

Policy Matters



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Top six risks. Groundwater, glaciers, space debris, heat and an uninsurable future are at tipping points according to the [The Interconnected Disaster Risks report](#) from the United Nations' think tank, UNU.

Cops in Schools. Despite struggles to recruit and retain teaching staff, North Carolina has spent more than \$100 million on putting more police into schools. [This alarming report](#) from the ACLU presents the data and recommendations to improve student well-being.

Dirty Amazonian money. FACT Coalition has tracked [how money from environmental crime in Peru and Columbia flows to the USA](#).

Tensions over Taiwan. The International Crisis Group reports on the [rising risk of conflict in the Taiwan Strait](#).

Abortion in the USA. One year post-Dobbs, the Society of Family Planning has the data to show that [monthly abortions across the USA are unchanged but state-by-state numbers are very different](#).

Destitution is rising. Joseph Rowntree Foundation [shows extreme poverty](#) to the point of being unable to provide for oneself has more than doubled for adults in the UK and tripled for children since 2017.

Energy in the EU: in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine conflict and ongoing climate pressures, the European Commission's annual [State of the Energy Union](#) report is a vital read.

Ukraine: World Bank's IFC looked ahead at [what investment will be needed for reconstruction](#) - an eye-watering \$411 billion just from the private sector.

Other titles that caught our eye:

- [How to Federally Legalize Cannabis Without Violating the Constitution or Undermining Equity and Justice](#) from Parabola Center for Law and Policy
- [Securing America's Future: A Framework for Critical Technology Assessment](#) from the National Network for Critical Technology Assessment project
- [Preserving the world for future generations: Children and young people's perspectives on how to tackle climate change](#) from Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
- [The Value of Beauty 2023: the economic impact of the UK personal care industry in 2022](#) - Summary report from the British Beauty Council

Do you know of NGOs or think tanks operating in Israel or

Palestine? Triggered by news that the [Swiss Government suspended funding](#) for 11 NGOs based in the region - which might threaten their existence - we started looking for [NGOs based in Israel and Palestine](#) with content that ought to be indexed and preserved. If you know of any NGO or think tank in the region that you recommend we start indexing, please [let us know](#).

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