

**SOUTHERN EUROPE**

22. Simon Tisdall **Tags:** Economy, Elections, Greece, Portugal  
[\[http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/oct/05/europe-elections-greece\]](http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/oct/05/europe-elections-greece)

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23. Charles Kupchan **Tags:** EU, Lisbon Treaty, Tony Blair  
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24. Stuart Eizenstat and Anthony Gardner **Tags:** EU, Lisbon Treaty  
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25. Gideon Rachman **Tags:** EU, Foreign Policy, G20  
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**CLIMATE CHANGE**

26. Michael Levi **Tags:** China, Climate Change, Copenhagen Summit, USA  
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**NORTHERN AMERICA**

1.

**Malou Innocent**

[Cato Institute] • **Tags:** Afghanistan, Barack Obama, Foreign Policy, USA • Malou Innocent, “Obama Must Show Leadership, Pull Out of Afghanistan” (*Opposing Views*, October 5, 2009).

[\[http://www.opposingviews.com/articles/opinion-obama-must-show-leadership-pull-out-of-afghanistan-r-1254759457\]](http://www.opposingviews.com/articles/opinion-obama-must-show-leadership-pull-out-of-afghanistan-r-1254759457)

“As I mentioned back in February of this year, ‘There is immense pressure to infuse greater troops in the region, but there is no objective in mind — and before you deploy the troops, you want to have a strategy.’ The Obama administration is still stuck at a crossroads: either send more troops to protect the villages of Afghanistan from the Taliban, or stay at present levels (or decrease U.S. troop commitments) to go after al Qaeda cells in Pakistan. The American public is against sending more troops, the overwhelming majority of Democrats are against sending more troops, some Republicans in Congress have begun to speak out against sending more troops, and prominent conservative commentators are against sending more troops. (...) I used to ridicule President Bush

for staying the course in Iraq. While President Obama will take a hit to his credibility for deciding to scale down America’s presence — after having already deployed more troops earlier this year — I would commend the President for having the strength of his convictions for deciding not to send more young men and women to fight and die for a cause (and a country) that does not constitute a vital national security interest. Doubling down in Afghanistan is too easy. It’s deciding to pull ourselves out of Afghanistan that will take true leadership.”

2.

**Mark Moyar**

[Marine Corps University] • **Tags:** Afghanistan, Barack Obama, Foreign Policy, Stanley McChrystal, USA • Mark Moyar, “Afghanistan and Leadership” (*Wall Street Journal*, October 5, 2009).

[\[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703298004574454810540018326.html\]](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703298004574454810540018326.html)

“Should we be concerned that the McChrystal strategy advocates the same counterinsurgency approach that has failed to achieve success in years past? Not necessarily. The easy part of any counterinsurgency is formulating the strategy and tactics. The hard part is implementing them. Achieving results requires, first and foremost, skilled and motivated tactical leaders in sufficient numbers—the absence of which caused the 2006 strategy to fail. With the insurgent environment different in every Afghan valley, command must be decentralized. So finding and implementing the right tactics is primarily the job of battalion commanders and district police chiefs, not presidents or four-star generals. (...) American troops in Afghanistan will never be so numerous that they can defeat the insurgents on their own, so Afghan forces must be given the good leadership they currently lack. The Afghan government will not have sufficient numbers of good officers for their expanding army and police any time soon. Gen. McChrystal intends to compensate by strengthening the partnership between American and Afghan forces. The great challenge here is to determine how American leadership can improve the performance of Afghan forces. Although the U.S. government appears to have