## Article # 1: “Global Trends 2025”

What country will have the most impact on the world over the next 20 years?

What is one of the best ways to diminish the appeal of terrorism?

What will be characteristic of U.S. population growth in the next 20 years?

What is state capitalism?

## Article # 2: “Geopolitics of Food”

What have the world’s soaring food prices contributed to?

What has accounted for the doubling of grain prices since 2007?

What are some consequences of converting grain into fuel?

What are some consequences of secret land grabs?

## Article # 3 “End of Easy”

What is the overall conclusion reached by the author?

David O'Reilly, former Chief Executive Officer of Chevron, took the position that “the end of easy oil is over.” What was the purpose behind his statement?

What is the primary problem with hydro-fracking?

## Article # 5: “World Needs America”

The balance in a new, multipolar world might be more favorable to democracy if the slack from a declining United States were picked up other democracies. What are some of these democracies?

Do the Chinese really value an open economic system?

Does the author contend that a return to multipolarity will bring peace or conflict?

What are possible consequences of the unfolding human progress on the international order?

## Article # 6: “New Population Bomb”

What factors resulted in extreme population growth in Europe reversing after World War I? (e.g., Asia, Africa, and Latin America increased life expectancy)

Over the next few decades, what will a large portion of developed countries’ economic growth be diverted to pay for?

What problems are created by rapid urbanization?

What is a step that industrialized countries can take to promote stability in light of coming demographic trends?

## Article # 8: “Best Story”

Senegal, Rwanda, and Kenya now have the same level of child mortality as which of the most successful economies in the world during the past decade?

What factors resulted in declining African child mortality rates?

## Article# 15: “Go Glocal”

From the mid-1980s to 2008, what did economists refer to unprecedented market calm as?

What does Peter Atwater, a financial researcher who studies social mood and the markets suggest?

What notion of globalization was famously encapsulated with the title of Tom Friedman’s book *The World Is Flat*?

What is the relationship between blue-collar jobs and high tech?

## Article #18: “Globalization and Contents”

Where has economic globalization had a positive impact on living standards

and purchasing power?

What is a prospering middle class a crucial component of?

What are some impediments to globalization?

## Article # 21: “Mafia States”

Which nation might sell nuclear weapons?

What are problems for national law enforcement agencies?

What is an important obstacle to combating the spread of mafia states?

## Article # 23 “Tech’s Tragic Secret”

What industry uses the tin that is transformed into solder?

Why are some pits unstable?

What is demanufacturing?

Explain the connection between corporations, governments, environmental issues, and consumer choices in relation to the article?

What has happened to the death rate in Bangka since 2010?

## Article # 25: “Women and Work”

Compare nations with the highest percentage of women in its lower house of parliament.

When do most workplaces think they are being more egalitarian?

What has happened to the pay gap between men and women in most countries in the past 30–40 years?

What evidence that “discrimination continues in subtle ways” emerges from business schools that follow their alumni’s careers?

When are women and men more likely to share in household responsibilities?