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TRANSATLANTIC

End of Dreams, Return of History

By Robert Kagan

The competition between liberalism and absolutism has reemerged, with the nations of the world increasingly lining up, as in the past, along ideological lines. Finally, there is the fault line between modernity and tradition, the violent struggle of Islamic fundamentalists against the modern powers and the secular cultures that, in their view, have penetrated and polluted their Islamic world. How will the United States deal with such a world?

<http://www.hoover.org/>

The Decline and Fall of Declinism

By Alan W. Dowd

At \$13.13 trillion, the U.S. economy represents 20 percent of global output. It's growing faster than Britain's, Australia's, Germany's, Japan's, Canada's, even faster than the vaunted European Union.

<http://www.american.com/>

Why They Don't Like Us

By Anne Applebaum

„Why do they hate us?“ Much ink has been spilled over the past six years in attempts to answer that question. By contrast, not enough attention has been paid to what is, in some ways, a more perplexing conundrum: Why don't they like us as much as they used to?

<http://www.aei.org/>

RUSSIA

New Russia, new threat

By Michael McFaul

Working with the West is no longer the goal as the Kremlin flexes its muscle and rethinks its role in the world.

<http://www.latimes.com/>

Was Liberty Really Bad for Russia?

Part I

By Leon Aron

Part I dealt with what might be called the errors of commission, or false attribution, in the „chaos-of-the-1990s“ stereotype, which became a major theme of the Putin Kremlin's propaganda.

<http://www.aei.org/>

Part II

By Leon Aron

Part II deal with the allegation that the 1990s brought nothing but „chaos“.

<http://www.russiaprofile.org/>

A Rogue Intelligence State?

Why Europe and America Cannot Ignore Russia

By Reuel Marc Gerecht

Vladimir Putin's Russia is a new phenomenon in Europe: a state defined and dominated by former and active-duty security and intelligence officers. Not even fascist Italy, Nazi Germany, or the Soviet Union (all undoubtedly much worse creations than Russia) were as top-heavy with intelligence

talent. What does this mean for Russia and for us?

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Does This Mystery Matter?

By Anne Applebaum

Russian President Vladimir Putin sacked his prime minister last week and replaced him with one Viktor Zubkov, an obscure official never before mentioned as a potential leader. Wondering why?

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Schroeder's Message To Europe From Moscow

By Vladimir Socor

Schroeder depicted the EU as being about to "fall hostage to the nationalist anti-Russian interests of certain member countries. The EU must reject such narrow-minded nationalist interests in order to avoid damaging the development of its relations with Russia.

<http://www.jamestown.org/>

CHINA AND ASIA

China in the Year 2020: Three Political Scenarios

By Cheng Li

Just as China's rapid economic development and global integration shocked the world over the past two decades, so too might the country's future political course defy pro-

jected expectations. Three possible scenarios for 2020 are presented in this essay.

<http://www3.brookings.edu/>

China's One-Child Mistake

By Nicholas Eberstadt

If China could take a single decision today to enhance the nation's long-term economic outlook, it would be to recognize that coercive population control has been a tragic and historic mistake – and to abandon it, immediately.

<http://www.aei.org/>

The Fact and Fiction of Sino-African Energy Relations

By Erica S. Downs

This article examines a number of widely accepted „facts“ about the growing involvement of China's NOCs in Africa.

<http://www3.brookings.edu/>