

AIR FORCE

Neck muscle strain in air force pilots wearing night vision goggles/ Magnus Wallquist Pousette

The aim of the study was to investigate the effect of NVG on neck muscle strain as well as on the activity level distribution through a simulated flight session in air force pilots.

Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance: Vol. 87, No. 11, November 2016, pp. 928-932 (62)

NORTH KOREA

UN struggles over North Korea's actions/ Kelsey Davenport

North Korea has tested the Musudan eight times in 2016. Secretary of State and defense secretary met with South Korean counterparts in Washington to discuss a range of issues, including the threat posed by North Korea's nuclear and missile programs.

Arms Control Today: Vol. 46 No. 9, November 2016, pp.30-31 (5)

POLICY ANALYSIS

Policy neutrality and uncertainty: an info-gap perspective/ Yakov Ben-Haim

This article taking into account of reducing uncertainty as a central goal of intelligence analysis. It can mean: a) reduce ignorance or ambiguity or potential for surprise in describing situations or intentions, or b) reduce adverse impacts of ignorance, ambiguity or surprise on decision outcomes. The author highlights that analysts should identify policy options that are robust to uncertainty, and that reducing the impact of uncertainty requires awareness of policymakers' goals. The case study discussed includes the assessment of Iraqi WMD capability in 2002.

Intelligence and National Security: Vol.31, No.7, December 2016, pp.978-992 (99)

INTELLIGENCE

Intelligence gathering and the relationship between rulers and spies: some lessons from eminent and lesser-known classics/ Stefano Musco

This paper aims to examine the relevance of intelligence gathering as an essential prerequisite for any political or military decision, and the resulting special relationship between rulers and spies, through a theoretical comparison between renowned classics and niche literature on strategy, literature, philosophy and political science belonging to several periods and historical contexts.

Intelligence and National Security: Vol.31, No.7, December 2016, pp.1025-1039 (99)

CYBER SECURITY

Liberating cyber offense/ James E. McGhee

This article focuses on offensive cyber operations as an important concern on national defense and provide commanders with unique capabilities to thwart enemy attacks. Conducting cyber operations is not as simple as pushing a button on a keyboard. Challenges involving cyber operations frustrate operators and commanders alike. Four specific problem areas exist, but certain recommended changes can assist operators and commanders to more efficiently conduct cyber operations.

Strategic Studies Quarterly: Winter 2016 Vol.10 No.4, pp.46-63 (50)

CYBER SECURITY

Learning: changing the security landscape/ Cameron Bentley

This article explains how eLearning is able to provide an invaluable tool as security education is being revolutionized

Intersec:

November/December 2016, pp.114-16 (69)

COUNTER TERRORISM

Talking to the Muslim world: how, and with whom?

The struggle against terrorism in the Middle East, and the success of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria in its use of social media to spread its ideas, has led to a search for new messages to counter the appeal of violent extremists. Thus far, United States counter-messaging has failed to articulate a normative position that is compelling to its target audiences. The US has also not found an effective way to speak to and with other parts of the Muslim world. This article shows that these failures are not accidental but reflect profound factors in American culture and society. The US' normative position has also failed to take into account the crucial differences between 'liberals' and 'moderates' in the Muslim world. To proceed one must acknowledge that there are two fundamentally different interpretations of Islam, both of which are supported by a close reading of the Quran and other major texts. To draw on that difference requires drawing on voices and resources not available in the US. This article proposes a way forward that both acknowledges the inherent weaknesses and liabilities of the US government as a messenger and points to more credible messengers within the Muslim world.

International Affairs:

November 2016, Vol.92 No.6, pp.1361-1379 (32)

UNITED STATES

Trump's foreign policy is unilateral - and worrying./ Ian Bremmer

This article and many more coverage on 2016 United State Presidential campaign that highlight in depth details and arguments on political analysis.

Time:

Vol 188, No. 21, November 2016, pp. 14 (135)

MILITARY ETHICS

Make morale our first priority/ David Tyler

Morale has become undervalued and only superficially understood. It has tremendous effect on readiness and is the decisive factor in combat operations. The key to generating good morale is to employ techniques that resonate with the cultural norms of the group.

Proceedings US Naval Institute:

November 2016, pp.70-72 (86)

MIDDLE EAST

Islamist power grab derails democracy in Turkey/ Kerem A-ktemCurrent

A failed coup has only accelerated President Erdoğan's consolidation of power, giving him a pretext to unleash massive purges that aim to silence opposition and reshape society.

Current History:

December 2016, pp.331-336 (20)

MIDDLE EAST

Middle-eastern meltdown/ Anthony Tucker-Jones

This article reports on the latest calamities facing Syria and Iraq, which has led to a growing concern for greater international action.

Intersec:

November/December 2016, pp.10-12 (69)

FOREIGN POLICY

The origins and consequences of US nonintervention in Syria/ Faysal Itani

Barack Obama's disdain for the foreign-policy establishment's "playbook" kept him from taking aggressive action in Syria, allowing a humanitarian disaster to spiral unchecked.

Current History:

December 2016, pp.337-342 (20)

PEACEKEEPING

The future of humanitarian action/ Ban Ki-MoonUN

The issues highlighted provide a wide variety of perspectives on the future of humanitarianism, along with personal reflections on how to deal with an exponential increase in humanitarian need arising from the unprecedented scale and complexity of current crises.

Chronicle

Vol LIII No.1, 2016 (May 2016) pp.5-42 (51)

NAVAL

Lessons learned for maritime combat/ Fred Pyle, et.al

This article identifies the most critical shortcomings of United States Navy integrated warfighting team and how they could best improve their combat capability.

Proceedings US Naval Institute:

January 2016, pp.30-35 (86)

NAVAL

Rethinking survivability/ Ryan Hilger

The navy needs a fresh approach as it assesses how current and future ship classes will hold up structurally against evolving weaponry.

Proceedings US Naval Institute:

January 2016, pp.36-41 (86)

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