



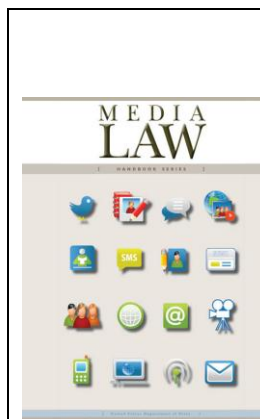
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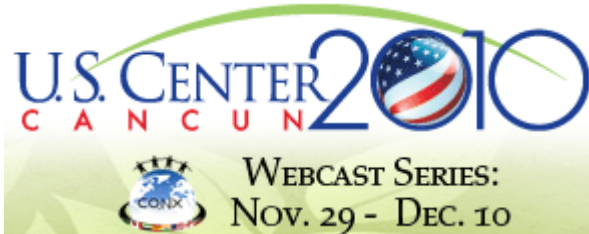
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SIGNIFICANT DOCUMENTS

A New Aid Model for the 21st Century. Brookings Institution. Homi Kharas. November 15, 2010.

According to the authors, we live in a new reality of aid. Rich countries delivered \$3.2 trillion of aid to poor countries between 1960 and 2008; and today, aid is a \$200 billion industry. Despite disputes and upheavals, the core of the aid industry has changed little over the past few decades. Now the new pressures on the aid system may be too strong to resist fundamental change. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2010/1115_foreign_aid_kharas.aspx [HTML format, various paging].

The Real Wealth of Nations: Pathways to Human Development. U.N. Development Programme. November 2010.

The 2010 Report continues the tradition of pushing the frontiers of development thinking. For the first time since 1990, the Report looks back rigorously at the past several decades and identifies often surprising trends and patterns with important lessons for the future. These varied pathways to human development show that there is no single formula for sustainable progress and that impressive long-term gains can and have been achieved even without consistent economic growth. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

http://hdr.undp.org/en/media/HDR_2010_EN_Complete.pdf [PDF format, 236 pages].

Beyond Ratification: The Future for U.S. Engagement on International Tobacco Control. Center for Strategic & International Studies. Thomas J. Bollyky. November 12, 2010.

Tobacco use is arguably the greatest threat to global health. Tobacco use and secondhand smoke kill more people annually than HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria combined. Unless action is taken, an expanding pandemic of tobacco-related diseases promises to disable and kill hundreds of millions more in coming decades, mostly in low- and middle-income countries, according to the report. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

http://csis.org/files/publication/111210_Bollyky_ByndRatifica_WEB.pdf [PDF format, 26 pages].

Voice After Exit: Diaspora Advocacy. Migration Policy Institute. Kathleen Newland. November 2010.

Today's diaspora organizations, communities, and individuals increasingly seek to influence government, media, private sectors, and other prominent groups in their countries of origin and of settlement, but despite their growing voice, success requires smart policy. The report provides an overview of diaspora advocacy by looking at five issues: who participates in diaspora advocacy, who or what are the "targets" in these efforts, what means are used to advance these causes, what are the issues on which they focus, and the effectiveness of the efforts. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/pubs/diasporas-advocacy.pdf> [PDF format, 28 pages].

Where is the Learning? Measuring Schooling Efforts in Developing Countries. Brookings Institution. Jacques Van Der Gaag and Anda Adams. November 15, 2010.

Achieving universal education is a twofold challenge: to get children and youth into school and then to teach them something meaningful while they are there. While important progress has been made on the first challenge, there is a crisis unfolding in relation to learning. Around the world, there have been major gains in primary school enrollment partly due to the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals and the abolition of school fees by many national governments. However in many countries, students are spending years in school without learning core competencies, such as reading and writing. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/papers/2010/11_education_development_vandergaag/11_education_development_vandergaag.pdf [PDF format, 17 pages].

World Energy Outlook 2010: Executive Summary. International Energy Agency. November 9, 2010.

The world appears to be emerging from the worst economic crisis in decades. Many countries have made pledges under the Copenhagen Accord to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. Commitments have also been made by the G-20 and APEC to phase out inefficient fossil-fuel

subsidies. Are we, at last, on the path to a secure, reliable and environmentally sustainable energy system? [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://www.iea.org/Textbase/npsum/weo2010sum.pdf> [PDF format, 18 pages].

"They Own the People" The Ampatuans, State-Backed Militias, and Killings in the Southern Philippines. Human Rights Watch. November 16, 2010.

The report charts the Ampatuans' rise to power, including their use of violence to expand their control and eliminate threats to the family's rule. It is based on more than 80 interviews, including with people having insider knowledge of the Ampatuan family security structure, victims of abuses and their family members, and witnesses to crimes.

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<http://www.hrw.org/en/reports/2010/11/16/they-own-people-0> [HTML format, 96 pages].

U.S. in Asia: Seeking Partners at a Troubled Time - Part II. YaleGlobal. Bruce Stokes. November 12, 2010.

Asia is seen as a pivotal region for U.S. foreign policy, as demonstrated by U.S. President Barack Obama's travels to India, Indonesia, Japan and South Korea. Despite setbacks for Obama's party in mid-term elections, he continues to win high public-approval ratings in many Asian nations, notes the author. Growing trade and careful coordination on global economic issues have benefited the U.S. and its partners in the past and can do so again, but the failure to sign the Korea-US free trade agreement is not a good omen, according to the report. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/us-seeking-partners-part-ii> [HTML format, various paging].

Turkey's Improving Integration with the Global Capital Market: Impacts on Risk Premia and Capital Costs. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Rauf Gonenc et al. Web posted November 15, 2010.

Turkey has considerably improved its terms of access to the global capital market. Progress in macroeconomic fundamentals has enhanced credibility and reduced risk premia and capital costs. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

[http://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/displaydocumentpdf/?cote=eco/wkp\(2010\)68&doclanguage=en](http://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/displaydocumentpdf/?cote=eco/wkp(2010)68&doclanguage=en) [PDF format, 57 pages].

A \$400 Billion Opportunity: 10 Strategies to Cut the Fat Out of Federal Procurement. Center for American Progress. Raj Sharma. November 16, 2010.

Raj Sharma outlines 10 ways the federal government can save \$400 billion over 10 years by changing the way it buys goods and services. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/11/pdf/federal_procurement.pdf [PDF format, 31 pages].

Cutting the Cost of Clean Energy 1.0: Toward a Clean Energy Deployment Plan for Jobs, Security, and Broad-based Economic Growth in 2011. Center for American Progress. Bracken Hendricks et al. November 16, 2010.

CAP and the Coalition for Green Capital propose three new pillars of clean energy investment strategy to prioritize deployment of existing advanced clean energy technologies. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/11/pdf/cleanenergycosts.pdf> [PDF format, 40 pages].

Fighting Oil Addiction: Ranking States' Gasoline Price Vulnerability and Solutions for Change. NRDC. Deron Lovaas. November 2010.

The report identifies the states that are most vulnerable to spikes in gasoline prices and those states that are doing the most to break their addiction to oil. As with previous editions, this report ranks U.S. states in two critical areas related to our nation's continuing addiction to oil. First, it calculates gasoline price vulnerability; how heavily each state's drivers are affected by increases in gasoline prices. Second, it ranks states on their adoption of solutions to reduce their oil dependence; measures they are taking to lessen their vulnerability and to bolster America's security. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

http://www.nrdc.org/energy/states/files/Fighting%20Oil%20Addiction_NRDC_Nov%202010.pdf [PDF format, 24 pages].

The Future of Social Security: Solvency, Work, Adequacy, and Equity. Urban Institute. November 12, 2010.

Social Security faces a \$5.4 trillion shortfall over the next 75 years, but modest adjustments can halt that slide. Some argue that those adjustments should go beyond solvency, to improve the adequacy and equity of benefits, better protect vulnerable workers, and encourage work at older ages. Although the how and when are still up for debate, policymakers can address these problems without removing the basic protections provided by one of the nation's most popular and successful programs. This brief, which summarizes three Urban Institute events on Capitol Hill, lays out central points of the Social Security debate and options for reform. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/412253-Social-Security-Solvency.pdf> [PDF format, 8 pages].

Household Food Security in the United States, 2009. U.S. Department of Agriculture. November 15, 2010.

Eighty-five percent of American households were food secure throughout the entire year in 2009, meaning that they had access at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members. The remaining households (14.7 percent) were food insecure at least some time during the year, including 5.7 percent with very low food security. In households with very low food security, the food intake of one or more household members was reduced and their eating patterns were disrupted at times during the year because the household lacked money and other resources for food.

Full Text:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/ERR108/ERR108.pdf> [PDF format, 68 pages].

Is Poor Fitness Contagious? Evidence From Randomly Assigned Friends. National Bureau of Economic Research. Scott E. Carrell et al. November 2010.

The increase in obesity over the past thirty years has led researchers to investigate the role of social networks as a contributing factor. However, several challenges make it difficult to demonstrate a causal link between friends' physical fitness and own fitness using observational data. The report finds statistically significant peer effects that are 40

to 70 percent as large as the own effect of prior fitness scores on current fitness outcomes. Evidence suggests that the effects are caused primarily by friends who were the least fit, thus supporting the provocative notion that poor physical fitness spreads on a person-to-person basis. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://www.nber.org/papers/w16518.pdf> [PDF format, 26 pages].

Live from Your Neighborhood: A National Study of Outdoor Arts Festivals. [National Endowment for the Arts]. October 29, 2010.

The report combines key results from two investigative efforts--an online, national survey of outdoor arts festivals and seven case studies--to examine the range and variety of arts festivals in the U.S., the artists they employ, the communities they serve, and the roles they play in our cities, towns, and neighborhoods. The survey collected, for the first time, comprehensive data on a large cross-section of U.S. arts festivals, including information about audiences, arts programming, budgets, and operating structure.

<http://www.nea.gov/research/Festivals-Report.pdf> [PDF format, 92 pages].

<http://www.nea.gov/research/Festivals-Executive-Summary.pdf> Executive Summary [PDF

Live from Your Neighborhood: A National Study of Outdoor Arts Festivals: Seven Case Studies. National Endowment for the Arts. October 29, 2010.

The report is based on seven case studies that complement data from an online, national survey of outdoor arts festivals. The case studies offer a rich perspective on seven distinctive festivals, their sponsoring organizations, and their artists, volunteers, and audiences.

<http://www.nea.gov/research/Festivals-Case-Studies.pdf> [PDF format, 56 pages].

A Track Record of Success: High-Speed Rail Around the World and Its Promise for America. U.S. PIRG Education Fund. Tony Dutzik et al. November 2010.

As America moves toward construction of new high-speed rail networks in regions throughout the country, there is much to learn from experiences abroad, according to the authors. High-speed rail lines have operated for more than 45 years in Japan and for three decades in Europe, providing a wealth of information about what the U.S. can expect from high-speed rail and how U.S. can receive the greatest possible benefits from investment. The experience of high-speed rail lines abroad suggests that the United States can expect great benefits from investing in a high-speed passenger rail system, particularly if it makes steady commitments and designs the system wisely. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<https://pincdn.s3.amazonaws.com/assets/e5040530b385a7e74a6df2d04b7daba6/A-Track-Record-of-Success-US-PIRG-HSR-report.pdf> [PDF format, 53 pages].

Policy Implications of Alternative Spent Nuclear Fuel Management Strategies. Testimony, RAND Corporation. Tom Latourrette. November 15, 2010.

This is the testimony presented before the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future on November 15, 2010. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

http://www.rand.org/pubs/testimonies/2010/RAND_CT352.pdf [PDF format, 5 pages].

National Latino Leader? The Job is Open. Pew Hispanic Center. Paul Taylor and Mark Hugo Lopez. November 15, 2010.

By their own reckoning, Latinos living in the United States do not have a national leader. When asked in an open-ended question to name the person they consider "the most important Latino leader in the country today," nearly two-thirds (64%) of Hispanic respondents said they did not know. An additional 10% said "no one." These findings emerge from the 2010 National Survey of Latinos, a bilingual national survey of 1,375 Hispanic adults. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://pewhispanic.org/files/reports/131.pdf> [PDF format, 13 pages].

2010 Report on International Religious Freedom. U.S. Department of State. November 17, 2010. The Annual Report on International Religious Freedom documents the status of religious freedom during the period from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010. The Report's primary focus is on the actions of governments, both official actions that contribute to religious repression or tolerate violence against religious communities, and actions that protect and promote religious freedom. Each country report contains sections covering the country's religious demography; government respect for religious freedom (including the legal and policy framework, restrictions on religious freedom, abuses of religious freedom, and improvements and positive developments); societal respect for religious freedom; and U.S. government policy and actions.

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2010/index.htm> [HTML format with links].

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2010/148659.htm> Executive Summary [HTML format, various paging].

U.S. Interest in Nigeria's Success with Financial Reform. Center for Global Development. Todd Moss. Web posted November 17, 2010.

Todd Moss testified before the House Financial Services Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade on November 16, 2010, about the global financial crisis and financial reforms in Nigeria. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/1424613/> [HTML format with links].

Fact Sheets: The United States and Indonesia - Building a 21st Century Partnership. The White House. November 9, 2010.

President Obama and President Yudhoyono reviewed the broad range of cooperation between our two governments and formally launched the U.S. - Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership. As two of the world's major democracies, bound together by a web of historical, cultural, and economic ties that span the Pacific and by the shared values and aspirations, the two nations continue to strengthen their relationship through a variety of initiatives, summarized in the fact sheet.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/11/09/fact-sheets-united-states-and-indonesia-building-a-21st-century-partners> [HTML format, various paging].

U.S. Nukes in Europe Unnecessary. Council on Foreign Relations. Micah Zenko. November 17, 2010.

As NATO prepares for this weekend's summit, the U.S. should consider removing its nuclear weapons from Europe, as its tactical nuclear umbrella over NATO is no longer vital to European security. Russia also should limit its nuclear arsenal, says CFR's Micah Zenko. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

http://www.cfr.org/publication/23427/us_nukes_in_europe_unnecessary.html [HTML format, various paging].

Endgame for Afghanistan. YaleGlobal. Sreeram Chaulia. November 17, 2010.

The U.S. and Iran have been at odds since militants overthrew the government and stormed the U.S. embassy more than 30 years ago and, more recently, over Iran's nuclear program and resistance to U.N. inspections. But the two nations still share common interests, animosity for the Taliban, Al Qaeda and Sunni extremism, particularly since the U.S. invaded Afghanistan in 2001, points out author Sreeram Chaulia. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/endgame-afghanistan> [HTML format, various paging].

U.S. Engagement in Indian Health Care: What is the Impact? Center for Strategic & International Studies. Teresita C. Schaffer. November 17, 2010.

When India became independent in 1947, the country was known for its grinding poverty, crushing illiteracy, and omnipresent illness. Six decades later, India has made enormous advances in both economic development and human quality of life. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

http://csis.org/files/publication/101115_Schaffer_USEngageIndianHealth_Web.pdf [PDF format, 18 pages].

Cow-Calf Beef Production in Mexico. U.S. Department of Agriculture. Derrell S. Peel et al. November 18, 2010.

The report characterizes Mexican beef cow-calf production systems in the context of the many issues affecting Mexican beef and cattle markets, including geo-climatic factors, disease and pest challenges, patterns of landownership, changes in export regions, and changes in domestic consumption as they relate to cow-calf production.

Full Text:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/LDP/2010/10Oct/LDPM19601/LDPM19601.pdf> [PDF format, 24 pages].

Decline of Marriage and Rise of New Families. Pew Research Center. November 18, 2010.

The transformative trends of the past 50 years that have led to a sharp decline in marriage and a rise of new family forms have been shaped by attitudes and behaviors that differ by class, age and race, according to the report. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://pewsocialtrends.org/files/2010/11/pew-social-trends-2010-families.pdf> [PDF format, 121 pages].

Different Race, Different Recession: American Indian Unemployment in 2010. Economic Policy Institute. Algernon Austin. November 18, 2010.

There are two very different experiences of the recession in some regions of the country. While Alaska and the Northern Plains states have had some of the lowest unemployment rates for whites since the start of the recession, these regions have had among the highest rates of joblessness for American Indians. The issue brief documents these extreme regional employment disparities as well as the smaller but still significant ones between American Indians and whites from the first half of 2007 to the first half of 2010. It presents American Indian and white unemployment rates and employment-to-population ratios nationally and broken down by region. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

http://epi.3cdn.net/94a339472e6481485e_hgm6bpxz4.pdf [PDF format, 7 pages].

For Better or For Worse, But How About a Recession? National Bureau of Economic Research. Jeremy Arkes and Yu-Chu Shen. November 2010.

In light of the current economic crisis, the report estimates hazard models of divorce to determine how state and national unemployment rates affect the likelihood of divorce. With 89,340 observations over the 1978-2006 period for 7633 couples from the 1979 NLSY, the report finds mixed evidence on whether increases in the unemployment rate lead to overall increases in the likelihood of divorce, which would suggest countercyclical divorce probabilities. However, further analysis reveals that the weak evidence is due to the weak economy increasing the risk of divorce only for couples in years 6 to 10 of marriage. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://www.nber.org/papers/w16525.pdf> [PDF format, 32 pages].

The Old and New Politics of Faith: Religion and the 2010 Election. Brookings Institution. E.J. Dionne, Jr. and William A. Galston. November 17, 2010.

E.J. Dionne and Bill Galston find that the 2010 midterm election has not fundamentally altered the cultural and religious contours of American political life. Overwhelmingly, voters cast their ballots on the basis of economic issues, while the religious alignments that took root well before the economic downturn remained intact. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/papers/2010/1117_faith_dionne_galston/politicsofffaith.pdf [PDF format, 21 pages].

Public Knows Basic Facts about Politics, Economics, But Struggles Specifics. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. November 18, 2010.

Americans know which party won big on Election Day and about the Gulf oil spill. But relatively few score on details of the congressional power shift, the inflation rate, federal budget specifics or TARP. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1804/political-news-quiz-iq-deficit-defense-spending-tarp-inflation-boehner> [HTML format, various paging].

Transforming American Education: Learning Powered by Technology. U.S. Department of Education. November 9, 2010.

The National Education Technology Plan calls for applying the advanced technologies used in our daily personal and professional lives to our entire education system to improve student learning, accelerate and scale up the adoption of effective practices, and use data and information for continuous improvement. It presents five goals with recommendations for states, districts, the federal government, and other stakeholders. Each goal addresses one of the five essential components of learning powered by technology: Learning, Assessment, Teaching, Infrastructure, and Productivity.

<http://www.ed.gov/sites/default/files/netp2010-execsumm.pdf> Executive Summary [PDF format, 26 pages].
<http://www.ed.gov/sites/default/files/netp2010.pdf> [PDF format, 124 pages].

International Climate Change: A Negotiations Side-by-Side. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Jane A. Leggett. November 18, 2010.

Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), signed in 1992, gather for their 16th annual meeting in Cancun, Mexico, from November 29 to December 10, 2010. Several formal and informal negotiating sessions in 2010, intended to resuscitate the global negotiations to address climate change beyond the year 2012, have followed the 2009 meeting in Copenhagen, with which many countries and observers were disappointed. Few expect much progress at the Cancun talks, although many seek a decision to extend the negotiating mandates with a deadline of 2011 for comprehensive, legally binding agreements on further GHG mitigation, financing, technology cooperation, and adaptation.

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/151972.pdf> [PDF format, 23 pages].

Preventing Odious Obligations: A New Tool for Protecting Citizens from Illegitimate Regimes. Center for Global Development. November 22, 2010.

The report sets out a way to prevent an all-too-common form of theft from some of the world's poorest people. An illegitimate, unelected regime signs a contract with a foreign agent, handing over part of the national patrimony in exchange for a short-run payment, which the regime appropriates or uses in part to finance repression. Legitimate successor regimes often need to levy taxes to fulfill debt contracts incurred in this manner for fear of legal retribution and loss of reputation with investors if they fail to repay. And in the case of natural resource contracts, citizens continue to suffer from the sweetheart contracts that deprive the government of deserved revenues. [Note: contains copyrighted material].

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