

***** **A message from JPMorgan Chase & Co.:** "Our model combines financial commitments with capable partners, evidence-based solutions and direct investments of our people's time and expertise." Read "Private Enterprise for Public Good" by Jamie Dimon in the JPMorgan Chase Corporate Responsibility Report.

<http://politi.co/2qnIV4u> *****

MEDIAWATCH - JUDY WOODRUFF PROFILE -- NYT Sunday Styles section cover, "The Woman of the Hour," by Katie Rogers: "Ms. Woodruff has been working in Washington since 1977, when she landed in the capital to cover President Jimmy Carter's administration. The modern news cycle is a little different now - less of a cycle and more like a cyclone, the informational equivalent of standing in front of a tennis ball machine. At 'NewsHour,' long known for its slower pace, viewership is up 20 percent over this time last year, with an average of 1.24 million viewers a minute. ... (The average 'NewsHour' viewer is 68 years old.)" <http://nyti.ms/2pjiTyF>

BONUS GREAT WEEKEND READS, curated by Daniel Lippman, filing from the Montpelier Summit (at James Madison's Montpelier house) in Orange, Virginia:

--**"Malcolm Gladwell on Why We Shouldn't Value Speed Over Power"** - Heleo: "As a writer, my principal observation about why other writers fail is that they are in too much of a hurry. I don't think you can write a good book in two years."

<http://bit.ly/2pLV2LK> (h/t ALDaily.com)

--**"Where Did All the Men Go?"** by Nicholas Eberstadt in Milken Review: "While there are a dozen plausible reasons for the shocking result of the 2016 presidential election, the discontent of white men lacking college degrees ranks high on most lists.

And no small part of that discontent is linked to their diminishing role in the workplace." <http://bit.ly/2pdPiqZ>

--**"How West Virginia Lost the Workers' Revolution,"** by Hamilton Nolan in Fusion: "There is no better place to go looking for evidence of American decline than southern West Virginia. The opioid crisis? Devastation of a once-great American industry? Obesity? Pollution? Climate change? General post-industrial hopelessness? It's all here." <http://bit.ly/2pj7krg>

--**"The Pets' War: On Hilda Kean's 'The Great Cat and Dog Massacre,'"** by Colin Dickey in the LA Review of Books: "In early September 1939, the citizens of London set

about killing their pets. During the first four days of World War II, over 400,000 dogs and cats - some 26 percent of London's pets - were slaughtered, a number six times greater than the number of civilian deaths in the UK from bombing during the entire war. ... Almost immediately, people realized what a mistake they had made."

<http://bit.ly/2pdxsER>

--"**Putin's Paradise**," by Paul Starobin in City Journal: "Russia's record \$50 billion Sochi Olympics spawned a lavish new resort-but will it survive?"

<http://bit.ly/2paRwXs>

--"**Venezuela Is Starving**," by WSJ's Juan Forero in Yare, Venezuela: "Once Latin America's richest country, Venezuela can no longer feed its people, hobbled by the nationalization of farms as well as price and currency controls."

<http://on.wsj.com/2qOqWFL>

--"**America's Misadventures in the Middle East**," by Chas Freeman in the American Conservative: "The United States is a secular democracy. It has no intrinsic interest in which theology rules hearts or dominates territory in the Middle East. It is not now dependent on energy imports. U.S. wars in the Middle East have proven ruinously expensive and injurious to the civil liberties of Americans. They have poisoned American political culture. They have produced more anarchy than order, more terror than tranquility, more oppression than democratisation, and more blowback than pacification." <http://bit.ly/2peopQG>

--"**Can China Replace the West?**" by Jessica T. Mathews in the N.Y. Review of Books, reviewing "Easternization: Asia's Rise and America's Decline from Obama to Trump and Beyond" by Gideon Rachman: "Western influence has rested on much more than wealth and the military power. Those other elements - including open governments, readiness to build institutions, and contributions to others' security and growth - are weak or absent in Asia today. By and large Asians have been the beneficiaries rather than the creators of regimes, agreements, and institutions conceived and built by the West. There is no Asian nation whose governance stands as a model others seek to emulate." <http://bit.ly/2qwHF31> ... **\$17.07 on Amazon**

<http://amzn.to/2qEPZL9>

--"**Adults in the Room** by Yanis Varoufakis review - one of the greatest political memoirs ever?" by Paul Mason in The Guardian: Former Greek finance minister Yanis "Varoufakis explains how the power network is built. Aris gets a loan from Zorba's bank; Zorba writes off the loan but Zorba's construction company gets a