

Policy Matters

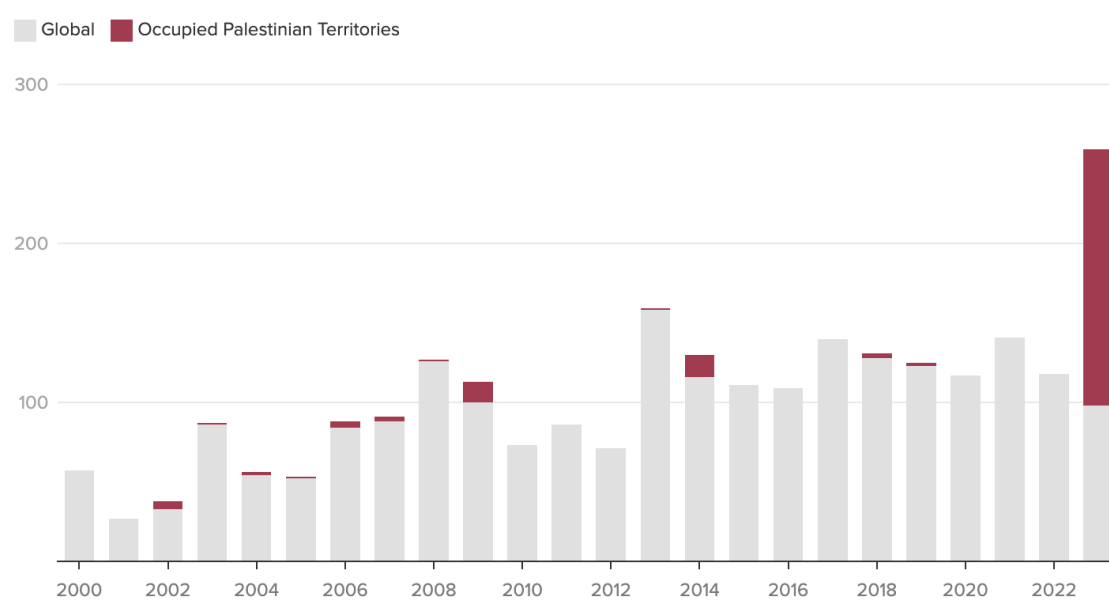


Your weekly digest of policy reports that **matter**.
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Gaza: Little aid is getting through, aid workers are dying

In [this report of a February survey](#) of 810 people living in Gaza, one of the key findings is that fewer than 30% of respondents in the North had received any aid at all since the crisis began in October, and only 3% of people who received help said it was in the form of medical aid or clean water. Also, [new data show](#) more aid workers have been killed in Gaza over the past three months than at any time over the past two decades in the rest of the world.

Comparison: Yearly aid worker deaths in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the world



Bull in the climate shop

Friends of the Earth [have run their slide rule over US bank financing of meat, dairy, and feed corporations](#) and found the impact on the climate is oversized and not in line with the organizations' Paris statements.

Keeping track of foreign companies and banks active in Russia

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, The Kyiv School of Economics (KSE) has been keeping tabs on foreign companies' business activities in Russia. [Their latest monthly report](#) shows a net increase in foreign companies doing business there. KSE also [maintains a database showing the activities of foreign banks in Russia](#).

Promises are easy. But how are you going to pay for them?

[The Taxing Wealth Report 2024](#) seeks to answer the question that journalists love to ask every politician: "How are you going to pay for it?" The report shows that by making up to thirty relatively simple changes to existing UK taxes, up to £90 billion of new tax revenue could be raised a year from those well-off.

Amazon's plastic packaging: Why up in the US but down in the EU?

[Plastic packaging waste created by Amazon increased nearly 10% in the US](#), even as the online giant reduced plastic use in the EU. Why? Possibly because policymakers in the EU [have just brought in new legislation](#) to phase it out.

Baltimore bridge collision: What role for government? And do ships hit bridges often?

Following the ship-induced collapse of Baltimore's Key Bridge, the Congressional Research Service has rushed out a useful briefing on the [security and resilience considerations of critical US infrastructure](#) like bridges, in which they surfaced a fascinating [2020 report that shows ships hit bridges more often than you might think](#).

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies in universities

Political fights over higher education's purpose continue to roil institutions throughout the United States. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) has been one of the disciplines at the center of these discourses. The National Women's Studies Association surveyed its members [to prepare a report compiling responses to support WGSS departments](#).

Which students deserve state financing?

Skyrocketing tuition fees are not just a matter of economic inconvenience; they are a harbinger of deepening racial and socioeconomic inequalities. States can step in to help. But is their intervention really helpful, or do they create new barriers? [This report sheds light on twelve eligibility requirements across ten US states](#).

Environmental justice in New York City

This is the [first comprehensive study of environmental inequalities](#) produced by any city in the United States. It comes complete with a [mapping tool](#) that allows users to explore data across seven environmental axes.

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What's going to be in our new *Public Health and Social Care* module?

In the weeks leading up to its launch next month, we're sharing examples of what you'll find in our forthcoming *Policy Commons* module. This week: A HillStudy from the Canadian Parliament: [Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada After Carter v Canada](#). Read more about our new *Public Health and Social Care* module [here](#).

Have something to tell the *Policy Commons* community?

If you want to publicize a job, event, or new publication to our 100,000 Policy Matters readers, do [share the link](#) with us.

PS: Many thanks to those who have shown appreciation for Policy Matters; we're flattered. Some have asked that we compile a list of our weekly selections—so here it is, [our Editors' Choice list for 2024](#). Follow it to receive alerts when new items are added. And if you have recommendations of reports we've missed, [please let us know](#).

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