



Power in the Balance

Changing Nature of Warfare

- Cyberwar
- Drones and Robots
- Privatization of Combat
- Decline in Number of Conflicts
- Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Still a Major Threat
- Individuals and Small Groups Superempowered by Technology

Redistribution to Multiple New Emerging Centers

- Emerging Economies
- Tech Productivity Now Available
- Shift of Power from West to East

Dysfunctional Global Governance

- Lack of Leadership
- No Obvious Alternative to U.S.
- International Agreements Become "Zombies"
- Post-WW II Institutions Struggling

The Rise of Corporations

- Corporate Personhood
- Democracy Has Been "Hacked"

Imminent Likely Failure of the EU

- Monetary Union w/o Political Union Structural Flaw
- Germany May Agree to Transfer Payments
- Rise of Nativism and Neo-Fascism
- Renewed Potential for Conflict in Europe

Democratization

- Three Waves
- Spread Has Slowed
- Demo-Sclerosis
- The Fourth MAY be Under Way

Relative Decline of the U.S.

- Wealth Dominates Reason
- Dysfunctional Decision Making
- Hyperpartisanship
- The Looming Debt Crisis
- Inequality
- Financial Crisis Hurts the Washington Consensus
- Military Budget Still Largest by Far

Red Flags

- Economic Dynamism
- Increasing Military Budget
- Uneasiness in East Asia
- Inequality
- Pollution
- Lack of Democracy and Transparency
- Corruption
- Water Shortages Looming
- Powell Memo

Corporations and Elites

- The Paris Commune and the Global Mind
- Blocking Reforms

Dysfunctional Decision Making

- Internet Forms of Participation Offer Hope; Slower Than Expected to Develop
- "Super PACs"

Hyperpartisanship

- Factions in Established Parties

The Looming Debt Crisis

- Confidence in U.S. Leadership Declines Sharply
- Near-Default a Danger Sign

Inequality

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Shift from Political Systems to Markets

Market Sphere Encroaching on Democracy Sphere

Shift from Nation-States to Private Actors

Multinational Corporations Play Much Bigger Role

Interconnectedness Across Borders

NGOs

Growing Role

Transnational Communications Technologies

Satellite TV

The Internet

Fundamentalism Rising

All Religions, and "Market Fundamentalism"