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Foreward:

The current debate concerning America's status as a superpower remains as strong as ever. The articles in this issue of Helvidius concern a variety of foreign and domestic topics.

Governor Bill Clinton discusses US foreign policies and the fate of America. The articles on Japan represent a renewed concern Americans have on perceptions of this country, especially since it has become increasingly difficult for big business to remain competitive without going abroad for cheaper, more productive labor.

Former Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro notes that domestic troubles are in our future if the federal government does not formulate a health care policy. Other domestic affairs include second-hand smoke and public policy for abused children.

What rings true about all of these submissions is one underlying theme: Americans are becoming increasingly aware of the condition of our country. We hope that within these pages our readers will find fresh and interesting perspectives on perennial issues.