

Policy Matters



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Cartooning under despots. This UNESCO-supported [report from Cartoonists Rights](#) explores case studies of courageous cartoonists who are standing up for the right to free speech and free expression in countries run by despots.

Climate

- **We're woefully off track.** [State of Climate Action 2023](#) from World Resources Institute (WRI) shows that global efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C are failing across the board.
- **There is hope.** Carbon Brief reckons that [China's emissions are set to fall](#) in 2024 on the back of record growth in clean energy.

Mine clearing. Mine Action Review reports to the parties signed up to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention. [Their 2023 report](#) shows countries including Angola and Cambodia are now mine free.

Under whose command? Security Force Monitor has just issued a [distressing report](#) on human rights abuses under military rule in Myanmar.

Youth violence. A survey [report by Youth Endowment Fund](#) on violence among thirteen- to seventeen-year-olds in the UK shows one in six was a victim, and seventy percent of those experienced injury.

Open data. Digital Science [releases the eighth edition](#) of this survey of researchers' attitudes to open data. While acceptance has grown, support and rewards remain issues.

UK economy. The UK's economy is stagnating. The Growth Commission [proposes a pathway to reignite growth](#).

Lists* that caught our eye:

- [Theory-Driven Analysis of Social Problems to Inform Practice & Social Welfare Policy](#) (14 items)
- [Canada's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women](#) (24 items)
- [Geopolitics and the State](#) (18 items)
- [Gender Equality for Entrepreneurs](#) (28 items)

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