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Staff members of the International Monetary Fund conclude on the basis of experiences across the world that unhindered international economic interchange, the core principle of globalization, seems to underpin greater prosperity. Nancy Birdsall, founding president of the Center for Global Development, argues that globalization is not benefiting all and that a major challenge of the twenty-first century will be to address persistent and unjust inequality, which global markets alone cannot resolve.

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Julia Galeota of McLean, Virginia, who was seventeen years old when she wrote her essay that won first place for her age category in the 2004 *Humanist* Essay Contest for Young Women and Men of North America, contends that many cultures around the world are gradually disappearing due to the overwhelming influence of corporate and cultural America. Philippe Legrain, chief economist of Britain in Europe, an organization supporting the adoption by Great Britain of the euro as its currency, counters that it is a myth that globalization involves the imposition of Americanized uniformity, rather than an explosion of cultural exchange.

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Robert B. Reich, professor of public policy at the University of California, Berkeley, and former U.S. secretary of labor, writes that capitalism leaves democratic societies unable to address the tradeoffs between economic growth and social problems. Taking the opposite point of view, Anthony B. Kim, a policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation's Center for International Trade and Economics, contends that economic progress through advancing economic freedom has allowed more people to discuss and adopt different views more candidly, ultimately leading societies to be more open and inclusive.

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Ivan Eland, senior fellow at the Independent Institute, a libertarian think tank in Oakland, California and Washington, DC, contends that neither the Republican nor the Democratic Party in the United States has shown any inclination to follow the wise counsel of the country's founders such as George Washington and practice restraint in the country's overseas involvement. By contrast, Barack Obama, then a Democratic U.S. senator from Illinois and the 2008 nominee of the Democratic Party for president, sharply criticizes the foreign policy of President George W. Bush for undercutting American leadership of the world and argues that it is time to reclaim that leadership through a new approach.

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Tucker Herbert and Diane Raub, both of whom are on the staff of the *Stanford Review*, an independent, student-run newspaper at Stanford University, argue that under President Vladimir Putin, Russia has fallen from the ranks of democracies and is engaged in a foreign policy that pits U.S. interests against those of Russia. Eugene B. Rumer, a senior research fellow at the National Defense University's Institute for National Strategic Studies in Washington, DC, recognizes that Russian democracy falls short of full scale and that Russian policy sometimes clashes with that of the United States, but argues that compared with the history of Russian democracy, which was zero before the 1990s, the country is not doing poorly and that Russia's pursuit of its own interests should not be construed as necessarily antagonistic.

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John J. Tkacik, Jr., a senior research fellow in China policy at the Asian Studies Center of the Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC, contends that the evidence suggests instead that China's intent is to challenge the United States as a military superpower. Disagreeing, Samuel A. Bleicher, principal in his international consulting firm, The Strategic Path LLC, argues that while China has made some remarkable economic progress, the reality is that the Chinese "Communist" central government and Chinese economic, social, political, and legal institutions are quite weak.

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Patricia Berlyn, an author of studies on Israel, primarily its ancient history and culture, refutes 12 arguments supporting the creation of an independent state of Palestine, maintaining that such a state would not be wise, just, or desirable. Rosemary E. Shinko, who teaches in the department of political science at the University of Connecticut, contends that a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians must be founded on a secure and sovereign homeland for both nations.

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Lawrence B. Wilkerson, the Pamela C. Harriman Visiting Professor of Government and Public Policy at the College of William and Mary and formerly chief of staff to Secretary of State Colin Powell, tells Congress that most U.S. forces in Iraq should be quickly withdrawn because they are poorly positioned to protect U.S. interests and are exacerbating the antagonisms that make it difficult to defeat terrorism. Rejecting this position Michael Eisenstadt, a senior fellow and director of The Washington Institute's Military and Security Studies Program, contends that there is no doubt that the surge of U.S. forces into Iraq in 2007 has dramatically improved the security environment in Iraq, and that too rapid a withdrawal would reverse the gains that have been made.

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Norman A. Bailey, a senior fellow at the Potomac Foundation, a conservative think tank in Vienna, Virginia, and formerly senior director of international economic affairs for the National Security Council, argues that Venezuela's President Hugo Chávez is ruining the country economically, destroying its democracy, and undertaking foreign policies, including supporting terrorism, which threaten hemispheric stability. Taking a more sympathetic viewpoint toward Venezuela, Jennifer McCoy, professor of political science, Georgia State University and director of The Americas Program at The Carter Center, argues that the reforms Hugo Chávez has instituted in Venezuela are very popular there, that the charges that he supports terrorism are overdrawn, and that the best course for U.S. foreign policy is to start with positive signals and focus on pragmatic concerns of interest to both countries.

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Susan E. Rice, a senior fellow in foreign policy and global economics and development at the Brooking Institution, formerly U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs and nominated to be U.S. Ambassador to the UN in January 2009, says that using military force is long overdue to halt what she portrays as an ongoing genocide in Darfur. Alex de Waal, program director at the Social Science Research Council, a research organization in New York City, contends that inserting a military force into a very unstable situation would not likely bring success and that using diplomacy to create a situation where all sides want peace is a better strategy for now.

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Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, describes the World Trade Organization as beneficial to U.S. strategic and economic interests and argues that there is overwhelming value to be gained through continued U.S. participation in the organization. Lori Wallach, director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, part of Public Citizen, a Washington, DC–based advocacy group, maintains that Congress should demand a transformation of WTO trade rules because they have failed to achieve the promised economic gains and have also undercut an array of nontrade, noneconomic policies and goals advantageous to the public interest in the United States and abroad.

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Patrick A. Mulloy, Washington representative of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and formerly a U.S. assistant secretary of commerce for international trade administration, tells Congress that the upsurge of investments in the United States by sovereign wealth funds presents economic and national security problems for the country. To the contrary, Stuart E. Eizenstat, a partner in Covington & Burling, a Washington, DC, law firm and formerly chief domestic policy adviser to the U.S. president, undersecretary of state, and deputy secretary of the treasury, reassures Congress that sovereign wealth funds bolster the U.S. economy and balance a significant net plus for the U.S. economy.

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Dan Siciliano, executive director, Program in Law, Business, and Economics, and research fellow with the Immigration Policy Center at the American Immigration Law Foundation, Stanford Law School, contends that immigration provides many economic benefits for the United States. Barry R. Chiswick, UIC Distinguished Professor, and program director, Migration Studies IZA–Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn, Germany, takes the position that legal immigration has a negative impact on the U.S. economy and that illegal immigration increases the problems.

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Christopher Hemmer, an associate professor in the Department of International Security Studies at the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama, writes that while a nuclear-armed Iran will pose challenges for the United States, they can be met through an active policy of deterrence, containment, engagement, and the reassurance of America's allies in the region. Disputing that assertion, Norman Podhoretz, editor-at-large of the opinion journal *Commentary*, argues that the consequences of Iran acquiring nuclear weapons will be disastrous and that there is far less risk using whatever measures are necessary, including military force, to prevent that than there is in dealing with a nuclear-armed Iran.

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Jeff Kueter, President of the George C. Marshall Institute, a conservative think tank in Washington, DC, urges continued support for building a defense against missile attacks because doing so would provide options

for addressing a growing threat in an uncertain world. Taking the opposite side, Philip E. Coyle, III, senior advisor at the Center for Defense Information, a liberal think tank in Washington, DC, and former U.S. assistant secretary of defense, takes the view that trying to build a missile defense system will be very expensive, is unlikely to work, and will reignite a destabilizing nuclear arms race.

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Brett D. Schaefer, the Jay Kingham Fellow in International Regulatory Affairs at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank in Washington, DC, contends that the increased number and size of recent UN deployments have overwhelmed the capabilities of the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, leading to problems that make support of UN peacekeeping questionable. William J. Durch, senior associate at the Henry L. Stimson Center, an internationalist-oriented think tank in Washington, DC, acknowledges that UN peacekeeping has had problems, but argues that the UN is making major reforms and deserves strong support.

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John R. Bolton, at the time U.S. under secretary of state for arms control and international security and beginning in 2005, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, explains why President George W. Bush had decided to reject membership in the International Criminal Court. Taking a different position, Jonathan F. Fanton, president of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, which is headquartered in Chicago, IL, and is among the world's largest independent foundations, maintains that creation of the International Court of Justice is an important step toward creating a more just world, and that the fear that many Americans have expressed about the court have not materialized.

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Kate Martin, director of the Center for National Security Studies, criticizes what she describes as extraordinary and unsupportable claims by the executive branch that the president is free to ignore statutory law and violate civil rights in order to conduct the war against terror. She also notes that the president's stand has been repeatedly rejected by the courts. Rebutting this point of view, David B. Rivkin, a partner in the law firm of Baker & Hostetler and former deputy director of the Office of Policy Development, U.S. Department of Justice, contends that while some aspects of the treatment of accused foreign terrorists in U.S. custody have not met the civil liberties standards normally enjoyed by Americans, the Bush administration's policies have been indispensable in protecting Americans during the war on terrorism and that the administration's legal positions have generally been upheld by the courts.

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James Inhofe, a Republican member of the U.S. Senate from Oklahoma, tells the Senate that objective, evidence-based science is beginning to show that the predictions of catastrophic humanmade global warming are overwought. Rejecting Senator Inhofe's contentions, Barbara Boxer, a Democratic member of the U.S. Senate from California, responds that Senator Inhofe's is one of the very few isolated and lonely voices that keeps on saying we do not have to worry about global warming, while, in reality, it is a major problem that demands a prompt response.

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Harold Hongju Koh, the Gerard C. and Bernice Latrobe Smith Professor of International Law at Yale University and former U.S. assistant secretary of state contends that the United States cannot champion progress for women's human rights around the world unless it is also a party to the global women's treaty. Grace Smith Melton, an associate for social issues at the United Nations with the Richard and Helen DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society at The Heritage Foundation, contends that ratifying would neither advance women's equality nor serve American foreign policy interests, including the security and advancement of women around the globe.

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William J. Perry, former U.S. secretary of defense, reviews and generally supports the statements and early policy moves of the Obama administration with regard to strategic nuclear weapons. Keith B. Payne, professor in and head of the Department of Defense and Strategic Studies at Missouri State University, outlines "six major concerns" he has with the apparent early direction of the Obama administration's efforts to reestablish strategic arms control as a centerpiece of U.S.-Russian engagement.

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