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MANY ASIANS NOW THINK THEIR LIVES AND VALUES ARE BETTER THAN THE AMERICAN WAY'



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THE ASIAN leaders gathered in Osaka this weekend for the annual Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit have expressed pious regrets that Bill Clinton had to cancel his attendance at the last minute. At some level, though, they're probably delighted. The image of a U.S. president trapped in Washington by political chaos surrounding a red-ink budget can only strengthen the Asians' growing superiority complex toward the once-revered U.S.A.



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