

Policy Matters



Your weekly digest of policy reports that **matter**.
Edited by [Toby Green](#) and [Gary Price](#) of *Policy Commons*.

[Houthi Attacks: What Happens Next?](#), a blog post by Lawrence Freedman, is an excellent primer on the situation in Yemen and the Red Sea.

Despite sanctions, Russia continues to acquire large amounts of the inputs it needs for continuing its military invasion of Ukraine—supplies have fallen by only ten percent—according to [a new report from KSE Institute and the International Sanctions Task Force](#). The analysis shows that the issues identified in previous research continue to hamper implementation and enforcement of export controls.

Renewables boomed in 2023. The world added fifty percent more renewable capacity in 2023, and the next five years will see the fastest growth yet, [according to the IEA](#), but lack of financing for emerging and developing economies is a key issue.

The 34th Human Rights Watch [World Report 2024](#) includes a sobering essay on threats to the human rights system, by Tirana Hassan, HRW's Executive Director.

Other reports that caught our eye:

- [Unintended Consequences? The Changing Composition of Immigration to the UK after Brexit](#), a discussion paper by Jonathan Portes.
- [Inequality Inc.: How corporate power divides our world and the need for a new era of public action](#), released by Oxfam International in time for the World Economic Forum in Davos.
- [Rethinking Progressive Politics Based on Facts Rather than Myths](#), an introduction to six research briefs from The Progressive Politics Research Network.
- [Welcome to 2034: What the world could look like in ten years](#), from Atlantic Council (see also EVENT below)

NEW LISTS

[Top Ten Universal Basic Income Articles 2023, by Scott Santens](#)

Scott Santens is the editor of Basic Income Today (www.basicincometoday.com) and a moderator for the Basic Income subreddit. Last week, he published a list of his favorite universal basic income articles published in 2023. It's so good, [we thought we'd share it](#) with you.

[World Economic Forum 2024](#), Davos

Ahead of the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting, which kicked off this week, WEF released their nineteenth annual [Global Risks Report](#). We're keeping track of all reports released for and at this event so you don't have to, such as the [Oxfam Inequality report](#) mentioned above. [Follow this List](#) (by clicking the gray "Follow" button [here](#)) to ensure you don't miss any!

FREE EVENT

[Global Foresight 2024: What will the next decade bring?](#)

Join the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security for a discussion moderated by Felicia Schwartz of the Financial Times on Thursday, January 18, at 1:00 p.m. ET. Hear what more than 250 experts see as the factors, trends, and uncertainties that will shape the decade to come. The event will take place in person at the Atlantic Council headquarters and will be livestreamed on Atlantic Council social media and via Zoom.

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