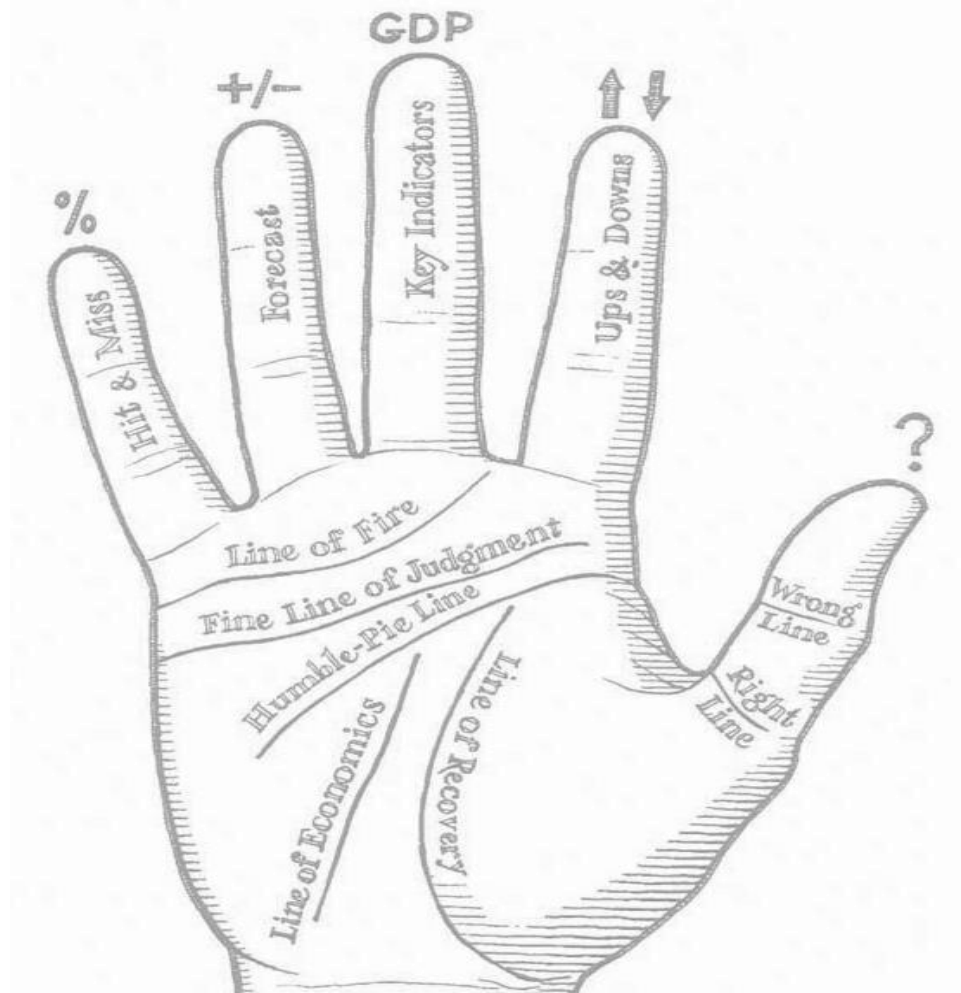


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Tom's top 10 for 2022

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What's in the diary already?

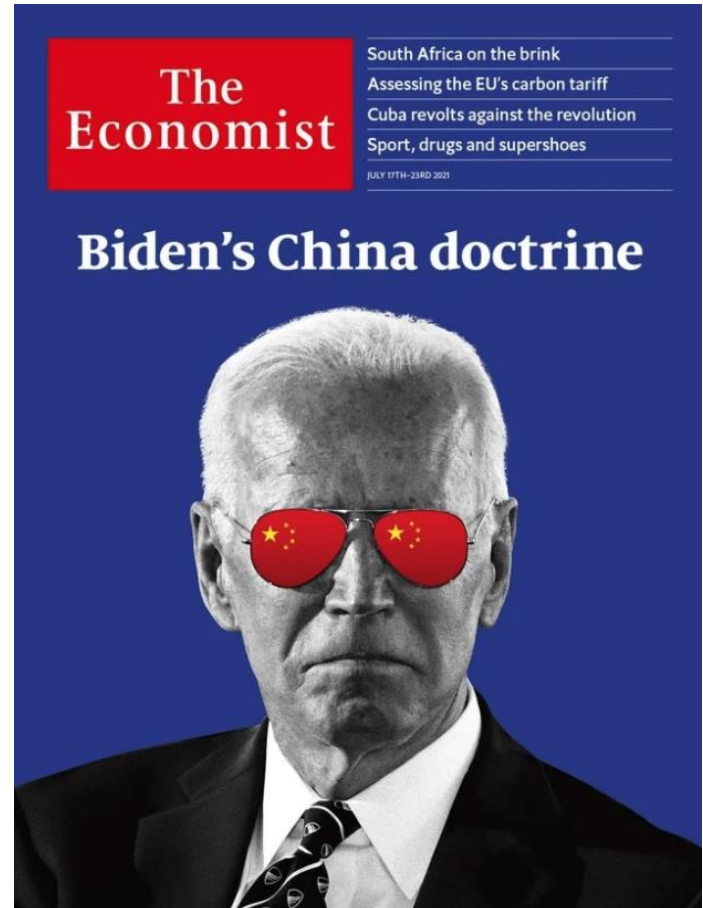
- New leader in Germany
- US mid-term elections
- Presidential elections in France, Brazil
- Xi Jinping confirmed in power
- 75th anniversary of India's independence
- Winter Olympics in Beijing
- World Cup in Qatar



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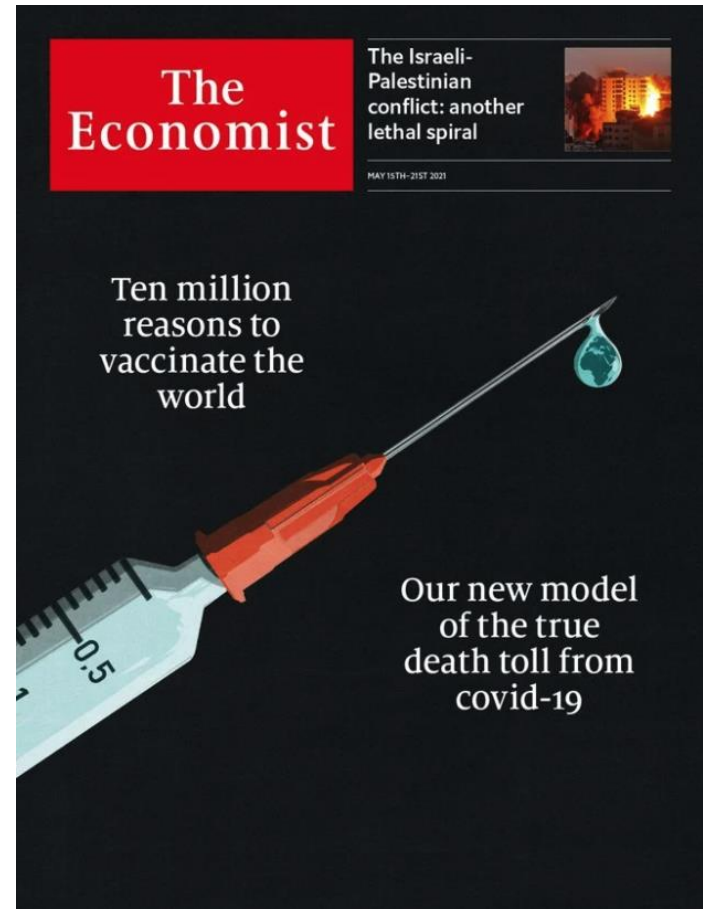
Democracy v autocracy.

US-China rivalry in everything from vaccinations to space stations. Growth, innovation, stability?



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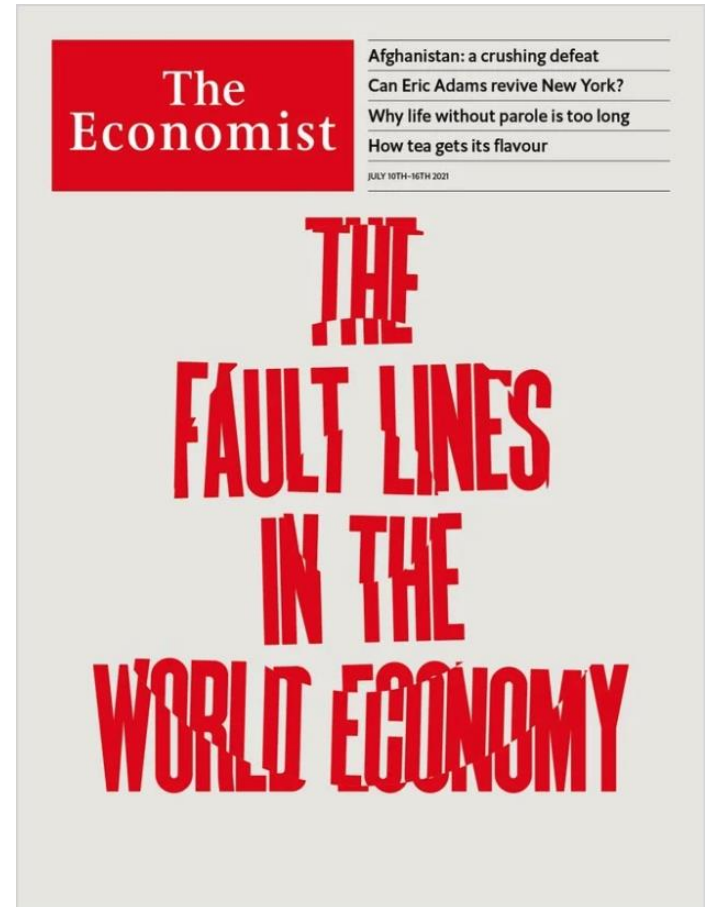
Pandemic to endemic.
Promising new therapies,
but uneven recovery



3.

Economic uncertainty.

Withdrawal of stimulus,
worries about inflation,
turmoil in jobs markets



4.

The future of work.
How to ensure hybrid
working is fair? Many
arguments loom



5.

Techlash everywhere.
Tech giants are under fire both in the West and in China.



6.

Crypto grows up.
It is being regulated and domesticated. Growing interest in DeFi and CBDCs (“govcoins”)



7.

Climate crunch.

Extreme weather meets lack of urgency. Will COP26 produce real change? Geoengineering test



8.

Travel trouble.

Will borders stay closed?
Will business travel
rebound? And the “winners’
curse” of covid-19



9.

Space races.

Rivalry between superpowers, startups and cinematographers



10.

High-stakes contests.

Winter Olympics in Beijing and World Cup in Qatar show how sporting events can unite—but can also be political footballs

