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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Putin and other authoritarians' corruption is a weapon — and a weakness

David Petraeus and Sheldon Whitehouse – The Washington Post: 8 March 2019

Authoritarian rulers use corruption as an instrument of foreign policy. Conversely, they remain dependent on such graft to maintain their domestic authority.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/03/08/putin-other-authoritarians-corruption-is-weapon-weakness/>

How a bombshell bribery scandal illuminates the 'corruption' of college admissions

PBS News Hour: 12 March 2019

As part of the “Operation Varsity Blues” case that U.S. prosecutors announced March 12, dozens of people – including Hollywood actresses and wealthy businessmen – stand accused of having bought their children’s way into elite colleges and universities.

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FBI adds an anti-bribery squad focusing on South America

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Record corruption scandal puts spotlight on Iranians in Iran, US

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Special effects: How a movie could reduce corruption

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'The Panama Papers' Alex Winter On One Of History's Largest Global Corruption Scandals

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Technology alone can't root out corruption

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

Drug laws must be amended to ‘combat racial discrimination’, UN experts say

UN News: 14 March 2019

United Nations’ human rights experts argued that people of African descent around the globe are discriminated against at every stage of the criminal justice system when it comes to drug-related crimes.

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/03/1034721>

Record Cocaine Busts Signal West Africa Is Transit Hub Again

Alonso Soto – Bloomberg: 13 March 2019

Recent record-breaking seizures in Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde highlight the use of West Africa as a transit route. These findings also coincide with a global output surge.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-03-13/record-cocaine-busts-mark-west-africa-s-come-back-as-transit-hub>

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UK jails install facial recognition technology to stem flood of drugs into prisons

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Venezuela’s Government Is So Corrupt It Basically Has Its Own Cartel

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Wildlife traffickers thrive on Guatemala's murky border with Belize

Rodrigo Soberanes – Mongabay: 8 March 2019

A poorly defined and lawless border region between Belize and Guatemala is proving to be fertile ground for eco-traffickers to further their criminal interests, underscoring how a lack of government control in such areas helps facilitate these crimes.

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Report: Asian Wildlife Trafficking is Skyrocketing

Kevin Enochs – Voice of America: 10 March 2019

Hong Kong is a small territory with fewer than 7.5 million residents. Yet this bustling urban center in southeastern China is at the very center of the global wildlife trafficking trade. Millions of live animals, plants and their derivatives are illegally trafficked through Hong Kong by transnational companies and organized crime syndicates, contributing to a global extinction crisis, according to a report by the Hong Kong Wildlife Trade Working Group.

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Has Europe won the war on migration?

Salah Nasrawi – Ahrām Online: 8 March 2019

As the number of migrants seemingly declines, Europe may want to celebrate. But such celebrations may be premature.

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContentP/44/327835/Analysis/Has-Europe-won-the-war-on-migration.aspx>

Venezuelan child migrants, women fall prey to human traffickers in Peru

Anastasia Moloney – Reuters: 12 March 2019

Venezuelan children and women who flee their home country are being snatched up by human traffickers making false promises of well-paying jobs.

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To fight human trafficking, kill the market for paid sex | Randy Schultz

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European governments failing to protect Vietnamese child trafficking victims as they are smuggled to UK

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Ten Principles for a New Approach to Regulating the Internet

Kevin Townsend – TechBizWeb: 12 March 2019

In the United Kingdom, regulating social media and tech giants is difficult at best. “The digital world does not merely require more regulation but a different approach to regulation,” says a new report by the U.K. House of Lords Select Committee on Communications. The premise is founded on 10 principles by which the internet should be regulated.

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Russia: No, we don't want to curb online freedoms - we want to protect internet

David Meyer – ZDNet: 11 March 2019

The Russian government is snapping back at critics who claim its Runet plan is a bid to curtail online freedoms. Russia says it is separating its national internet from the global internet to protect its citizens.

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Web 3.0: the decentralised web promises to make the internet free again

Edina Harbinja and Vasileios Karagiannopoulos – The Conversation: 11 March 2019

Two experts in law and cyber crime discuss how a third generation of web technology, known as the DWeb or Web 3.0, could wrest control of the internet from big tech companies and return it to the users.

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Govt draft roadmap to develop and support digital economy in Myanmar

Thiha Ko – Myanmar Times: 14 March 2019

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Tammy Waitt – American Security Today: 13 March 2019

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Chinese Hackers are Stealing U.S. Defense Secrets: Here is How to Stop Them

Erica D. Borghard and Shawn W. Loneragan – Council on Foreign Relations: 11 March 2019

The United States government is in a constant state of alert as Chinese hackers attempt to steal intellectual property and state secrets. The authors argue that the U.S. can do more to counter intellectual property theft.

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Could Germany's digital education initiative threaten states' rights?

Peter Hille – Deutsche Welle: 15 March 2019

Schools are finally set to move into the digital era, but it requires a change to Germany's Constitution. Critics say federal support for schools will erode states' rights, but a majority of Germans support the move.

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Cyber Criminals Have Turned Social Media Cyber Crime Into a \$3 Billion Business

Nicole Lindsey – CPO Magazine: 12 March 2019

Social media platforms provide cyber criminals with exactly what they seek, turning such crime into a \$3 billion business, according to a report by cyber security firm Bromium.

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Georgia, Lithuania to exchange information on cyber threats

The Baltic Times: 8 March 2019

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CISA Cyber Chief Warns Political Candidates ‘Everybody’s a Potential Target’

Jack Corrigan – NextGov: 12 March 2019

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ISIS

The West Needs to Take the Politics of Women in ISIS Seriously

Kanisha D. Bond, Kate Cronin-Furman, Meredith Loken, Milli Lake, Sarah E. Parkinson and Anna Zelenz – Foreign Policy: 4 March 2019

Victimizing the women of ISIS undermines the roles they played in the terrorist group. Calling them “ISIS brides” falsely casts them in a certain light. And sensationalizing their stories influences the government’s response.

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How ISIS Is Rising in the Philippines as It Dwindles in the Middle East

Hannah Beech and Jason Gutierrez – The New York Times: 9 March 2019

In the dense wilderness of the southern Philippines, ISIS is gathering steam as it loses ground in the Middle East.

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Youth join al Shabaab to take revenge

Delannie Luchina – The Star: 13 March 2019

A new survey indicates that youths are joining radical gangs, including al-Shabaab, to take revenge on police for their brutality in certain communities.

<https://www.the-star.co.ke/counties/coast/2019-03-13-youth-join-al-shabaab-to-take-revenge/>

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Colin P. Clarke – Foreign Policy Research Institute: 13 March 2019

What has al-Qaida learned over the past five years, and how will it incorporate those lessons into the organization? The answers to those questions will shape the future of al-Qaida as a global terrorist group.

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J.J. Green – WTOP: 13 March 2019

What's ISIS' message now that it has lost all the territory it once held in Syria and Iraq?

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The Changing U.S. Strategy For Defeating ISIS

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