

当機構代表理事の黒川清が、米国の Foreign Policy 誌が発表した「Top 100 Global Thinkers」(世界の思想家トップ100)に選出されました。

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100 TOP GLOBAL THINKERS 2012



63 KIYOSHI KUROKAWA

*For daring to tell a complacent country that groupthink can kill.
Doctor | Japan*

On March 11, 2011, tsunami waves from the worst earthquake Japan had ever seen slammed the island country. Some 15,872 people died; 129,577 buildings collapsed; and three reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station in eastern Japan suffered a full meltdown, spewing radiation into the air and **tainting** a 50-mile radius of surrounding area. In the national debate that followed, the Japanese government commissioned three major reports to determine what happened. The most searing one was chaired by the outspoken Kiyoshi Kurokawa, a medical doctor and emeritus professor who **blasted** "collusion" between government regulators and Tokyo Electric Power Co., which runs the plant, for causing the disaster.

In Japan's opaque political system, **Kurokawa's report** amounted to a bombshell. Following a six-month investigation, including interviews with more than 1,100 people, he concluded not only that the Fukushima disaster was "man-made" but also that it resulted more fundamentally from the "ingrained conventions of Japanese culture: our reflexive obedience; our reluctance to question authority; our devotion to 'sticking with the program'; our groupism; and our insularity." Critics have argued that even Kurokawa didn't go far enough; the report names no names, and critical elements that **appear** in the English-language report didn't make it into the Japanese. But his rare willingness to point fingers is exactly what may be needed to shake the world's third-biggest economy out of its dangerous complacency.

Best idea:

Critical importance of human wisdom.

Worst idea:

Continuing greed.

American decline or American renewal?

Renewal.

More Europe or less?

Less.

To tweet or not to tweet?

To **tweet**.