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CORRUPTION

From TV To Movies, How Corruption Plays Out On Our Screens
Linda Holmes and Glen Weldon – NPR: 19 November 2018
National Public Radio looks at how current movies, TV and pop culture portray corruption in order to better understand its impact.

Haiti: Six killed in anti-corruption protests
Al Jazeera: 19 November 2018
Six people were killed and at least five wounded when anti-corruption protesters clashed with police last week over the lack of a trial for the alleged misuse of $3.8 billion in public funds Haiti received from Venezuela.

For more on this theme:

Iran: Two people executed for corruption after unfair TV show trial

Swaziland: Private Sector Corrupt, but Public Sector Worse

Banking corruption scandal throws Polish politics into turmoil
https://www.politico.eu/article/banking-corruption-scandal-throws-polish-politics-into-turmoil/

IMF wants to learn from Malaysia’s anti-corruption drive

The importance of fighting corruption is crystal clear
https://emerging-europe.com/voices/the-importance-of-fighting-corruption-is-crystal-clear/

The right to protection from corruption
https://www.newtimes.co.rw/lifestyle/right-protection-corruption

Corruption and Crisis in Latin America and Caribbean Economy

To tackle systemic corruption, Peruvians must vote for political reform
https://www.aei.org/publication/to-tackle-systemic-corruption-peruvians-must-vote-for-political-reform/

Five years after Euromaidan, Ukraine’s new reformers battle corruption
DRUG TRAFFICKING

‘El Chapo’ could be the key to dismantling drug financial networks
Malcolm Beith – The Washington Post: 16 November 2018

Joaquin Archivaldo Guzman Loera, better known as “El Chapo,” could change the way we fight organized crime. His inside knowledge of money laundering techniques could be the key to shutting down criminal syndicates by following the money.


Afghan opium production plunges but continues to fund insurgency
Phillip Walter Wellman – Stars and Stripes: 20 November 2018

A new United Nations report finds that opium-poppy cultivation in Afghanistan is now 20 percent lower than it was in 2017. The report noted a lack of rainfall and falling prices of dry opium across the country; however, the amount of land used to grow opium in all of Afghanistan is still the highest ever recorded. Opium-poppy cultivation and illegal trafficking fuel unrest and increase “funding to terrorist groups in Afghanistan,” the report said.


For more on this theme:
Ukraine, Argentina to cooperate in countering drug trafficking

Coast Guard reauthorization bill to combat maritime drug trafficking

Here’s what’s behind Mexico’s radical move toward legalizing marijuana during its war on drugs

Another decade lost to the global war on drugs
https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/417228-another-decade-lost-to-the-global-war-on-drugs

How Canada marijuana legalization impacts on Latin American drug policy?
https://www.opendemocracy.net/democraciaabierta/parker-asmann/how-canada-marijuana-legalization-impacts-on-latin-american-drug-p

Drug cartels make billions in the US, but somebody else is doing the selling

Instagram becomes hot spot to deal prescription drugs

Canada’s Grand Cannabis Experiment Has Set Scientists Free
TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Tanzania launches 300-man strong anti-poaching force
John Namkwahe and Beldina Nyakeke – The Citizen: 17 November 2018

Tanzania was termed the epicenter of Africa’s elephant poaching crisis after a government census revealed the loss of 60 percent of its elephants between 2009 and 2014. Now the country is building a 300-strong anti-poaching team to fight back.
https://www.thecitizen.co.tz/News/1840340-4856190-j08xqz/index.html

‘Rhino Coin’: Can a Cryptocurrency Help Save Africa’s Rhinoceroses?
Adam Welz – Yale Environment 360: 20 November 2018

Could lifting the global ban on rhino horn trade make a cryptocurrency backed by stockpiles of the horn raise funds to protect the threatened animals? A group of South African ranchers who raise rhinos think so.
https://e360.yale.edu/features/rhino-coin-can-a-cryptocurrency-help-save-africas-rhinoceroses

For more on this theme:
China seen as key for reducing illegal logging in Melanesia
https://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/375990/china-seen-as-key-for-reducing-illegal-logging-in-melanesia

Eel trafficking in the EU, the world’s ‘biggest wildlife crime’

We’re facing a world without elephants: James A. Baker III

Gruesome discovery of Czech tiger farm exposes illegal trade in heart of Europe

The Key to Stopping the Illegal Wildlife Trade: China

To protect our wildlife, our conservationists must be protected, too
https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-a-new-conservation-approach/

China fans the threats to wildlife

Why many poachers get away with it, and a crisis at hand

Australia’s endangered forests are being ‘stolen’ and sold in hardware and office stores
https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-11-21/victorian-forests-appear-to-have-been-logged-illegally/10496424
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

‘Sophisticated' Albanian gangs linked to people trafficking surge in UK
Dan Whitehead – Sky News: 19 November 2018

Albanian gangs are linked to the increase of trafficking victims in the United Kingdom, most of whom are brought from Albania and passed around Europe as commodities through expansive criminal networks.


Kenya: Anti-trafficking hotline proposed
ANSA – InfoMigrants: 21 November 2018

The government of Kenya announced a plan to create a call-in hotline to fight human trafficking. The hotline’s goal would be to accelerate the responses of local authorities.


For more on this theme:

Europe’s immigration barriers branded ‘a gift to traffickers’

Target the buyers to combat modern slavery: campaigners

Expert blames social media for increase in human trafficking

Saudi Arabia, US to enhance cooperation in combating human trafficking

Human traffickers evolve with technology

Air Force Academy cadets teach self-defense to human trafficking victims

Experts push for multi-agency approach in war against child trafficking

Residency permits to be made easier for human trafficking victims

4 ways the US can take the lead in the fight against human trafficking
INTERNET GOVERNANCE

**Net neutrality compliance in France better than elsewhere in Europe**
Clément Nicolas – Euractiv: 14 November 2018

At the Internet Governance Forum in France, the issue of net neutrality was a hot topic. France introduced a cellphone app that allows internet users to monitor their internet service provider’s conduct.


For more on this theme:

*(Zambia) Internet regulation has been secretive and non-participatory — Bloggers of Zambia*

*(France, Global) Paris calling: Emmanuel Macron calls on the world to build trust and stability on the Internet*

*(Global) In A Speech Any Autocrat Would Love, French President Macron Insists The Internet Must Be Regulated*

INTERNET FREEDOM

**Online censorship in Saudi Arabia soared after Jamal Khashoggi’s murder**
Martin Giles – MIT Technology Review: 20 November 2018

After the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, Saudi authorities conducted widespread internet outages, particularly against foreign media websites.


For more on this theme:

*(France) Unpacking France’s “Mission Civilisatrice” To Tame Disinformation on Facebook*
https://www.cfr.org/blog/unpacking-frances-mission-civilisatrice-tame-disinformation-facebook

*(Russia) Facebook’s Fake News War Has Russian Site Crying Censorship*
PRIVACY AND SECURITY

NYC, Barcelona and Amsterdam partner to protect digital rights
Jason Plautz – Smart Cities Dive: 19 November 2018

The newly created Cities Coalition for Digital Rights marks the first time that cities have come together to protect digital rights on a global level.

For more on this theme:

(U.S., Global) A New Global Cyber Innovation Summit is Coming to the U.S.

(Iran) Minister: Iran considering Paris cyber-security initiative
https://www.azernews.az/region/140887.html

(Global) New Internet: Blockchain Technology Could Help Us Take Back Our Data from Facebook, Google and Amazon

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Two cybersecurity policies, one clear new objective
Bill Conner – The Hill: 20 November 2018

With two new federal policies coming into play, the U.S. is making strides toward improving the cyber defense of critical infrastructure. While there is more to do, these policies are a good step forward.
https://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/417451-two-cybersecurity-policies-one-clear-new-objective

For more on this theme:

(Global) The World’s Biggest Hacking Powers Are Sitting Out Attempts To Bring An End To Hacking

(Global) Cyber Deterrence is an Oxymoron for Years to Come
https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/cyber-deterrence-oxymoron-years-come-36352

(EU) Cyber defence: Council updates policy framework
PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

How IoT will help bridge the digital divide in Africa
William Mzimba – IT News Africa: 19 November 2018

The internet of things has proven to be a key enabler in empowering African economies to play a part in connecting the continent to the rest of the globe. The internet of things will allow public/private partnerships to help further eliminate the digital divide throughout the continent.


For more on this theme:

(Global) Magid: Governments, tech seek common ground

(U.S.) DHS, Pentagon To Work With Private Sector On Cyber Defense
https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/dhs-pentagon-to-work-with-private-32976/

(Canada, Global) The City of the Future Is a Data-Collection Machine

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Chinese spies responsible for surge in cyber hacking
Angus Grigg and Nick McKenzie – The Australian Financial Review: 20 November 2018

Australian authorities have warned that China’s security agency directed an uptick in cyber attacks on Australian companies over the past year despite an agreement between the two governments not to steal commercial secrets.


For more on this theme:

(Global) Hijacking the Internet Is Far Too Easy

(EU) ACTA 2.0 – The EU’s New Intellectual Property Law Threatens Fundamental Internet Freedom
CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Building Cyber Resilience in Australia and Beyond
Christopher Pyne – Security Boulevard: 12 November 2018

Christopher Pyne, an Australian member of Parliament, writes that while interconnectedness is valuable, it’s making us more vulnerable to internal and external threats. He discusses what Australia is doing to counter these threats.


For more on this theme:

(NATO) NATO To ‘Integrate’ Offensive Cyber By Members

(Africa) Africa Advances in Internet Connectivity and Access to Technology

(Venezuela) Venezuela: The Country with the Worst Internet Connectivity in Latin America

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

How learning from hackers can protect us from cyber attacks
Danny Palmer – ZDNet: 20 November 2018

To fight cyber crime effectively, governments and industry must become as innovative as the groups they are fighting against.


For more on this theme:

(Uganda) 30 Ugandans undergo five-day cybercrime training
https://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/30-Ugandans-undergo-five-day-cybercrime-training/688334-4861682-15qsftp/index.html

(Global) How artificial intelligence is disrupting cyber crime

(South Africa) The top three industries most attractive to cyber criminals
INFORMATION SHARING

Jerry Petersen – ExecutiveGov: 14 November 2018

The Department of Defense’s inspector general took the agency to task in a report that says four of the department’s components failed to fully implement the 2015 Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act, which aims to encourage the sharing of cyber security threat data between the government and the private sector.


For more on this theme:

(India) India may impose higher penalties to ensure companies report cyber security breaches

(U.S.) Pentagon, DHS Spell Out How They’ll Cooperate on Cyber Defense

(Singapore, Canada, U.S.) Singapore to collaborate with Canada, US on cybersecurity
https://www.zdnet.com/article/singapore-to-collaborate-with-canada-us-on-cybersecurity/

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

UK ‘wholly’ unprepared to stop devastating cyber-attack, MPs warn
The Guardian: 18 November 2018

The United Kingdom’s efforts to protect critical infrastructure from a major cyber attack are “wholly inadequate,” a parliamentary committee said. The joint committee on national security strategy urged the prime minister to appoint a cabinet cyber security minister to provide “focused and proactive political leadership from the centre of government.”


For more on this theme:

(U.S.) US Bulking Up Cyber Defense for Critical Infrastructure

(U.S.) Here’s how Cyber Command’s ‘defend forward’ strategy protects the nation in cyberspace
ISIS

Islamic State’s Future in Afghanistan – Part II
Daud Khattak – The Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies: 19 November 2018

ISIS is banking on several factors to keep it relevant in Afghanistan. Until those factors are eliminated, ISIS will continue to be a problem.
https://bescenter.org/perspectives-papers/islamic-state-future-afghanistan/

Part I: The Islamic State’s Future in Afghanistan
https://bescenter.org/perspectives-papers/islamic-state-afghanistan/

Pakistan’s dangerous denial of ISIS presence in the country
Kunwar Khuldune Shahid – Observer Research Foundation: 16 November 2018

Extremists groups such as Jamaat-ul-Ahrar and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi Al Alami have aligned themselves with ISIS along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, and that region of Pakistan remains vulnerable and volatile. Pakistan must acknowledge ISIS’ existence in the state.

For more on this theme:

Jordan remains vulnerable to ISIS but the fight is on
https://thearabweekly.com/jordan-remains-vulnerable-isis-fight

‘We have lulled ourselves into a false sense of security about IS’

18 things about ISIS you need to know

US Adds IS Leader’s Associate to Terror List

Execution videos show Islamic State influence in Kashmir

What do Islamic State and al-Shabaab have in common with early western Europe?

Inside the Hunt for the World’s Most Dangerous Terrorist

Why the Islamic State Is, Er, Not
TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

The Evolution of the Salafi-Jihadist Threat
Seth G. Jones, Charles Valleé and Danika Newlee – Center for Strategic & International Studies: 20 November 2018

Nearly four times as many Sunni Islamic terrorists are operating around the world today as on September 11, 2001, despite nearly two decades of American-led campaigns to combat al-Qaida and ISIS, according to a study by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

https://www.csis.org/analysis/evolution-salafi-jihadist-threat

Islamic State warns Shabaab of impending battle in Somalia
Thomas Joscelyn and Caleb Weiss – The Long War Journal: 16 November 2018

In ISIS’ most recent Al Naba newsletter, the group directly threatens al-Shabaab, saying that the al-Qaida affiliate is trying to eliminate ISIS from Somalia.


For more on this theme:

Is Bitcoin A Credible Payment System For Terrorists?

ISIS backed Boko Haram faction claims Nigerian attack

Boko Haram set to deploy drones – US Intelligence
http://thenationonlineng.net/watch-boko-haram-drones-us-intelligence-warns/

Al Qaeda in Kashmir: The Strange Tale Of Zakir Musa, The Valley's Loneliest Militant

Same Tune, New Key: Al Shabaab Adapts in the Face of Increased Military Pressure

Idlib’s Rebels Unite Under Al Qaeda Banner While Syria Prepares Offensive

Is Russia full-on supporting Hamas?

The Hamas commander who kept a low profile
https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-5400949,00.html

It’s time to accept Tunisia has an insurgency problem
https://www.trtworld.com/opinion/its-time-to-accept-tunisia-has-an-insurgency-problem-21689
RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Boko Haram brought terror to Niger. Can a defectors program bring peace?
Max Bearak – The Washington Post: 20 November 2018

The U.S. State Department is about to invest millions of dollars into an alternative strategy to deradicalize Boko Haram fighters.


Jihadism in Jordan
Andrew Devereux – The Jamestown Foundation: 17 November 2018

While Jordan has largely been immune to fatal jihadist attacks, the return of its ISIS-taught foreign fighters poses a major threat to the country.

https://jamestown.org/program/jihadism-in-jordan/

For more on this theme:

What drives women to radicalization?

Radicalization, Terrorism, and Prisons – Considering the Latest Trends With the Elcano Royal Institute

An Interview with Dr. John Horgan – Terrorism, Psychology, and Major Issues in the Field


Multi agency counter terror strategies bearing fruits, agencies argue

Lidasan: A horizontal approach to P/CVE
https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1775038

Want to Deradicalize Terrorists? Treat Them Like Everyone Else.
FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Iraq's So-Called “ISIS Families”: Rounded up, Vilified, Forgotten
Belkis Wille – Just Security: 14 November 2018

Affiliation with someone who fought with ISIS, regardless of the circumstances, garners the stigmatized label of “ISIS families.” They have been relegated to camps that are de facto prisons. How Iraq chooses to deal with these families will have a great effect on national security.
https://www.justsecurity.org/61437/iraqs-so-called-isis-families-rounded-up-vilified-forgotten/

For more on this theme:
Children of Canadian ISIS fighters shouldn’t have to pay for parents’ crimes

Malaysia and Indonesia foreign fighter transit routes to Philippines identified

‘Easy for them to blend in’: Foreign terror suspects pose security challenges for Malaysian authorities

COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

How DHS Says It’s Responding to Domestic Terrorism
Frontline – PBS: 20 November 2018

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security offered a written response about its efforts to address domestic terrorism threats – specifically, far-right terrorism. This article outlines the agency’s response and discusses new policies going into effect.

For more on this theme:
The U.S. Has a Domestic Terrorism Problem

REVEALED: How UK counter-terror unit uses rap, graffiti to target Middle Eastern youth

Nigeria, South Africa partner on counter terrorism
https://punchng.com/nigeria-safrica-partner-on-counterterrorism/

Using social media to weaken the wrath of terror attacks
CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

HEALTH SECURITY

**WHO director-general: Violence in DRC is allowing Ebola to spread**

*Helen Branswell – STAT: 19 November 2018*

The Democratic Republic of Congo is suffering the worst Ebola outbreak in its history. More than 200 people have died already, and public health officials are struggling to control the epidemic and track infections because the epicenter is effectively in a war zone frequently afflicted by rebel attacks. This week, 16 World Health Organization workers had to be evacuated from the area after their hotel was hit by a rebel shell.


*For more on this theme:*

**There’s Growing Fear The Ebola Outbreak In Congo Could Get Much Worse**


**DRC 2018 Ebola outbreaks – Crisis update**


**Scientists have estimated the cost of stopping 11 diseases that could kill millions in a pandemic**


**Anti-vaccination stronghold in N.C. hit with state’s worst chickenpox outbreak in 2 decades**