

# Policy Matters



Your weekly digest of policy reports that **matter**.  
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## It's the substance, stupid

*Climate change, climate crisis, global warming, global heating, climate emergency...* [A new paper](#) shows there's no need to spend thousands of dollars on finessing communications. When it comes to getting people to take climate action, it's the substance that matters, not the choice of terminology.

## Children, adolescents, and violence

KFF analyzes new data showing that [firearms now kill more American children and adolescents](#) than any other cause, including vehicle crashes; such deaths have nearly doubled since 2012. So it's hardly a surprise the Gallup finding that [public satisfaction](#) with laws or policies on guns has slipped since 2021.

## The four-day week is working

One year on from the results of the world's biggest pilot ever, a follow-up study shows that [89% of companies are sticking with the four-day week](#).

## Churches

A major independent report into [safeguarding the welfare](#) of those who engage with the Church of England was published last week.

Meanwhile, the UK government announced it would no longer fund [The Inter Faith Network](#), forcing it to close. **As part of our preservation program, we're capturing their catalog of reports before their website goes down.**

## While we're on the subject of preservation...

Last month, CrossRef's Martin Paul Eve [wrote a post](#) and [published a paper](#) revealing that an astonishing 2 million journal articles have no preservation plan, and neither do a third of CrossRef's 7,000 members.

## Ukraine-Russia war

Two years into the conflict, the [Economist Intelligence Unit considers](#) the effect of war fatigue on international military backing and why neither side is willing to negotiate peace talks.

## Responses to post-pandemic inflation

The Centre for Economic Policy Research [published a comprehensive overview](#) of the monetary policy responses to the post-pandemic inflation. It'll be vital reading for those seeking to understand and draw lessons from this tumultuous period.

## Does grey literature mislead politicians?

When considering the impacts of offshore wind farms, a team of marine scientists found that, compared with journal articles, grey literature was [twice as likely to report negative](#) findings. It matters, since decision-makers are more likely to read grey literature. Fixing this might be a challenge—because the team also reports politicians as less likely to pay attention to journals. **The reason: journals are expensive and slow to publish.**

## Talking about speed—researchers have already posted their findings on February's wildfires in Chile!

World Weather Attribution is a researcher network that rapidly looks at weather events to see if they were driven by climate change. They've just posted their findings on the recent deadly wildfires in Chile. A [full study](#) is also available.

## Call for contributions

We're looking to develop our coverage in **Public Health and Social Care**. If you know of organizations, hospital systems, health care providers, think tanks, charities, archives, databases, and repositories that we should include, [please drop us a line](#).

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