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DETERRENCE: A frightening thought: China erodes America's submarine advantage, Lyle Goldstein, The National Interest (17 August 2015)

To fight on its doorstep, China has deployed new variable depth, dipping active sonars and anti-submarine weapons launched from the new ASW helicopters and long-range fixed wing aircraft, including homing depth charges and soon-to-come killer drone torpedoes in its surface fleet. China is setting up fixed sonar arrays on its seabed as well.

- U.S. navy seeks better sub-hunting technology to counter Putin, Anthony Capaccio, Bloomberg (18 August 2015)
- PLA developing submarines powered by lithium-ion batteries, Staff Reporter, Want China Times (31 May 2015)

GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: In S. Korea, historical distortions Abe could only dream of, Gil Yun-hyung and Jeon Jung-yoon, Hankyoreh (14 October 2015)

The ROK government has decided to replace its textbook authorization system with a state history textbook, angering critics who argue that this is an attempt by a conservative administration to whitewash the past. The government argues it is “correcting” historical textbooks. A return to state-

issued textbooks is further than Japan's Abe administration has even attempted to go in its own textbook re-workings.

- Challenges only beginning for state history textbook, Yoon Min-sik, Korea Herald (14 October 2015)
- South Korea's 'accurate' history textbook mandate stirs controversy, Brian Padden, Voice of America (14 October 2015)
- Park Geun-hye of South Korea defends move to issue state history textbooks, Choe Sang-hun, New York Times (13 October 2015)

AUSTRAL PEACE AND SECURITY: We should bomb Syria because…? (part 2), Rodger Shanahan, The Strategist (14 October 2015)

Cordesman reality check: 'U.S. claims that Iraq has regained some 35% of the territory it lost to ISIS are little more than dishonest spin. The first step in solving a problem is to honestly assess it. No negotiation can work that does not deal with grim realities and divisions created by years of fighting. No amount of U.S. and Russian intervention and argument can bring security or stability.' And for a change, an analysis from within Iraqi civil society.

- The long war in Syria: the trees, the forest, and all the king's men, Anthony H. Cordesman, CSIS (1 Octobr 2015)
- The Mideast's new Cold War: why Russia won't defeat Iraq's extremists, Mustafa Habib, Niqash.org, Informed Comment (12 October 2015)
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