

## FOCUS ON: American elections

### The Color of an Advantage

By Anne Applebaum

To put it bluntly, for a large, frequently inattentive electorate, there could be no more potent symbol of his differentness, his non-Clinton-non-Bushness, than Obama's dark skin ...

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### Where The Presidential Candidates Stand On Nuclear Issues

By Lawrence Krauss

With primary season upon us, the presidential candidates have been busy debating and making policy presentations so that we can begin to glean some ideas of their views on everything from the economy to national defense ...

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By Frida Berrigan

The crisis in Pakistan underlines the dangers posed by nuclear weapons, and the paucity of true leadership and vision on nuclear issues. This is an issue where the candidates could stand-up and stand out ...

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### New U.S. President Won't Fulfill All Europe's Desires

By Judy Dempsey

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## EUROPE

### While America Votes, Europe Cannot Sleep. The To-Do List Looks Like This

By Timothy Garton Ash

Progress in three vital areas – jobs, Muslims and neighbours – will enable our leaders to look the new president in the face ...

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## RUSSIA

### Moscow Exploiting The Kosovo Context To Take Over Serbia's Energy Sector

By Vladimir Socor

The European Union looks like a bystander to Russia's step-by-step capture of energy markets and infrastructure in EU territory. This time, Moscow is using an opening through Serbia, a country that Russia has tempted into isolation from the West by encouraging Serbian past-oriented nationalism over Kosovo ...

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### Gazprom Set To Pounce On Serbia As Putin Moves Into The Balkans

By Vladimir Socor

Moscow trying to capture Serbia's entire energy sector ...

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