

20 Questions by Claire Williamson

Taking a global view of state-society relations

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1. What inspired you to become a professor? I was (originally) interested in becoming a practitioner working in developing countries or in international organizations. When I had my internship at the World Bank as a graduate student, I realized that everyone had a doctoral degree. A teaching opportunity came unexpectedly after my doctorate.

2. Any major differences teaching in Japan versus the U.S.? Students in the U.S. are more demanding in a good way. They also talk a lot in discussion. In general, at Princeton University there's more intensity in the classroom.

3. The zemi (Japanese-style seminar) is a central part of higher education. How do you create a harmonious group? I don't have deliberate plans. I host home parties occasionally at my place, and offer up my cooking and also enjoy the cooking of my students. We also go for a zemi trip.

4. How has the University of Tokyo handled going digital? I only teach graduate students so the class size is limited, but other faculty members must be

going through a lot of hardship. It is difficult to teach when you don't get the feel of how the students are responding.

5. What was the most memorable lecture you've given? A public lecture I gave at the local elementary school in Princeton, New Jersey, immediately after the 3-11 tsunami in 2011. There were many people who had never been to Japan interested to learn what a tsunami and its devastating impact on people was, and what they could do to help. I was touched.

6. How would you describe your research to someone outside of your field? I am involved in the study of how people have struggled to improve their lives and how outsiders played a role in either helping or harming such efforts, particularly in the context of Asia.

7. What are you studying right now? I am now studying the long-term impact of notorious projects funded by Japan in the 1980s in Southeast Asia and what happened to those projects since then. I am also working on the role of intermediary organizations as a buffer against state domination in resource governance.

8. What are Japan's key tactics for multinational cooperation? Its nonmilitary and nonpolitical approach has been relatively consistent. However, there is some development assistance that now ventures into the area of national security.

9. Are they successful? It has been successful since Japan does not impose any conditions like other donors from the West. But that principle may be undermined if Japan turns its orientation more

toward its own national interests.

10. What's the biggest challenge to international diplomacy? The biggest opportunity? Challenge: The "my country first" approach to a problem that really requires global cooperation. Opportunity: There is no single superpower that dominates the earth, and that forces some countries to cooperate with others.

11. How do local communities react when governments strive to better allocate resources? They welcome such input as long as there is flexibility for the locals to customize and make adjustments to the initial allocation. Resources will be wasted if there is not prior consultation.

12. What's the best way to provide assistance while preserving local autonomy? To question whom the assis-

tance will serve, and then have the courage to stop unnecessary assistance. We need to focus on what brought about the need for assistance to begin with.

13. What ran through your mind when you received your Japan Academy Medal? How lucky I was, given the fact that my academic discipline is so ambiguous and unconventional.

14. Are we actually headed for a "Mad Max" future? I am not too pessimistic. Many people are rediscovering the meaning of work and family time.

15. How is COVID-19 impacting resource distribution? We are unintentionally saving a lot of fossil fuel by not traveling. Orientation is toward the local.

16. What can the average person do to minimize water waste? Probably shorten their shower time.

17. What three things are always in your fridge? Seltzer, *okazu rayu* (flavored chili oil, available in the U.S., thank God) and *ponzu*. Seltzer is my recent discovery, as recommended by my daughter.

18. Do you collect anything? I used to collect old maps from places I actually visited. The problem is that there is not enough wall to hang them on.

19. What advice would you give your 10-year-old self? I would tell myself to relax and be more outgoing.

20. What Japanese food do you miss most? I would say *unagi* (eel). Good unagi is difficult to find even in New York City.

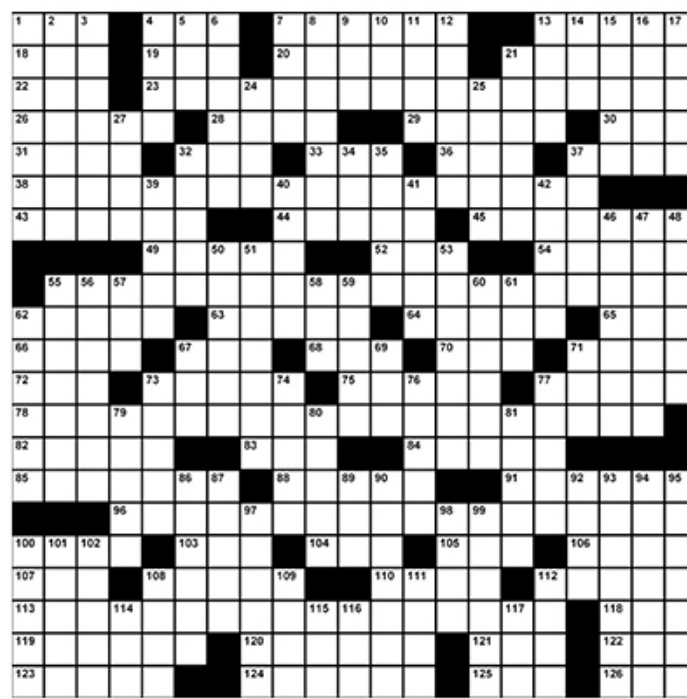
Universal Sunday Crossword: "Pros and cons" by Trent H. Evans

Solutions on page 18

- Across**
- 1 Mannequin's hair
 - 4 Capture
 - 7 "Don't you agree?"
 - 13 Outdoes
 - 18 Singer DiFranco
 - 19 Org. that encourages greener living
 - 20 Take a marriage vow
 - 21 "Yippeel"
 - 22 Patrick Mahomes' org.
 - 23 Compromise made at the altar?
 - 26 Check, in poker
 - 28 Burst of wind
 - 29 Purplish flower
 - 30 School carnival grp.
 - 31 Missed no questions on
 - 32 Jacuzzi feature
 - 33 "The Bachelor" network
 - 36 Country rap's Lil ___ X
 - 37 CCCP, to Americans
 - 38 House robbery, e.g.?
 - 43 Hold in high regard
 - 44 Type of cheese sauce
 - 45 Llama cousins
 - 49 Helps with a heist
 - 52 Homophone of "you"
 - 54 Garlicky spread
 - 55 All Americans chewing with their mouths open, say?
 - 62 Sheer fabric
 - 63 Chili heat unit
 - 64 1917 and 2001, for two
 - 65 Feng shui force
 - 66 Sometimes-velvet barrier
 - 67 Comics exclamation
 - 68 North or Black
 - 70 Used chopsticks
 - 71 "What time?"
 - 72 Fruity drink suffix
 - 73 Did nothing
 - 75 Auctioneer's second-to-last word, often
 - 77 Appears

- 78 Letting someone cut in line to see the priest?
- 82 Prepared to propose
- 83 Dude
- 84 Clarinetist Shaw
- 85 Tranquilizes
- 88 Sticky pine stuff
- 91 Curious fictional monkey
- 96 Where "Jeopardy!" players attend services?
- 100 Vehicle with a turret
- 103 "___ a pity"
- 104 Hot stone massage venue
- 105 Bunny movement
- 106 Easter egg event
- 107 NPR host Shapiro
- 108 Mediterranean and South Beach
- 110 ___-Aid
- 112 Able to drive safely
- 113 Strategy for splitting a duck dish?
- 118 "___ we there yet?"
- 119 "Whatever you'd like"
- 120 Win the heart of
- 121 End of TCU's URL
- 122 "Insecure" star Issa
- 123 Pop-___ (breakfast items)
- 124 Clicker
- 125 Windshield wiper?
- 126 Vowelless deli order
- 34 Secretly loop in
- 35 "Watch What Happens Live" host Andy
- 37 Foreign assistance org.
- 39 Letter's paper?
- 40 Photo-sharing app, familiarly
- 41 "Impossible!"
- 42 Time periods
- 46 TV room fixtures
- 47 Medieval pseudoscience
- 48 Certain civil rights protests
- 50 Passes, as a statute
- 51 Boast
- 53 Roosevelt dubbed "First Lady of the World"
- 55 "Such a funny joke!"
- 56 Turned from green to yellow, say
- 57 World Cup cheer
- 58 Collection agcy.
- 59 Swiss watch brand, or a Greek letter
- 60 Material in old violin strings
- 61 It may contain gold
- 62 Pari-mutuel venues
- 67 Small batteries
- 69 Classic ISP
- 71 Like small lads
- 73 Begin, as work ___ truly
- 74 "Sorry, my calendar's full"
- 77 Control the helm
- 79 Singer Roberta
- 80 Russian refusals
- 81 Put together quickly
- 86 Thing
- 87 Teens' rooms, often
- 89 Sticky maple stuff
- 90 Tangled
- 92 Diez menos dos
- 93 Sour pie filling
- 94 One may be one-star
- 95 Springsteen's address?
- 97 Bible book about a Persian queen
- 98 What lumberjacks do
- 99 Whoop's partner
- 100 Implied but unspoken
- 101 Smell of freshly baked bread, e.g.
- 102 San Francisco griddler
- 108 Insulting type of track
- 109 Rational
- 111 Shrek or Fiona
- 112 Tight-fitting
- 114 It might be saturated
- 115 Lamb's father
- 116 "I'd say," online
- 117 Lovelace of early computing

- Down**
- 1 Aspiring celebrity
 - 2 Like a sharp picture
 - 3 Melissa of "Little House on the Prairie"
 - 4 Small salamander
 - 5 You're a great one
 - 6 Pester persistently
 - 7 Egyptian fertility goddess
 - 8 Carlos with an eponymous band
 - 9 MetLife Stadium team (Abbr.)
 - 10 Involuntary movement
 - 11 Person you worship
 - 12 Seeking definition?
 - 13 Bartlett alternative
 - 14 Canon DSLR
 - 15 Supports the coupling of, in modern slang
 - 16 Horn sounds
 - 17 Submarine detector
 - 21 Owl: wisdom :: ___ : sneakiness
 - 24 Responsibility
 - 25 American Red Cross founder
 - Barton
 - 27 Advantage
 - 32 Door frame parts



Sudoku <http://kjell.haxx.se/sudoku>

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains a number from 1 to 9.

		2	4					
			3	5		8		6
7								
2	8							5
				7	1		4	
				2				
		1			6		7	
				9		4		
5		8		4				

7 Little Words

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 ancient Mediterranean ship (6)	_____
2 have in one's hand (4)	_____
3 bridal runways (6)	_____
4 stairs alternative (8)	_____
5 what the ship's wheel turns (6)	_____
6 improvise, with "it" (4)	_____
7 hydroelectricity generators (8)	_____

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ES	DD	LEY	ES	EV
SL	WI	ER	LD	AT
TU	AI	IN	NG	RB