



## Elephants in the Room

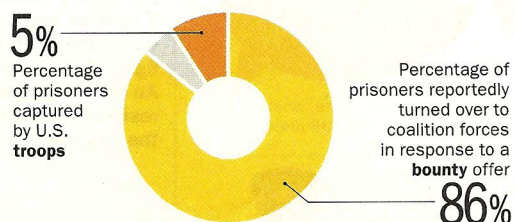
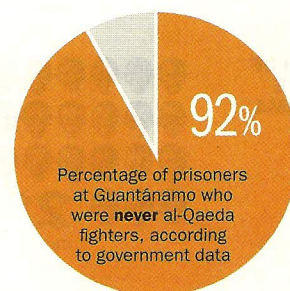
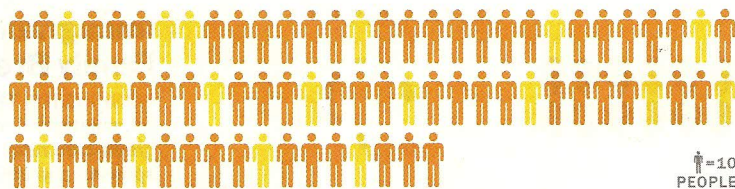
**4 | INDIA** At a park in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, a worker uses pink cloth to cover statues of elephants. Because these elephants happen to be the symbol of the state's ruling party, the statues must be shrouded ahead of upcoming state-assembly elections. With a population of nearly 200 million, Uttar Pradesh would be the world's fifth most populous country were it independent.

## The Son Also Begs

**5 | NORTH KOREA** Buried in Pyongyang's usual output of bellicose bluster recently was an entreaty to the U.S. suggesting that the Hermit Kingdom might freeze its nuclear-enrichment program in exchange for food aid. The statement was the first directed to Washington by the North Korean Foreign Ministry since Kim Jong Un, son of the deceased Kim Jong Il, assumed power. An estimated one-quarter of the country's 24 million people are in need of relief.

## A Dismal Decade

**6 | U.S.** Jan. 11 marked 10 years since the first detainees in the war against al-Qaeda were taken to the U.S. facility at Guantánamo, a slip of land held by the U.S. on the eastern tip of Cuba. Critics decry the murky legality under which hundreds of supposed "enemy combatants" have been held without normal rights of due process. Inquiries found that few detainees have had concrete ties to al-Qaeda. Yet despite earlier promises to shutter the facility, the White House seems prepared to keep it open for years to come.



Age of the youngest prisoner held at Guantánamo

13

Age of the oldest prisoner held at Guantánamo

98

Number of children the U.S. has imprisoned at Guantánamo

21

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