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**REPORTS**

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Global Aging and the Crisis of the 2020s. Center for Strategic & International Studies. Richard Jackson and Neil Howe. January 4, 2011.

From the fall of the Roman and the Mayan empires to the Black Death to the colonization of the New World and the youth-driven revolutions of the twentieth century, demographic trends have played a decisive role in many of the great invasions, political upheavals, migrations, and environmental catastrophes of history. By the 2020s, an ominous new conjuncture of demographic trends may once again threaten widespread disruption. The report discusses global aging, which is likely to have a profound effect on economic growth, living standards, and the shape of the world

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Full Text:

<http://csis.org/publication/global-aging-and-crisis-2020s> [HTML format with links].

Item#11AD496  
Global

MSRP Theme: 12SI

Geo:

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Southern Sudan's Milestone Referendum. Council on Foreign Relations. Deborah Jerome. January 7, 2011.

The January 9 referendum on southern Sudan's secession is expected to go smoothly, but some experts caution that disputes over oil and land, and the south's volatility, could mean a violent transition, says the author.

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[http://www.cfr.org/publication/23754/southern\\_sudans\\_milestone\\_referendum.html](http://www.cfr.org/publication/23754/southern_sudans_milestone_referendum.html) [HTML

format, various paging]. Item#11AD497  
12EL

Geo: AF

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MSRP Theme:

China's Green Ambition, US Sees Red. YaleGlobal. Michael Richardson. January 5, 2011.

As factory to the world, China is hungry for energy. The nation secures traditional sources of energy – as the largest producer and consumer of coal, ranking second in oil consumption and imports, fifth for oil production, and is also intent on dominating the global renewable-energies industry. Recognizing that the rapidly-growing industry creates jobs, China devotes a growing pile of investment funds targeted for green-energy development, explains the author.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/chinas-green-ambition-us-sees-red> [HTML format, various paging].

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EAP

MSRP Theme: 4E, 14D

Geo:

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Hu Jintao's State Visit: China and the Korean Peninsula. Center for Strategic & International Studies. Victor Cha. January 6, 2011.

On January 19, President Hu Jintao of China will arrive in Washington for his third state visit since President Barack Obama's inauguration. On the agenda will be discussion of a wide range of issues, including global trade imbalances, currency valuation, Iran's nuclear program, global climate change, and most critically, North Korea. President Hu's trip comes after a year of difficult relations between the United States and China over North Korea's provocations.

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<http://csis.org/publication/hu-jintaos-state-visit-china-and-korean-peninsula> [HTML format, various paging].

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MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo: EAP

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U.S. South-Korea Relations. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Mark E. Manyin et al. December 8, 2010.

Since late 2008, relations between the United States and South Korea (known officially as the

Republic of Korea, or ROK) have been arguably at their best state in decades. By the middle of

2010, in the view of many in the Obama Administration, South Korea had emerged as the United

States' closest ally in East Asia. U.S.-South Korean coordination over policy towards North Korea has been particularly close. The Obama and Lee Administrations have adopted a medium-to-longer-term policy of "strategic patience" that involves three main elements: refusing to return to the Six-Party Talks without an assurance from North Korea that it would take "irreversible steps" to denuclearize; gradually attempting to alter China's strategic assessment of North Korea; and using Pyongyang's provocations as opportunities to tighten sanctions against North Korean entities

Full Text:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41481.pdf> [PDF format, 33 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo: EAP

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Lady Ashton and Jalili/Salehi: What Next in Istanbul? Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Pierre Goldschmidt. January 5, 2011.

If Iran's intention is to become a nuclear-weapon threshold state without allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to uncover its progress toward that goal, then its current stalling tactics would seem appropriate. However, if Iran's nuclear intentions are exclusively peaceful, then it is necessary to convince the Iranian leadership that its non-cooperative policies are counterproductive. This will not be an easy task considering the huge and persistent mistrust between Iran and most of the main nuclear supplier states, according to the author.

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<http://www.carnegieendowment.org/publications/index.cfm?fa=view&id=42225&prog=zgp&proj=znpp> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD501  
NEA

MSRP Theme: 2G

Geo:

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The Middle East: Selected Key Issues and Options for the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Casey L. Addis et al. January 3, 2011.

The Middle East presents an array of challenges to U.S. foreign policy. Although the United States maintains strong relations with several key Arab and non-Arab states such as Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Turkey, other state and non-state actors, such as Iran, the Lebanese Shiite group Hezbollah in Lebanon, and the Palestinian Sunni group Hamas, are aligned against U.S. interests. The U.S. and its regional and international allies continue to work to limit the influence of these actors while advocating for economic and political reform to address ongoing socioeconomic challenges and to promote democracy and a greater respect for human rights in the region

Full Text:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/R41556.pdf> [PDF format, 20 pages].

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NEA

MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo:

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What Sadr's Return Means for Iraq. Council on Foreign Relations. Mohamad Bazzie. January 6, 2011.

Muqtada al-Sadr, one of the most popular Shiite clerics and an unrelenting rival of the United States in Iraq, has returned to his home in the southern Iraqi city of Najaf after three years of self-imposed exile in Iran. The cleric's surprise homecoming is a victory lap after he played a role as kingmaker in ending months of political paralysis following the country's national election in March and securing a second term for Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

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[http://www.cfr.org/publication/23737/what\\_sadrs\\_return\\_means\\_for\\_iraq.html](http://www.cfr.org/publication/23737/what_sadrs_return_means_for_iraq.html) [HTML format, various paging]. Item#11AD503 MSRP Theme:  
1H Geo: NEA \*\*\*\*\*

Pakistan Floods 2010: Preliminary Damage and Needs Assessment. The World Bank. Web posted December 29, 2010

Pakistan experienced extraordinary rainfall in mid-July 2010, which continued until September 2010. The rains/floods have affected over 20 million people. In the wake of the floods, the Government of Pakistan requested the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank (WB) to lead the Damage and Needs Assessment (DNA).

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[http://siteresources.worldbank.org/PAKISTANEXTN/Resources/293051-1264873659180/6750579-1291656195263/PakistanFloodsDNA\\_December2010.pdf](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/PAKISTANEXTN/Resources/293051-1264873659180/6750579-1291656195263/PakistanFloodsDNA_December2010.pdf) [PDF format, 188 pages].

Item#11AD504  
SCA

MSRP Theme: 14

Geo:

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The 2010 Congressional Reapportionment and Latinos. Pew Hispanic Center. January 5, 2011.

Hispanic voters are nearly three times more prevalent in states that gained congressional seats and Electoral College votes in the 2010 reapportionment than they are in states that lost seats, according to the analysis. Based on averages reflecting congressional gains and losses, 15.2% of the eligible voter population in states that gained seats is Hispanic, compared with just 5.4% of eligible voters in those states that lost seats.

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Full Text:

<http://pewhispanic.org/files/reports/132.pdf> [PDF format, 11 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 12DEI, 12DID

Geo: USA

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Designing Social Media Policy for Government. Brookings Institution. Jana Hrdinova and Natalie Helbig. January 2011.

Government agencies in the United States and around the world are increasingly looking to leverage social media to improve the quality of government services and enable greater citizen engagement. One central challenge that has emerged is the blurring line between the three types of social media use by government employees, namely agency use, professional use, and personal use. In this brief, the Center for Technology in Government at the University at Albany draws on its research on social media to clarify these different use types and why they matter for designing social media policy.

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[http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/papers/2011/01\\_social\\_media\\_policy/01\\_social\\_media\\_policy.pdf](http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/papers/2011/01_social_media_policy/01_social_media_policy.pdf) [PDF format, 9 pages].

Item#11AD506  
USA

MSRP Theme: 12ICE

Geo:

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Environmental Health in Early Childhood Systems Building. National Center for Children in Poverty. Andrea Bachrach et al. December 2010.

Exposure to environmental hazards has negative outcomes for healthy child development. Household and community pollutants affect people of all ages, but for a number of important reasons young children face a significantly higher risk of developing disease and experiencing cognitive and psychomotor developmental delays. Fortunately, many common forms of exposure are preventable, and there are abundant opportunities for state level stakeholders to initiate and support effective interventions.

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[http://www.nccp.org/publications/pdf/text\\_981.pdf](http://www.nccp.org/publications/pdf/text_981.pdf) [PDF format, 16 pages].

Item#11AD507  
USA

MSRP Theme: 14, 15B

Geo:

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Faith on the Hill: The Religious Composition of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. January 5, 2011.

Many analysts described the November 2010 midterm elections as a sea change, with Republicans taking control of the U.S. House of Representatives and narrowing the Democratic majority in the Senate. But this political overhaul appears to have had little effect on the religious composition of Congress, which is similar to the religious makeup of the previous Congress and of the nation, according to the analysis.

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Full Text:

<http://pewforum.org/Government/Faith-on-the-Hill--The-Religious-Composition-of-the-112th-Congress.aspx#2> [HTML format, various paging].

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MSRP Theme: 12DEI, 12REL

Geo: USA

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How Important Are Inheritances for Baby Boomers? Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. Alicia H. Munnell et al. January 2011.

Due to a changing retirement landscape, many baby boomers are likely to have insufficient resources for a secure retirement. One potential source that could improve their situation is inheritances. The study quantifies the aggregate amount of inheritances that baby boomers, those individuals born between 1946 and 1964, can expect to receive over their lifetimes, and the distribution of past and prospective receipts by household type.

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[http://crr.bc.edu/images/stories/Briefs/IB\\_11-1.pdf](http://crr.bc.edu/images/stories/Briefs/IB_11-1.pdf) [PDF format, 8 pages].

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USA

MSRP Theme: 12SI

Geo:

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International Trade and Finance: Key Policy Issues for the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Raymond J. Ahearn. December 30, 2010.

The 112th Congress faces a full agenda of international trade and finance issues. Early in 2011, the Obama Administration is expected to ask Congress to approve a free trade agreement (FTA) with South Korea and possibly FTAs with Colombia and Panama. The Administration is seeking to conclude the much larger ten year-old World Trade Organization's (WTO) Doha Round of multilateral trade negotiations, which, if completed, would also require congressional approval. The Administration is also negotiating a Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement, a regional FTA that currently includes nine countries on both sides of the Pacific.

Full Text:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41553.pdf> [PDF format, 27 pages].

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USA

MSRP Theme: 05, 40

Geo:

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Internet Gains on Television as Public's Main News Source. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. January 4, 2011.

The internet is slowly closing in on television as Americans' main source of national and international news. Currently, 41% say they get most of their news about national and international news from the internet, which is little changed over the past two years but up 17 points since 2007. Television remains the most widely used source for national and international news – 66% of Americans say it is their main source of news – but that is down from 74% three years ago and 82% as recently as 2002.

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Full Text:

<http://people-press.org/reports/pdf/689.pdf> [PDF format, 9 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 12ICF, 12MJH

Geo: USA

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New Decade, New Hopes for Job Growth. Brookings Institution. Michael Greenstone and Adam Looney. January 7, 2011

The December employment number released today by the U.S. Department of Labor, show signs of improvement in the labor market. The economy added 103,000 jobs last month, although encouraging after last month's disappointing growth, this is not large enough to absorb new entrants and make a dent in the "job gap," explained in the report. However, unemployment fell to 9.4 percent.

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Full Text:

[http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2011/0107\\_jobs\\_greenstone\\_looney.aspx](http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2011/0107_jobs_greenstone_looney.aspx) [HTML format, various paging].

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MSRP Theme: 5I, 4O

Geo: USA

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Visa Security Policy: Roles of the Department of State and Homeland Security. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Ruth Ellen Wasem. December 16, 2010.

Foreign nationals not already legally residing in the United States who wish to come to the U.S. generally must obtain a visa to be admitted, with certain exceptions noted in law. The Departments of State (DOS) and Homeland Security (DHS) each play key roles in administering the law and policies on the admission of aliens. Although the DOS's Consular Affairs is responsible for issuing visas, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigrant Services (USCIS) in DHS approves immigrant petitions, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in DHS operates the Visa Security Program in selected embassies abroad, and the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in DHS inspects all people who enter the United States.

Full Text:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homesec/R41093.pdf> [PDF format, 24 pages].

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USA

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