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Top Story

Bombings, Beheadings? Stats Show a Peaceful World


 **Associated Press** [Associated Press](#) Joshua Goldstein, professor emeritus of international relations, spoke to the [Associated Press](#) about the world becoming less violent even though wars are still causing casualties. “We see the atrocities and they are atrocious. The blood is going to be just as red on the television screens,” said Goldstein. **More than 340 news outlets**, including [MSNBC.com](#), [NPR.org](#), and [CBSNews.com](#), republished the article. (10/22)

Op-Eds/AU Authors


Global Rebalancing Act at the G-20

 In an opinion piece on [CNN.com's Global Public Square](#), **Matthias Matthijs**, assistant professor of international politics, discussed the challenges for debtor and creditor countries to rebalance their economies before the G-20 meeting in France. “The creditors, like Germany and China, see the crisis as a problem of profligate spending and irresponsible borrowing in the debtor countries, while debtors, like Greece and the United States, see the crisis as a problem of unfair competitive practices on behalf of their lenders,” wrote Matthijs. (10/24)

Filmmakers, Celebrities Create Market for Exotic Animals

 As guest columnists for [Washingtonpost.com's College Inc.](#), **Chris Palmer**, director of the Center for Environmental Filmmaking, and AU graduate student Angeli Gabriel criticized the existence of exotic game farms and keeping wild animals as pets. The issue came to national attention last week when 50 animals escaped an Ohio game farm. “By leaving wild animals in their natural habitats, tragedies like the massacre in Ohio can be prevented. For the sake of the animals and for the safety of humans, wildlife should remain as nature intended: free,” they wrote. (10/23)

Old Pitfalls Face the New Libya

 In a [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) op-ed, **Charles Call**, assistant professor of international peace and conflict resolution, argued that the international community should pressure the Libyan National Transitional Council to adhere to high international standards concerning the rights and inclusion of all Libyans. “As Libya enters this postwar phase, the United States and its allies must take further steps to assure that it's on a path to peace, democracy, and integration into the global community,” wrote Call. (10/26)

Courting America without Getting China in a Tizz

 In his [Bangkok Post](#) commentary, **Amitav Acharya**, UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance, analyzed Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) members' desire for active U.S. engagement in the region to serve as a counterweight to China. “ASEAN has to think very carefully about how far it might want to go to seek America's involvement, especially when it comes to security in the South China Sea. Courting Washington without hurting Beijing will be a daunting challenge,” wrote Acharya. (10/21)

Expertise

At Least It's Not an Audit

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

The [Wall Street Journal's](#) blog *Total Return* quoted **David Kautter**, managing director of the Kogod Tax Center, about a new IRS pilot program to notify taxpayers about possible filing discrepancies. "Even if the IRS is wrong, the sooner we [accountants] know about a perceived problem, the faster we can deal with it. And if there is a problem, settling it sooner will stop the interest clock running," said Kautter. (10/26)

Herman Cain's Smoking Video: What Was the Message?



Mike Carberry, Kogod School of Business executive in residence, talked to the [Washington Post](#) about GOP hopeful Herman Cain's unusual viral political advertisement featuring Cain's chief of staff taking a drag on a cigarette and blowing smoke as he looked into the camera lens. "Perhaps it's just so different that it's an attempt to break through the clutter," said Carberry. **Leonard Steinhorn**, professor of public communication, also discussed the ad on [WTTG-FOX5's News Edge at 6:00](#) (10/26, 10/25)

Miss Representation: How Females are Portrayed in the Media



For a [Huffington Post](#) article about *Miss Representation*, a documentary about how females are portrayed in the media, **Jennifer Lawless**, director of the Women & Politics Institute, commented about the media's treatment of female political candidates. "Voters take cues from the media. And if voters believe that it's okay not only to evaluate female candidates using different criteria, but also that it's okay to say to the women things like—and this actually happened to me—'You're not nearly as fat in real life as you look on TV,' then is it really that surprising that women doubt they have the thick skin required to enter politics?" said Lawless. (10/21)

Obama's Toughest Opponent: State Election Laws?



Jan Leighley, professor of government, discussed with [National Journal](#) the potential impact of new state election laws on voter turnout in 2012. Leighley said new laws, like documentation requirements and early voting restrictions, will "increase the cost of voting," and campaigns may have to "hold a lot of hands" to convince new or unreliable voters that voting is worth the effort. (10/24)

Under the Hood: The Cost of Bureaucracy



HARVARD POLITICAL REVIEW **Robert Durant**, professor of public administration and policy, talked to [Harvard Political Review online](#) about the nature of federal bureaucracy and the difficulties in making it more efficient. There is no one "federal bureaucracy," said Durant. Regarding the inefficiencies of this system he continued, "When you try to reorganize agencies, you have to simultaneously reorganize the congressional committee structures which oversee those agencies. And members of those committees are going to resist." (10/24)

This Week's Bonus Clip



Washington, D.C.'s **10 Most Pedestrian-Friendly Neighborhoods** [TBD.com](#) ranked American University Park one of the 10 most pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods, citing the **Katzen Arts Center** and **AU's campus vibe**. (10/25)