

Policy Matters



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COVID-19 vaccines. [This report should put the COVID-19 vaccine debate to bed once and for all.](#) Its authors find that COVID vaccines saved 2.4 million lives across 141 countries. (Being economists, they also valued those lives at \$6.5 trillion.)

News and misinformation.

- US State Department's Global Engagement Center has put its finger on [how China seeks to manipulate the world's information environment](#).
- Pew reports on [Black Americans' experience with and attitudes towards news](#).
- UNESCO teamed up with IPSOS to [survey the impact of online disinformation across 16 countries](#).

Ukraine-Russia. NATO's cyber unit has been looking at [the cyber-security environment once the conflict ends](#) and reckons NATO's not ready.

Firearms. Small Arms Survey has been looking at [artisanal manufacture of firearms in West Africa](#).

Native American lawyers. ABA and NNABA have released an update to their 2015 study on [the experiences of Native American lawyers in the legal profession](#) by looking at the experiences of Native American women lawyers, [concluding they are "excluded and alone."](#)

Climate adaptation. UNEP has been looking at progress on financing [adaptations to climate change](#) in developing countries. They are unimpressed. The gap to goal has grown to around \$250 billion a year, leaving countries underfinanced and underprepared.

Climate and armies. It's a surprise to learn that military emissions are excluded from climate agreements, especially since the British and American militaries have [jointly emitted 430 million tons of CO2 since 2015](#). (That's equivalent to what the UK economy produced in 2022.) Common Wealth estimates that the financial damage of these emissions is \$111 billion.

Do you know of NGOs or think tanks operating in Israel or Palestine? Triggered by news that the [Swiss government suspended funding](#) for eleven 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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