

Policy Matters



Your weekly digest of policy reports that **matter**.
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Our apologies

Last week, on the back of the news that Paul Cairney and Claire Toomey had found almost as many relevant items in *Policy Commons* as they did in Web of Science for their [systematic review on systems leadership](#), we offered complimentary access to *Policy Commons* for anyone planning a systematic or scoping review—but the link to the application form didn't work. Our apologies! The link is now fixed, so [please try again](#). If this is all news to you, you're welcome to apply as well.

Project 2025—tracked

The US Senate's confirmation of Russell Vought as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget means another coauthor of [Project 2025](#) has joined President Trump's administration. The [Center for Progressive Reform](#) and [Governing for Impact](#) have [launched a tracker to monitor](#) the administration's implementation of the Project 2025 blueprint. This is one to follow.

US—now a risk to be hedged against

The most important annual forum for international security decision-makers, the Munich Security Conference, starts Friday. A Trump delegation, led by US Vice President JD Vance, will meet European political and military figures. As usual, the Conference has [released its annual report](#) in advance, which, for the first time in sixty years, rates the US "no longer an anchor of stability, but rather a risk to be hedged against."

Nonviolent civil resistance

We've a funny feeling that the topic of [civil resistance](#) will come back into fashion. So, we've been delving into *Policy Commons* to find out more:

Harvard's Erica Chenoweth is the expert in this area. She [was interviewed last week](#) by historian Rebecca Solnit for a new online zine, *Meditations in an Emergency*. In her 2013 TEDx talk, "[The success of nonviolent civil resistance](#)," Erica presented evidence that civil resistance in the twentieth century was twice as successful as violent campaigns, and she introduced the 3.5 percent rule. Erica also authored [a slide deck \(2010\)](#) and [a policy brief \(2016\)](#).

[This 2009 guide](#) by the Albert Einstein Institution's late founder, Gene Sharp, written with assistance from AEI's current Executive Director, Jamila Raqib, provides a strategic framework for nonviolent resistance against dictatorships and oppressive regimes.

Here are a couple of databases on the topic: [Global Nonviolent Action Database](#), hosted at Swarthmore College, has details of over 1,000 cases drawn from around the world; and Harvard's Ash Center has been keeping [a tally of crowds in the USA](#) since 2017.

AI Action Summit

This week, international attention will be on the AI Action Summit, hosted by the French government in Paris. Last week, we drew attention to the new [International AI Risk Report](#), and now France's cybersecurity agency has released [their high-level cybersecurity risk analysis](#). We'll keep an eye out for others.

Will Trump crash Main Street?

Two reports from Better Markets, a nonprofit think tank, argue that Trump's policies to deregulate Wall Street and reduce Federal oversight could damage ordinary Americans. The first [presents evidence that deregulation](#) increases the chances of financial crises; the second, that the [SEC's whistleblower campaign](#) has played a critical role in protecting investors.

Modeling UK's growth in a post-Brexit, Trump-redux world

A team of researchers focused on fixing Britain's post-Brexit problems has modeled what would happen if the UK aligned closely with the EU in a world where Trump carries out his 20 percent tariff threat. In "[Modelling the Effects of Closer UK-EU Cooperation and of US Tariffs](#)," [it's not all bad news](#).

Disinformation and cognitive warfare

The Perth USAsia Centre explores [the evolving threats of disinformation and cognitive warfare](#), focusing on their implications for democracies in the Indo-Pacific region. [Alana Ford](#) details how modern disinformation campaigns leverage digital technologies, artificial intelligence, and data manipulation to influence public trust, polarize societies, and destabilize institutions. The report includes Russian and Chinese case studies.

Digital social connection 101

[There's now a primer](#) that provides guidance for professionals and practitioners working with communities to understand and support digital social connection. It explores how digital technologies, including social media and messaging apps, are reshaping social interactions and community engagement.

A message for government document librarians

We were pleased to attend last Friday's GODORT chat (if you know, you know), which focused on the disappearance of content from Federal websites. If you know of a US government website that's under threat or has already closed, [do let us know](#). We're playing our part in using our technology to rescue and preserve threatened content. We're also keen to hear about NGOs that have

been funded by the US Government, especially those receiving funds from USAID, whose websites will be affected.

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