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DETERRENCE: [Critical military issues: The rebalancing strategy and naval operations](#), M. McDevitt, NAPSNet Special Report (29 January 2013)

The November 2011 pivot announced an increase of fraction of US navy ships assigned to the Pacific Fleet from 55 to 60 %, an increase from 157 to 180 ships from today to 2019—a net increase of around 23 ships, most of which would not be stationed permanently in the Pacific.

- [The United States and the Asia-Pacific in 2013](#), Tom Donilon, National Security Advisor to the President, Asia Society, New York (11 March 2013)

- [Repercussions of sequestration and continuing resolution, in The Posture of the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Strategic Command](#), CINCPAC Adm. Samuel Locklear statement to US House Armed Services Committee (5 March 2013) [PDF, 173KB]
 - [Cuts could endanger US 'rebalancing' toward Asia](#), Matthew Pennington, Associated Press (1 March 2013)
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DPRK: [North Korea declares '53 armistice invalid cuts hotline with South following threats](#), Voice of Russia (11 March 2013)

North Korea is not answering one hotline with South Korea, but is answering another one, indicating they do not want complete isolation. Moreover, despite all the war talk, North Koreans continue business as usual at Kaesong Industrial Complex. Incongruous words and actions likely represent internal shear forces and increase the possibility of miscalculation. North Korea almost certainly lacks legal standing to leave the Armistice.

- [S. Korea, US begin drills; North tears up armistice?](#), Kim Hyung-jin and Foster Klug, Dawn Newspaper (12 March 2013)
 - [Reach out to North Korea](#), Donald Gregg, The New York Times (11 March 2013)
 - [Peace and unification in Korea and international law](#), Lyou Byung-hwa, Occasional Papers / Reprints series in contemporary Asian studies ,1986 [DPF, 12.7 MB]
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ENERGY SECURITY: [Nuclear policy responses to Fukushima: Exit, voice, and loyalty](#), M. V. Ramana, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, vol. 69, no. 2 (March 2013) [Subscription required]

It is easy, tempting to do the same thing and expect a different result. Especially as a member of a cult, with the zeal to save the earth and serve people. Fukushima was “not Chernobyl”, after all; just a \$125 billion cleanup bill. The US NRC rejected a construction license for the first time in history. Still, the blind faith in the Second Coming of the Atom Christ will continue. What would Jesus do - go back to the drawing board?

- [In U.S., nuclear energy loses momentum amid economic headwinds, safety issues](#), Steven Mufson, The Washington Post (11 March 2013)
 - [Nuclear plant design needs blue sky approach](#), World Nuclear News (22 January 2013)
 - [The future of the nuclear industry reconsidered: Risks, uncertainties, and continued promise](#), Ioannis N. Kessides, World Bank Working Paper (June 2012)
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GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: [LDP boots anti-nuke advocates from environment panel](#), Tetsu Kobayashi, Asahi Shimbun (5 March 2013)

Japan's ruling party has removed three anti-nuclear members from its Central Environment Council.

These individuals also advocate for more drastic measures to be taken by the Government to combat global warming. Japan's nuclear lobby seems to be regaining strength even as thousands protest nuclear power in Tokyo two years after the Fukushima Daiichi disaster. Google has begun digitally mapping a town deserted after the Fukushima disaster.

- [Two years after Fukushima, Japan's nuclear lobby bounces back](#), Mari Saito and Linda Sieg, Reuters (7 March 2013)
 - [Thousands gather for Tokyo anti-nuclear protest 2 yrs post-Fukushima](#), RT (9 March 2013)
 - [Google begins mapping Japan's nuclear exclusion zone](#), Akiko Fujita, ABC (4 March 2013)
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CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: [Cross-scale barriers to climate change adaptation in local government, Australia](#), Final report, Pierre Mukheibir, Natasha Kuruppu, Anna Gero and Jade Herriman, NCCARF (2013) [2.19 MB, PDF]

Many of the impacts of climate change and variability have been, or will be, experienced at the local level. As a result, local governments in Australia (and overseas) have initiated plans to adapt to these impacts. However, the pathway to planning and implementation of adaptation is not a barrier-free process.

- [Barriers to effective climate change adaptation: draft report](#), Productivity Commission, Australian Government (2012)
 - [Institutional challenges to climate risk management in cities](#), Hartmut Fünfgeld, Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability, no. 2 (2010) [114 KB, PDF]
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CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY: [Chief of US Pacific forces calls climate biggest worry](#), Bryan Bender, Boston Globe (9 March 2013)

Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III said upheaval related to the warming planet "is probably the most likely thing that is going to happen ... that will cripple the security environment. If it goes bad, you could have hundreds of thousands or millions of people displaced and then security will start to crumble pretty quickly."

- [Resilience and the Asia-Pacific rebalance](#), Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, Commander U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. - Indonesia Society (8 February 2013)
 - [The changing Arctic: strategic opportunities and challenges](#), Sherri Goodman, CNA, Presentation to IISS Forum for Arctic Climate Change and Security Geopolitical Workshop (19 December 2012) [PDF, 2.6MB]
 - [The Arab Spring and climate change: a Climate and Security Correlations Series](#), Caitlin E. Werrell and Francesco Femia (eds.), preface by Anne-Marie Slaughter, Center for American Progress, the Stimson Center, and the Center for Climate and Security (February 2013) [PDF, 1.9MB]
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