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CORRUPTION

Judy Asks: Is the EU Too Lax on Corruption?
Judy Dempsey – Carnegie: 11 October 2018
Experts answer a question about the European Union’s response to corruption.
https://carnegieeurope.eu/strategiceurope/77468

Brazil alters a ‘destiny’ of corruption
The Christian Science Monitor: 11 October 2018
Brazil’s latest election highlighted the citizens’ desire to ouster corrupt politicians and reject a culture of graft.

For more on this theme:
Dirty Money, Fraud and Tax Evasion Rock Corruption-Free Danes

Top Corruption Investigator Shot Dead In Moscow Region

Azeri Woman is First Target of UK’s New Anti-Corruption Law

Head of Interpol Meng Hongwei accused of corruption, Chinese government says

South Africa: A republic constituted on corruption

Iraq doesn’t just suffer from corruption. It’s built on it

Is the BRI a corruption magnet?
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Bulgarian journalist killed after reporting on corruption
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Money Laundering Tactics Adapting to Colombia Cocaine Boom
Parker Asmann – Insight Crime: 10 October 2018
With cocaine production at its highest levels on record, criminal groups in Colombia are forced to find new ways to launder their money.

Mexican troops are in the streets to fight the drug war, and the country’s defense chief says legalization may be ‘a way out’
Christopher Woody – Business Insider: 7 October 2018
National Defense Secretary Salvador Cienfuegos recently joined a growing chorus of Mexican officials calling for legalization of opium for medical purposes.

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The $1 Tool That Might Curb the Overdose Epidemic

The Coast Guard is catching more drug-running subs, but most ‘very stealthy’ narco subs are probably going undetected

Opium-Linked Drug Trafficking Increases Violence in Mexico

Trump’s Clarion Call to Re-Weaponize ‘Drug War’

UN chief: Govts should act on drug addiction
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Sanctions on Iran May Boost Drug Trafficking and Destabilize Iraq

Mexico’s kingpin strategy: A costly failure
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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Pangolin survival: How ‘following the money’ could save lives
Alexandria Reid, Cathy Haenlein and Tom Keatinge – BBC: 10 October 2018

Wildlife trafficking is a relatively low-risk activity, given the minimal penalties incurred when caught. Financial investigations and asset seizures are largely ignored in poaching cases, although such processes are common in other international crimes. By starting to “follow the money,” animals’ lives could be saved.


London summit scrutinises $23bn global wildlife trafficking
Nick Clark – Al Jazeera: 11 October 2018

Representatives from more than 80 governments and a wide range of concerned business and civic leaders met last week in London to review and refine the international response to wildlife crime at a meeting convened by the United Kingdom.


For more on this theme:

For Illegal Loggers in the Brazilian Amazon, ‘There Is No Fear of Being Punished’
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Environmental crimes boost terrorists in Africa

The dark world of wildlife trafficking
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Duke of Cambridge recruits ‘financial taskforce’ to tackle international wildlife crime
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Centralised data on wildlife trafficking soon

Endangering Animals Is Hazardous to Your Health
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Rhino horn must become a socially unacceptable product in Asia

Deforestation and wildlife trade combined may cause 50 to 90 SEA bird species to go extinct by 2100: Study
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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Overfishing and Modern-Day Slavery
Taylor McNeil – Tufts Now: 11 October 2018

For Tufts University faculty member Jessica Sparks, the connections between fish stocks and modern slavery are critical to understanding how to end forced labor and protect marine life.

https://now.tufts.edu/articles/overfishing-and-modern-day-slavery

The New Sheriff In Human Trafficking Is Wielding Big Data
Devin Thorpe – Forbes: 11 October 2018

The nonprofit Global Emancipation Network uses data to identify traffickers and victims through Minerva, a computer platform that puts big data to work. “Human traffickers are reliant on current technology to increase their revenue. But the same technology can be used against them,” says Sherrie Caltagirone, head of the nonprofit.


For more on this theme:

Activists ‘shocked’ after Hong Kong police chiefs block alert to banks on human trafficking-linked transactions


African Women Call For Legislation Against Human Trafficking


Humanitarian visa programme approved by EU committee

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Govt. emphasises importance of collaborating to combat human trafficking


Algeria must stop arbitrary expulsion of West African migrants in desert: UN migration rights expert


Irregular migration, we can do more

http://www.ghananewsagency.org/features/irregular-migration-we-can-do-more-139837

Irregular migrants turn to Morocco–Spain route


End of mission statement of the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, Felipe González Morales, on his visit to Niger (1-8 October 2018)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

The internet is due for a split. Here's what you need to know.
Anna Johansson – TNW: 5 October 2018

The likelihood of an internet split is becoming an increasing reality. Eric Schmidt, former CEO of Google and executive chairman of Alphabet, spoke on the possibility of a fractured internet, saying: “I think the most likely scenario now is not a splintering, but rather a bifurcation into a Chinese-led internet and a non-Chinese internet led by America.”


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(U.K., Global) Anticipatory regulation: a way forward for platform governance?
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(Global) Why the Future of the IoT Depends on Digital Policies

INTERNET FREEDOM

Leaked Google research shows company grappling with censorship and free speech
Nick Statt – The Verge: 10 October 2018

A leaked presentation from Google shows the internal struggle in the company to deal with freedom of speech and censorship.

https://www.theverge.com/2018/10/10/17961806/google-leaked-research-good-censor-censorship-freedom-of-speech-research-china

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

This European Ruling Could Break the Internet
Bloomberg: 1 October 2018

The “right to be forgotten” is a controversial law that has ramifications well beyond Europe, where it has been enacted. If the ruling next year indicates that the rule must be applied across all domains, not just the country of the individual claiming protection under the law, it could cause widespread censorship of the internet around the globe.


For more on this theme:

(Global) Why Blockchain Is No Silver Bullet For Cyber Threats

(U.S.) Is an ‘Internet Bill of Rights’ the Cure for What Ails Tech?

(Global) Building Internet Walls to Protect Data Could Penalize Users

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

State Department needs a makeover for the digital age
Frances G. Burwell – The Hill: 6 October 2018

Without an office or a strategy for digital diplomacy, the U.S. State Department is at a distinct disadvantage when attempting to negotiate and promote U.S. leadership in the digital realm.


For more on this theme:

(China) Here’s China’s massive plan to retool the web

(Europe) Europe’s Digital Agenda, live at the EU Ministerial Conference on AI

(U.S.) Pen Testing the US Cyber Strategy
http://www.circleid.com/posts/20181008_pen_testing_the_us_cyber_strategy/
PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

FBI Director Implores Corporate Boards to Join Cyber Fight
Joseph Marks – Nextgov: 1 October 2018

FBI Director Christopher Wray called for corporations to work with the federal government to secure their computers against foreign threats.

For more on this theme:
(U.S.) Nearly One in Three Rural Households Lacks Broadband Internet

(United Kingdom) New UK Research Paper on Delivering Faster Rural Broadband

(U.S.) South Carolina Public-Private Partnership Makes Economic Case for Broadband

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Commentary: China’s protection of intellectual property is something to shout about
Gordon C K Cheung – Channel NewsAsia: 12 October 2018

Infringement is still an issue in China, but the Chinese government is reportedly getting serious about protecting intellectual property rights.

For more on this theme:
(Global) Trade Agreements Making Rules In New Technologies, Territoriality An Issue For IP In Digital Age

(China) China’s New Cybersecurity Regulations Allow Unfettered Police Search, Inspections of Internet-Service Providers

(Europe) U.K., Netherlands Lead EU Push for New Cyber Sanctions
CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Cybersecurity: Need more support from Government, says DSCI CEO
The Hindu: 11 October 2018

Rama Vedashree, CEO of the Data Security Council of India, argues that the Indian government must do more to support cyber security investments and startups to become competitive with the rest of the world.

https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/info-tech/cybersecurity-need-more-support-from-government-says-dsci-ceo/article25191946.ece

For more on this theme:
(U.S., Global) The Severe Shortage of Cybersecurity Professionals is a Key Risk to Our Nation’s Security

(U.S.) How the Army Cyber Center of Excellence fits into the high-tech battlefield

(U.S.) FDA to revamp medtech cybersecurity — with your help
https://www.medicaldesignandoutsourcing.com/fda-revamp-medtech-cybersecurity/

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

World cybercrime shifts to state-backed hackers: Russian group
Agence France-Presse: 9 October 2018

Cyber crime has shifted away from criminal syndicates and is firmly in the hands of state-backed hackers, according to Russian cyber security firm Group-IB. “The focus of innovations and research on the creation of complex malware, as well as organization of multi-layered targeted attacks, has now shifted ... to state-sponsored threat actors,” the firm said in its 2018 cyber crime trends report. The group said the top three countries in which state-backed entities operate are China, North Korea and Iran.


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(U.S.) U.S. Army Central helping to fighting Cyber Crime

(Cyprus) Cyprus gears up for a major cyberattack and cybercrime

(Ghana) Ghana Making Progress In Cyber Crime Combat
INFORMATION SHARING

Ahead of midterm elections, states are working diligently to protect your votes
Jim Condos – USA Today: 9 October 2018

To prepare for the midterm elections in the United States, the Department of Homeland Security-backed Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center became operational this year. Most of the country’s states and local jurisdictions have placed monitors on their voting equipment to detect cyber threats.


For more on this theme:
(U.S.) HIPAA and data sharing: Rethinking both for the Digital Age

(U.S., Global) The future of financial stability and cyber risk

(Global) Amex, Mastercard And Others From The Finance Industry Come Together For First-Ever ‘Cyber War Game’
https://www.informationsecuritybuzz.com/expert-comments/cyber-war-game/

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Why Cyberattacks on America’s Elections and Infrastructure Are Here to Stay
Daniel Wagner – The National Interest: 11 October 2018

Election interference has been going on as long as there have been elections. It is not a practice that is going to stop. So why can’t the U.S. come up with an active and effective defense plan?


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(U.S.) Cyber Skills Gap Compounds Pentagon’s Weapons Security Woes
https://about.bgov.com/blog/cyber-skills-gap-compounds-pentagons-weapons-security-woes/
ISIS

**ISIS’s New Plans to Get Rich and Wreak Havoc**
*Colin P. Clarke – Foreign Policy: 10 October 2018*

ISIS still maintains large financial assets and a steady revenue stream even after losing 98 percent of its territory in Syria and Iraq, according to a report from *Foreign Policy* magazine.


**ISIS Affiliate Expands in the Sahel**
*Emily Estelle – Critical Threats: 5 October 2018*

ISIS has lost a huge portion of its land in Iraq and Syria, but it is continuing to expand through its affiliates, namely in West Africa where the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS) is growing. Despite extensive counterterror operations against the group in 2018, ISGS gained popular support in northern Mali and contributed to an escalating Salafi-jihadi insurgency in Burkina Faso.


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- **IS reverting to insurgency tactics after losing caliphate**

- **Nobel Peace Prize Highlights War-Time Sexual Violence**

- **Pro-Islamic State media outlet promotes chemical and biological weapons manuals**

- **Is ISIS beaten? Hassan questions counterterrorism officials**

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  [https://www.nation.co.ke/oped/opinion/Islamic-State-a-threat-/440808-4794402-yhmp76z/index.html](https://www.nation.co.ke/oped/opinion/Islamic-State-a-threat-/440808-4794402-yhmp76z/index.html)

- **Libyan coast remains fertile for ISIS and migrant traffickers**

- **‘Current Trajectory’ of ISIS Resurgence Could Make Group ‘More Dangerous and More Capable’**

- **FBI Warns Drones ‘Will Be Used’ by ISIS, MS13- to Attack U.S.**
TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Predicting the Next ISIS
Colin P. Clarke – The National Interest: 8 October 2018

There is no shortage of potential groups to take ISIS’ place as the most dangerous terrorist group in the world. This article looks at how and where such a group might rise up.

https://nationalinterest.org/feature/predicting-next-isis-32822

Negotiating with the Islamic State and Al-Qaeda
Nozhan Etezadosaltaneh – International Policy Digest: 7 October 2018

The author raises the same point as an article in Foreign Policy magazine that argued that, based on the government’s willingness to talk to the Taliban, the U.S. should consider negotiating with al-Qa‘ida and ISIS. But instead of looking through a security lens, the author looks through the lens of morality.


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- al-Qaeda more likely to focus on small-scale, readily achievable attacks: FBI

- The Hunt: A look at Hezbollah’s capabilities as concern grows again

- Somalia: Al Shabaab distributes financial support to poor families in Mogadishu

- The Two Faces of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula

- New Al Qaeda cell forms in Burkina Faso, as terror group cements foothold in Africa

- Syria: A Second Home for Hezbollah
  https://intpolicydigest.org/2018/10/06/syria-a-second-home-for-hezbollah/

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- Taliban to Let Red Cross Resume Afghan Relief Operations

- Scores of Taliban recruits train at Abu Ubaidah bin Jarrah Training Camp
RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

France’s Fight Against Islamic Radicalization: The Writing Is Still on the Wall
Tsilla Hershco – The Algemeiner: 8 October 2018
France has greatly improved its counterterror abilities but still fails in its attempts at fighting radicalization and the social disenfranchisement that helps cause it.

Current Global CVE Agenda Is a Mixed Bag, But Don’t Throw It Out
Eric Rosand and Emily Winterbotham – Just Security: 10 October 2018
Efforts to counter violent extremism have shown mixed results at best. But that doesn’t mean those efforts should be discarded. The strengths and weaknesses should be taken into account as counterterror programs are examined and rebuilt.
https://www.justsecurity.org/60991/current-global-cve-agenda-mixed-bag-dont-throw/

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‘Free Together’ Initiative To Fight Radicalization Of Youth

“Fighting extremists from Soviets to ISIS”

France’s Fight Against Islamic Radicalization: The Writing Is Still on the Wall
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Growth of extremism and violence
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Religious radicalism as a trend

The Bitter Social Roots of Terror – The Case of Abdelkader Merah

President Ram Nath Kovind lauds Tajikistan’s fight against radicalization

Women playing ever-larger role in radicalization

Measuring the risk of radicalisation – is it really possible?
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Islamic Studies teachers brainstorm on de-radicalisation of insurgents
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FOREIGN FIGHTERS

What Can We Do About Foreign Fighters Returning From Islamic State?
Nikita Malik – Forbes: 10 October 2018

While the United Kingdom has several options for prosecuting returning foreign fighters, they are all very complicated. The government may update its laws to facilitate the prosecution of returning ISIS members.


Part 3: 'I’m going to die here': Wives of ISIS fighters want to return home to Canada
Stewart Bell – Global News: 11 October 2018

In part 3 of a series, a Canadian television network speaks with two Canadian women being held at a camp in Syria for the families of ISIS fighters.


Part 1: Canadian member of Islamic State caught, but RCMP struggle to lay charges against ISIS fighters

Part 2: Islamic State – 'I just want to go back': Canadian ISIS fighter captured in northern Syria speaks out

For more on this theme:

Isis jihadists back in Kosovo ready to die for caliphate
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Here are the challenges police face when trying to charge returning ISIS fighters

Switzerland pressured to repatriate its jihadists from Syria

Syria Kurds Say they Hold 900 Foreign ISIS Militants

UK refuses to take back British ISIS fighters detained in Syria

COMMENTARY: What should we do with Canada’s ISIS fighters?
COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Takeaways from the Trump administration’s new counterterrorism strategy
Daniel L. Byman – Brookings: 5 October 2018

In this analysis of the U.S. government’s newly released National Strategy for Counterterrorism, the author lauds the ideas it presents but laments the lack of specifics for achieving goals.

https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2018/10/05/takeaways-from-the-trump-administrations-new-counterterrorism-strategy/

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Europol joins forces with EU counter-terror network as threat from extremists grows

Terrorism and Civil Society
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UN suggests strategic counterterrorism coalition

ASEAN Terrorism Challenge in the Spotlight with Singapore Symposium
CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

WATER SCARCITY

Is Water Scarcity a Bigger Threat Than the Taliban in Afghanistan?
Soraya Parwani – The Diplomat: 10 October 2018

The United Nations warns that water scarcity in Afghanistan has overtaken war as the major cause for the forced displacement of people.
https://thediplomat.com/2018/10/is-water-scarcity-a-bigger-threat-than-the-taliban-in-afghanistan/

Who Controls the Tap? Addressing Water Security in Asia
Sherri Goodman – Council on Foreign Relations: 10 October 2018

If the U.S. continues to ignore China’s encroachment on Asia’s rivers, the future of 4 billion people could be in jeopardy.
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Iraq’s disappearing Eden: Water shortages could force four million people to flee their homes

Chile, Peru see desal as the solution to water scarcity

IIT innovation may help reduce drinking water scarcity

Going with the flow: ESG investing and water scarcity

Maharashtra campaign to solve water scarcity

Water scarcity: Dams and regulatory policies needed

Two Startups Aim To Fight Water Scarcity With Data

The slum residents trying to prevent a water crisis