF format, 102 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 12SI

Geo: USA

MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN PRIMARY CARE: TACKLING THE ISSUES IN THE CONTEXT OF HEALTH CARE REFORM. Center for American Progress. Lesley Russell. October 4, 2010.

As health care reform focuses on a central role for primary care in the delivery and coordination of health care services, especially for the chronically ill, it is timely to consider how mental health services could be better integrated into primary care.

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Full Text:

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/10/pdf/mentalhealth.pdf> [PDF format, 46 pages].

Item#11AD037

MSRP Theme: 15B

Geo: USA

AN OBAMA QUOTE STOKES THE BLOGSPHERE. Pew Project for Excellence in Journalism. September 30, 2010.

A new book by Bob Woodward examining the Obama Administration's internal debate over the Afghanistan war triggered a torrent of criticism of the president by conservative bloggers last week. From September 20-24, more than one-third (35%) of the news links on blogs were about Woodward's book, Obama's Wars, making it the week's No. 1 subject, according to the survey.

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Full Text:

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

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Geo: USA
