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DETERRENCE: [How defense austerity will test U.S. strategy in Asia](#), Michael C. Horowitz, NBR Research (7 August 2012) [PDF, 0.2MB]

Air-Sea Battle aims to integrate US Air Force and Navy operations in the West Pacific. It requires investment in F-35 aircraft, Virginia attack submarines, and R&D into robotics, and systems such as the X-47B drone based on aircraft carriers. Equal budget shares to the services must be traded off against the costs of "rebalancing."

- [Strategic restraint in the Near Seas](#), Doug Bandow, Orbis, pp. 486-502 (11 June 2012)
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- [US to deploy drones over Diaoyutais](#), J. Cole, Taipei Times (8 August 2012)
 - [Autonomy is key to submarine drones](#), W.J. Hennigan, Los Angeles Times (10 February 2012)
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DPRK: [DPRK delegation visits Beijing](#), Ding Qingfen and Li Xiaokun, People's Daily online (14 August 2012)

South Korea and Japan remain unable to resolve historic issues thus hampering discussions of strategic importance. North Korea broadens economic and diplomatic outreach with high-level visits to China, Vietnam and Laos. Japan and North Korea also seem to have a nascent rapprochement with the first official talks between them in 4 years, holding talks between the Red Cross societies, and allowing Kim Jong Il's former sushi chef to come and go.

- [U.S. must sit on fence amid Japan-South Korea isle row](#), Japan Times Online (12 August 2012)
 - [The spillover effect of a nuclear-free and peaceful Korea: necessity of audacity for audacity](#), Wooksik Cheong (March 2009) [PDF, 219.6KB]
 - [Japan, North Korea to hold first official talks in 4 years in latest sign of thaw](#), The Washington Post, (14 August 2012)
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Energy Security: [Climate change is here - and worse than we thought](#), James E. Hansen, The Washington Post (3 August 2012)

Jim Hansen helped Al Gore launch the global warming scare with his Senate testimony in 1988. He is now more pessimistic and calls for "gradually rising fee on carbon ... with 100 percent of the money rebated to all legal residents on a per capita basis." This could become a part of a new "consensus" Fred Krupp of ED calls for, in light of changing views on climate change. But no Gore any more; the Special Envoy on Climate Change is asking for "flexibility", leaving the Copenhagen flexible trap of "2 degrees Celsius" target aside.

- [A new climate-change consensus](#), Fred Krupp, Wall Street Journal (6 August 2012)
 - [Remarks at Dartmouth College](#), Todd Stern, US Department of State (2 August 2012)
 - [The conversion of a climate-change skeptic](#), Richard A. Muller, New York Times (28 July 2012)
 - [Changing views about a changing climate](#), National Public Radio (3 August 2012)
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GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: [S. Korea's Lee tells Japan to settle grievances](#), Agence France Presse (13 August 2012)

Korean and Japanese sovereignty issues over the Dokdo Islets (Takeshima in Japan) flared up after ROK President Lee made an unprecedented visit to the islands, calling on Japan to settle historical grievances, and a ROK Olympian held a sign reading "Dokdo is our land" after defeating Japan. Japan recalled its envoy and may postpone talks that were to be held on the sidelines of next month's APEC summit. The ROK announced it would not build a planned research base on Dokdo, citing environmental concerns.

- [Noda may skip S. Korea summit after Lee's disputes isles trip](#), Naoko Fujimura, Bloomberg Businessweek (12 August 2012)
 - [Korea won't fortify Dokdo after all](#), Chosun Ilbo (13 August 2012)
 - [Politics keeps South Korea soccer player off medal podium](#), Katie Hunt and K. J. Kwon, CNN (13 August 2012)
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CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: [Community-based climate adaptation planning: case study of Oakland, California](#), California Natural Resources Agency (July 2012) [1.79 MB, PDF]

The local, state, and federal governments are beginning to take action through the development of action plans and regulatory initiatives to prevent climate change from exacting its worst toll (mitigation) and to prepare for its unavoidable impacts (adaptation). As communities become aware of distinct vulnerabilities to environmental hazards, they need information about the types of policies and plans to put into place.

- [City of Oakland: energy and climate action plan](#), City of Oakland (2011) [7.38 MB, PDF]
 - [What will Oakland's energy and climate action plan look like?](#) Ryan Van Lenning, Center for Media Change (2010)
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Rio+20 - The Future We Want

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The Rio+20 UN conference on sustainable development ended with an ineffectual and hollow document, titled 'The Future We Want'

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY: [The hunger wars in our future](#), Michael Klare, Al Jazeera (11 August 2012)

At this point, the focus is on the immediate consequences of the still ongoing Great Drought: dying crops, shrunken harvests, and rising food prices. But keep an eye out for the social and political effects that undoubtedly won't begin to show up here or globally until later this year or 2013. Better than any academic study, these will offer us a hint of what we can expect in the coming decades from a hunger-games world of rising temperatures, persistent droughts, recurring food shortages and billions of famished, desperate people.

- [The new climate dice: public perception of climate change](#), James Hansen, Makiko Sato, and Reto Ruedy, Science Briefs, NASA (August 2012)
 - [Scientific case for avoiding dangerous climate change to protect young people and nature](#), J. Hansen, P. et al., Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (submitted 2012) [PDF, 600KB]
 - [Links between climate change, conflict and governance in Africa](#), Wario Roba Adano and Fatuma Daudi, Institute for Security Studies, Paper 234 (May 2012) [PDF, 736KB]
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