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Shorter Pieces

[Back to Nation Building?](#)

Hillary Clinton calls for a more “active” foreign policy. When talking about conflicts around the world, from Syria to Ukraine to Afghanistan, she says the US needs to “do more.” Secretary Clinton is of course not very forthcoming on the campaign trail about what exactly a more active foreign policy entails. But there is time for more details later; we are after all still in the primary season. However, the neocons, who have long argued for

nation building overseas rather than at home, are happy to fill the space.

[Obama's Inner Priority 'Jammed' by the Pentagon](#)

For Obama, Asia represents the future; it deserves far more U.S. attention than it receives, writes Jeffrey Goldberg in a [much-cited article](#). But the president found himself stuck in the Middle East.

Longer Pieces

[Transforming the Active Orientation](#)

Technology should help cultivate social and moral progress, rather than endless growth and consumerism.



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By Fellow Communitarians

[Communitarian Approach? New China-U.S. Agreements](#) - Nick Gvosdev

Do the [agreements reached at the Nuclear Security Summit](#) in Washington between Presidents Barack Obama and Xi Jinping represent an evolution towards the communitarian vision of how international relations ought to be conducted, as well as finding a way to prevent a Cold War from China and the United States from becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy?

[Review of *The New Golden Rule*](#) - Gil Hersch

Looking back at *The New Golden Rule*, which was written twenty years ago, in 1996, reveals a book that withstood the changes that have occurred over the past two decades rather well.

The Communitarian Platform

Professor Laurie Johnson endorsed the communitarian platform. Others who might wish to consider endorsing can see the [platform](#) and [list of endorsers](#).

Question: What should the U.S. and its allies do in Syria?

If the U.S. and its allies intervene more forcefully and defeat the various terrorist groups in Syria—should it also insist on regime change? And should it stay after the armed conflict ends to help stabilize the government and help rebuild the country? Make it into a democracy?

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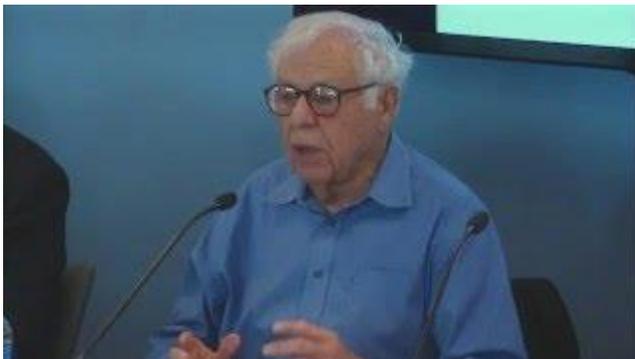
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Europeans must learn that terrorists won't be deterred by prosecution; they commit suicide! Needed: prevention via enhanced surveillance

Russia showed one can effectively intervene in Syria, without high costs, if one has a clear goal and exit strategy <http://ow.ly/ZOwlo>

For 250 years before Roberts Court, #SCOTUS never recognized individual right to own guns, only for a militia <http://ow.ly/ZLkzN>

Kurds declare autonomous region in #Syria; US to strongly support one of our few true & effective allies in region: <http://ow.ly/ZITzy>

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