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## **Reports**

**Item#1**

CHINA'S GROWING ROLE IN UN PEACEKEEPING. International Crisis Group. April 17, 2009.

Over the past twenty years China has become an active participant in U.N. peacekeeping, a development that will benefit the international community. Beijing has the capacity to expand its contributions further and should be encouraged to do so, according to the report. China's approach to peacekeeping has evolved considerably since it assumed its UN Security Council (UNSC) seat in 1971, when it rejected the entire concept of peacekeeping.

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[http://www.crisisgroup.org/library/documents/asia/north\\_east\\_asia/166\\_chinas\\_growing\\_role\\_in\\_un\\_peacekeeping.pdf](http://www.crisisgroup.org/library/documents/asia/north_east_asia/166_chinas_growing_role_in_un_peacekeeping.pdf) [PDF format, 48 pages].

**Item#2**

DO FRIENDS INFLUENCE PURCHASES IN A SOCIAL NETWORK? Harvard Business School. Raghuram Iyengar et al. April 2009.

Social networks, such as Facebook and Myspace have witnessed a rapid growth in their membership. Some of these businesses have tried an advertising-based model with very limited success. This potential viral or social effect can have significant impact on the success of these companies as well as provide a unique new marketing opportunity for traditional companies, say the authors. The 40% of the users who are moderately connected, show reasonable non-purchase activity on the site and have a strong and positive effect due to friends' purchases. However, 12% of the users who are highly active show 14% drop in the influence purchases.

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<http://www.hbs.edu/research/pdf/09-123.pdf> [PDF format, 36 pages].

**Item#3**

THE EU CAN IGNORE EASTERN EUROPE AT ITS OWN PERIL. Yale Global. Katinka Barysch. April 17, 2009.

At the G-20 meeting and subsequent media commentaries, focus has been on the travails of the European Union. But Eastern Europe is often lost sight of in the expression of cautious optimism about the EU economy weathering the storm. The former Soviet bloc countries, cautions the author, Katinka Barysch, are still at risk from the financial crisis with serious negative consequences for the West.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/display.article?id=12265> [HTML format, various paging].

#### **Item#4**

FAITH IN GLOBAL WARMING: RELIGIOUS GROUPS' VIEWS ON EARTH WARMING EVIDENCE. Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. April 16, 2009.

The survey examines views on global warming among major religious traditions in the U.S. The unaffiliated, 58%, are the most likely among the religious groups studied to say there is solid evidence the earth is warming because of human activity. White evangelical Protestants are the most likely to say there is no solid evidence the earth is warming, 31%, and the least likely to believe that humans have contributed to heating up the planet (34%).

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<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1194/global-warming-belief-by-religion> [HTML format, various paging].

#### **Item#5**

HOW UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS USE CREDIT CARDS. Sallie Mae. Web posted April 21, 2009.

In this time of credit crunch and economic downturn, college students are relying on credit cards more than ever before. Nearly every indicator measured in spring 2008 showed an increase in credit card usage since the last study was conducted in fall 2004. Nine in 10 undergraduates reported paying for direct education expenses with credit cards, and the average amount they charged more than doubled since the last study. Many college students seem to use credit cards to live beyond their means, not just for convenience, and more than three-quarters incurred finance charges by carrying a monthly balance.

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<http://www.salliemae.com/NR/rdonlyres/OBD600F1-9377-46EA-AB1F-6061FC763246/10744/SLMCreditCardUsageStudy41309FINAL2.pdf> [PDF format, 19 pages].

#### **Item#6**

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL CRIME AND SAFETY: 2008. National Center for Education Statistics and Bureau of Justice Statistics. Rachel Dinkes et al. April 2009.

The report examines crime occurring in school as well as on the way to and from school. It provides the most current detailed statistical information to inform the Nation on the nature of crime in schools. The report presents data on crime at school from the perspectives of students, teachers, principals, and the general population.

Full Text:

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2009/2009022.pdf> [PDF format, 169 pages].

**Item#7**

THE INTERNET'S ROLE IN CAMPAIGN 2008. Pew Internet & American Life Project. Aaron Smith. April 15, 2009.

Some 74% of internet users, representing 55% of the entire adult population, went online in 2008 to get involved in the political process or to get news and information about the election. This marks the first time that a Pew Internet & American Life Project survey has found that more than half of the voting-age population used the internet to get involved in the political process during an election year.

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[http://www.pewinternet.org/~media/Files/Reports/2009/The\\_Internets\\_Role\\_in\\_Campaign\\_2008.pdf](http://www.pewinternet.org/~media/Files/Reports/2009/The_Internets_Role_in_Campaign_2008.pdf) [PDF format, 92 pages].

**Item#8**

IS IT TIME TO INVEST IN UNITED STATES SOLAR MANUFACTURING? Deloitte LLP. Web posted April 20, 2009.

The U.S. has the potential to be the next big emerging market for solar. As policymakers work to balance the challenges of issues such as energy independence, climate change and economic growth, many see the solar industry sitting squarely in the sweet spot, according to the report. Not only does the U.S. represent a big potential market for solar power, it also has the potential to become a world leader in solar manufacturing.

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[http://www.deloitte.com/dtt/cda/doc/content/us\\_consulting\\_debates\\_USSolarEnergy\\_030309.pdf](http://www.deloitte.com/dtt/cda/doc/content/us_consulting_debates_USSolarEnergy_030309.pdf) [PDF format, 4 pages].

**Item#9**

THE KOREAS: A TALE OF TWO TRIANGLES. Yale Center for the Study of Globalization. Han Sung-Joo. April 10, 2009.

Underneath friendly competition between the U.S. and China, there is the potential for instability and conflict. It gives countries like South Korea not only with the chance to mediate between the two powers and play a larger role on the world stage, but also with the challenge of maintaining neutrality. According to the author, such opportunities can be understood better by imagining interlocking triangles in which the US and China form two points and either South or North Korea form the third.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/display.article?id=12228> [HTML format, various paging].

#### **Item#10**

A PORTRAIT OF UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS IN THE UNITED STATES. Pew Research Center. Jeffrey S. Passel and D'Vera Cohn. April 14, 2009.

Unauthorized immigrants living in the United States are more geographically dispersed than in the past and are more likely than either U.S.-born residents or legal immigrants to live in a household with a spouse and children. In addition, a growing share of the children of unauthorized immigrant parents, 73%, were born in this country and are U.S. citizens.

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<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1190/portrait-unauthorized-immigrants-states> [HTML format, various paging].

#### **Item#11**

URBAN TRENDS AND POLICY IN CHINA. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Lamia Kamal-Chaoui et al. April 22, 2009.

The paper provides an introduction to urban trends and policies in China. It describes urban growth trends, where and in what kinds of cities growth is occurring, how China's cities are governed, and how public policy has influenced the extent, pace, and spatial distribution of urbanization.

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<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/28/21/42607972.pdf> [PDF format, 70 pages].