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1. **GE's Immelt Signals End to 7 Decades of Globalization.** Delivering the commencement address at New York University, General Electric CEO Jeffrey Immelt articulates how his company sees itself as a global actor and will act accordingly, even as globalization is "attacked as never before" in the United States and elsewhere. ([www.fortune.com](http://www.fortune.com), 20 May 2016)
2. **Body Politics.** Journalist Noah Sneider profiles Russian activist and artist Petr Pavlensky, whose masochistic protests illustrate both the severity of state repression under Putin as well as the resilience of Russia's dissident intelligentsia. *[contains graphic content and images]* ([www.1843magazine.com](http://www.1843magazine.com), 3 May 2016)
3. **Meet the Chinese Trolls Pumping Out 488 Million Fake Social Media Posts.** China expert David Wertime discusses a recent academic study detailing how pro-government bloggers manage Chinese social media (b)(3) [www.foreignpolicy.com](http://www.foreignpolicy.com), 19 May 2016)
4. **The Magical Thinking of Killing Mullah Mansour.** Georgetown Law Professor and former Department of Defense counselor Rosa Brooks challenges the utility of core US counterterrorism policies—targeted strikes against terrorist leaders and robust homeland security programs—by asking if the amount of resources they consume is proportionate to the actual threat posed by violent extremists. ([www.foreignpolicy.com](http://www.foreignpolicy.com), 24 May 2016)

5. **Human Extinction Isn't That Unlikely.** The Atlantic's Robinson Meyer reports on a think tank specializing in "global catastrophic risk" and its work arguing that both the likelihood of apocalyptic events such as nuclear war are higher than most people suspect and that proactive measures must be taken to hedge against such threats. ([www.theatlantic.com](http://www.theatlantic.com), 29 April 2016)

6. **The Future is Almost Now.** English Professor Elizabeth Alsop examines the growing propensity for science fiction literature and film to focus on the near future, arguing that this may be because the rapidity of change in modern life is outstripping our ability to imagine future worlds. ([www.theatlantic.com](http://www.theatlantic.com), 15 May 2016)

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