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DETERRENCE: Do unto others: toward a defensible nuclear doctrine, George Perkovich, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (1 April 2013) [PDF, 0.9MB]

The US should declare that it possesses nuclear weapons only to respond to, and thereby deter or defeat, threats to its survival or that of its allies, particularly stemming from any use of nuclear weapons. This policy would raise the threshold of nuclear use to "threats to survival" instead of "extreme circumstances."

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- Report on maintaining U.S.-China strategic stability, International Security Advisory Board, report to US State Department (26 October 2012)
- Playing for time on the edge of the apocalypse: maximizing decision time for nuclear leaders, Christopher A. Ford, in Deterrence: Its past and future, George Shultz, Sidney Drell, James Goodby, Hoover Institution (2011)

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There is always a danger of miscalculation on the peninsula, but if the past is any guide, the cooler heads will prevail, even if there is a miscalculation. Tensions are presently high, but there have been even more tense times. When crisis communications are required, both sides know how to establish them. North Korea's missile capabilities

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ENERGY SECURITY: Crabs, supersized by carbon pollution, may upset Chesapeake's balance, Darryl Fears, The Washington Post (9 April 2013)

Acidification of the Chesapeake Bay may be a parable for the impacts of climate change. While "pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into rebuilding the populations of blue crabs and oysters for future generations"- and keep alive traditional occupations of some people - crabs, lobsters and shrimp are "bulking up on carbon dioxide along the Atlantic coast" while oysters and corals suffer. Similarly, GHGs "might ruin the romantic strategies of people everywhere". Zero-carbon renewable energy will not save us all. GHGs from the US may keep rising with new oil and gas; renewable energy will not prove to be the saviour.

- Will climate change decimate the wine industry? Stephen Stromberg, blog, The Washington Post (8 April 2013)
- The future of energy: more carbon dioxide? An FDR grandson and oilman is betting yes, John Lippert, Jim Efstathiou Jr. and Mike Lee, The Washington Post (5 April 2013)
- The limits of renewable energy, Matthew Stepp, The Washington Post (4 April 2013)

GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: In sign of Chinese frustration with North Korea, 'Daily Show' clip mocking Kim racks up 2.8 million Chinese views, Max Fisher, Washington Post (9 April 2013)

A clip from "The Daily Show" poking fun at the DPRK has had over 2.8 million views in China despite its typically small viewership in the country, perhaps signaling a growing frustration with the DPRK relationship. Despite the harsh rhetoric recently, a senior DPRK official assured Chinese tour operators that there will be "no war on the Korean Peninsula." A majority of Americans now feel that the DPRK's nuclear threats should be taken "very seriously."

- There'll be no war, N. Korea assures Chinese tourists, Chosun Ilbo (28 March 2013)
- Public divided over North Korea's intentions, capability, Pew Research Center for the People & the Press (9 April 2013)

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: Disaster-induced internal displacement in the Philippines: The case of tropical storm Washi/Sendong, Justin Ginnetti et al., Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, Switzerland (2013) [2.15 MB, PDF]

The Philippines has been ranked the tenth-most-vulnerable country to climate change. To put the Philippines' disaster risk into perspective, there are approximately equal numbers of people exposed to tropical cyclones in Japan and the Philippines. A cyclone of the same intensity would kill 17 times more Filipinos due to the nation's greater level of vulnerability, particularly the poor standards of Philippine housing and infrastructure and the numbers of vulnerable people settling in at-risk areas.

- Tropical Storm Washi/Sendong, action review report (draft), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs-UNOCHA (22-23 March 2012) [PDF, 151KB]
- Nearly 200 dead as tropical storm Washi/Sendong hits Philippines, RFI (18 December 2011)

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY: Climate change: source of conflict or promoter of cooperation? Tobias Ide and Jürgen Scheffran, University of Hamburg Research Group Climate Change and Security, Working Paper CLISEC-26 (2013) [PDF, 415KB]

Three perspectives provide a different answer to the question whether climate change is a source of violent conflict onset: the Climate Conflict perspective, the Social Conflict perspective, and the Environmental Peace perspective, which suggests that environmental problems, resource scarcity and natural disasters may provide opportunities for cooperative behavior. The central question is under which conditions the claims of each perspectives are valid.

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- A clear and present danger: the Security Council and climate change, Andrew Holland and Xander Vagg, Flashpoints [blog], The Diplomat 31 March 2013)

- Experts: Corruption could threaten global efforts to slow forest loss, Gabriela Ramirez Galindo, Forest News, CIFOR (1 April 2013)

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