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January of 1999 unfurled a number of events that would reshape the course of history: the second impeachment process carried out against the President of the United States. The public's faith in the media's coverage of events, the Judiciary, our parties, and in the President was tested, as the American public struggled with ideas about professionalism and morality. Lauren Kofke offers a fascinating assessment of the public's perception of President Clinton in light of the scandal and the reasoning behind his uncanny popularity during this crisis.

In addition, this issue of *Helvidius* will explore the perplexing circumstances brought about by globalization and illuminate their unexpected consequences. With the current crisis in Kosovo brewing, potential presidential candidate Elizabeth Dole will shed light on the future of America's role in security, and Beth Morales will address US military role in the post-cold-war era.

There is nothing more challenging than leaping headfirst into the unknown, but that is exactly what the editors of *Helvidius* did when they founded the journal in 1989. Because of continuous dedication from our editors, writers and readers, we have been able to present high caliber pertinent political and economic issues that have influenced the structure of international and national affairs. This issue marks our tenth anniversary and much to our delight, we present to you the Spring 1999 edition.

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