1. In one film in this language, a deaf and blind girl experiences flashbacks while visiting her alcoholic teacher, who has Alzheimer’s. A recent film in this non-English language follows an unhappy housewife who exchanges notes with a lonely widower after he is accidentally delivered her husband’s lunchbox. A bicycle-powered horse clipper and scooter-powered flour mill appears in one film in this language, which Google used to produce a 2013 advertisement called (“) “Reunion,” which featured an elderly man reuniting with his childhood friend Yusuf. Films in this language often feature sexy dancers in their item numbers. As of 2014, twenty-five films in this language have entered the “Hundred Crore Club.” In one film in this language, a rag-tag team defeats colonial authorities in a game of cricket. For 10 points, name this dominant language of Lagaan and other films produced in Bollywood.

ANSWER: Hindi [accept Hindustani; honestly take Urdu since they're the same damn language]

2. The term was first used by Stewart McKinney to describe Continental Illinois. In a CPAC speech, Richard Fisher proposed mitigating this phenomenon by cutting off discount window access. Senator Ted Kaufman argued that a bill’s “orderly liquidation authority” did nothing to curtail this phenomenon. The Gerald Loeb Award was given to a 2009 book with this four-word phrase as its title by Andrew Ross (“) Sorkin. The Brookings Institute criticized Elizabeth Warren for falsely asserting that this phenomenon would end merely by reinstating Glass-Steagal. Brian Schweitzer and Mitt Romney have both attacked Dodd-Frank for “institutionalizing” this phenomenon, which is an example of moral hazard. For 10 points, name this term used to describe a financial system where the government must prop up large financial institutions due to their huge economic presence.

ANSWER: Too Big To Fail [accept TBTF; prompt generously on equivalents, saying, “I need the real term”]

3. Until it was creamed in 1994, a People’s party of this name was led by Prime Minister Poul Schlüter. Another party of this name led the opposition to F. W. de Klerk’s negotiations. The Wheat Board was dissolved by a party sharing this name with one that destroyed Dede Scozzafava’s campaign by nominating Doug Hoffman instead of fusion ticketing. A party of this name won a commanding 2013 victory while led by Erna Solberg, the current Prime Minister of Norway. In 1993, a Progressive party of this name went from 156 seats to 2 under the leadership of (“) Kim Campbell after being annihilated by the Grits. A tool who leads a party with this name advocated the “big society” and is opposed by Red Ed. This is the name of a right-wing third party in New York State. For 10 points, give this common name of political parties, including two led by Stephen Harper and David Cameron that are also known as the Tories.

ANSWER: Conservatives [prompt on Tories before mentioned]

4. This politician, who lost national elections in 1994 and 1998, caused an uproar at the 2009 G-20 conference by blaming white people with blue eyes for the financial crisis. This leader’s government refused to extradite Cesare Battisti and created a massive infrastructure program called the PAC. One of this leader’s most successful programs was a scheme that tied welfare checks to families vaccinating their children and sending them to school. A scandal over large monthly payments to politicians damaged the government of this man, who expanded welfare with the Fome Zero program creating the (”) Bolsa Família. The mensalão scandal hurt the administration of this man, whose successor, also a member of the Worker’s Party, is the daughter of Bulgarian immigrants. For 10 points, name this popular President of Brazil from 2003 to 2011.

ANSWER: Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva [accept either underlined portion]

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5. Operation Merlin attempted to thwart this initiative, which ironically began with a speech advocating its use “for Peace” announced as part of Operation Candor. The alleged Green Salt Project is supposedly part of this initiative, while other speculation suggests that support for the American position on it influenced the appointment of Yukiya Amano. Brazil mediated a proposal to resolve issues relating to this initiative, which has included a construction project at Darkhovin. In September 2011, a facility at (”) Bushehr was opened as part of this initiative, which became controversial in the wake of IAEA reports and was damaged by Stuxnet.
Mossad agents have been blamed for the assassination of scientists working on this program. For 10 points, name this sanction-prompting program to enrich uranium in a certain country.

ANSWER: Iranian nuclear program [accept obvious equivalents]

6. A relative of this man won the 2012 Milton Friedman Prize for an article about “returning” him to “human form.” In a novel named for this man, a deprogrammed cultist wanders through a tent city in New York and meets the teen drug dealer Omar. This man is clapped on the back at the end of Franz Ferdinand’s song “Walk Away.” The 2005 biography The Unknown Story concerns this man, whose Private Life was revealed in a 1994 memoir by his doctor. A novel named for this man declares, “The future belongs to crowds” after a mass (*) wedding of Moonies in Yankee Stadium. This man shares his name with a chainsaw-wielding telepath on Code Geass. A Don DeLillo novel is named after Andy Warhol’s silkscreen series of this man, whose Civilization IV theme names a group inspired by him, “The Shining Path.” For 10 points, name this man who can still be found in a Mausoleum in Tiananmen Square.

ANSWER: Chairman Mao Zedong [accept Mao Tse-Tung from stupid people or Taiwanese who use Wade-Giles]

7. Two brothers from this nation wrote books in the fictional “Noon Universe.” In X-Com, this is the only nation that will never capitulate to the aliens no matter how badly you play. A game developer from this nation is responsible for the obscenely hard Men of War RTS. This nation is the largest that uses the Yandex search engine. In one game, this setting of the (*) Metro 2033 series is taken over by “ultranationalists” after an elevator carrying the protagonist opens and he is told not to speak its major language. With another nation to its south, this nation can form the feared Juggernaut in Diplomacy. In 2010, this nation went cuckoo for krokodil, a flesh-eating drug. In this home nation of t.a.t.u, the player massacres people at an airport in a Modern Warfare 2 mission. For 10 points, name this home of Andrei Sakharov.

ANSWER: Russian Federation [or Rossiya; grudgingly accept Soviet Russia; prompt on Soviet Union]

8. One politician from this nation ended every speech by stating that a Finance Minister “MUST GO” and founded the Self-Defence League. A left-wing party defeated the Nonpartisan Bloc for Support of Reforms, but collapsed completely after the Rywin Affair, leaving this nation without a major national left-wing party. The Democratic Left Alliance is from this nation, where a former President endorsed Mitt Romney, after Obama excluded this nation from America’s missile shield. After a president in this nation died, his (*) identical twin brother ran to replace him. Those brothers from this nation founded the Law and Justice Party before one of them died in a suspicious plane crash while commemorating the Katyn Massacre. The current ruling party in this nation is the liberal Civic Platform led by Donald Tusk. For 10 points, name this nation once led by Lech Wałęsa.

ANSWER: Republic of Poland [or Rzeczpospolita Polska]

9. This provision is rendered largely irrelevant by various “hardship exemptions.” Eliot Spitzer noted that Einer Elhauge compared this provision to the 1792 Militia Acts. In a case regarding this provision, the Supreme Court ruled that the Tax Anti-Injunction Act did not prevent its challenge in court before (*) 2015. The Heritage Foundation has been criticized for promoting an idea similar to this provision in a 1989 paper. During oral arguments regarding this provision, Antonin Scalia compared it to requiring Americans to eat broccoli. In his ruling on National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius, John Roberts declared that this provision was constitutional because it could be construed as a tax. For 10 points, name this provision that requires Americans to buy health insurance or face a monetary penalty, introduced by Obamacare.

ANSWER: the individual mandate from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act [accept things like “the Obamacare mandate” or things mentioning mandates and the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare; prompt on Obamacare / ACA / Affordable Care Act; accept anything involving Obamacare penalties or taxes until “tax” is read and prompt thereafter]

10. A politician with this surname named Martin was appointed by Chris Patten and founded a Democratic Party. Another politician with this surname lost 1997, 2002, and 2007 presidential elections and founded the Liberty Forward Party. A representative in the CBC with this surname was the sole vote against the Authorization of Force against Al-Qaeda. The inauguration of another leader with this surname coincided with the Wild Lily student protests; that leader coined the term “special state-to-state relationship” and founded the (*) Taiwan Solidarity Union; his first name was Teng-Hui. Another leader with this surname was
11. A documentary following the lives of children affected by this event is subtitled No More Tears. In response to this event, the International Cricket Council hosted a match on January 10th. This event created a tourist attraction out of Apung 1 and may have activated Mount Leuser. This event was largely responsible for the brokering of a peace agreement with the separatist GAM movement in a conservative Islamic region. Maria Belón’s survival of this event inspired the English-language Spanish film (*) The Impossible. Though this event killed over thirty thousand Sri Lankans, most of its victims lived in Aceh. This event was caused by an uplifting of the Sunda megathrust, a fault line off the coast of Sumatra. For 10 points, identify this 2004 seismic event that killed hundreds of thousands in South and Southeast Asia.

ANSWER: 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami/earthquake [require the event and either the year or the location before the year is mentioned; accept Sumatra-Andaman earthquake; accept Christmas tsunami; accept Boxing Day tsunami; accept synonyms for “earthquake” and “tsunami”; accept anything indicating knowledge that the seismic event in question primarily affected South Asia, Southeast Asia, or Indonesia specifically]

12. This publication’s assistant editor criticized the American media for obsessively and unfairly attacking Israel, Pope Benedict XIV, and the Republican Party. Before he left it for 538, this publication’s section on American elections was written by Harry J. Enten. This publication’s most left-wing columnist was criticized by the Islamic Human Rights Commission in 2004. The website of this employer of Michael White and Polly Toynbee includes the section “Comment is Free.” The partner of one of this publication’s columnists, David Miranda, was unjustifiably arrested at an airport for (*) terrorism. Glenn Greenwald writes for this publication, which came down with a terminal case of Cleggmania and endorsed the Lib Dems in 2010. It exposed Obama’s VERIZON spying and PRISM surveillance programs, leading Obama and Cameron to retaliate by raiding its headquarters in search of Edward Snowden. For 10 points, name this left-wing Berliner headquartered in Manchester.

ANSWER: The Guardian

13. One district dedicated to this genre is located west of the Sunshine 60 building. This genre’s antecedents include “The Great Mirror” by Ihara Saikaku and nanoshoku shunga. One work in this genre stars Major Klaus Heinz von dem Eberbach and the art thief Dorian Red Gloria. Otome Road is dedicated to this genre, which was first known as Juné or tanbi. The number eight hundred and one is associated with this genre, which is exemplified by Banana Fish and Antique Bakery. Kuso Miso Technique, which coined the term (*) “Yaranaika?”, exemplifies its gachi-muchi or bara subgenre. Loveless and Gravitation are in this genre, which casts characters in the roles of ike and seme. Fujoshi are fans of this genre, whose vastly inferior distaff counterpart is yuri. For 10 points, name this Japanese genre of media that focuses on male-male romances.

ANSWER: shounen-ai [or boys love or yaoi; accept slash; ; antiprompt on shotacon; prompt very generously on gay porn or shoujo]

14. This man never forgot his younger brother Wieland, who died defending Firebase Ripcord. In one film, this man plays Colt, who is killed by Tang Lung. A cartoon version of this man battles the sinister forces of the Klaw with his namesake team of “Kommandos.” In one film, this creator of Chun Kuk Do blows up Mikhail Rostov with an RPG, thus saving Florida from Cuban guerrillas. This man was presented as a “security plan” against (*) illegal immigration in a campaign ad for Mike Huckabee. The Haley Joel Osment-played Lucas says that a character played by man told him that he has AIDS. This man co-starred with Lee Marvin in Delta Force and battles ninja terrorists in The Octagon. Bulletproof vests wear this man for protection. For 10 points, name this Texas Ranger who has another fist behind his beard, the inventor of the roundhouse kick.

ANSWER: Carlos Ray "Chuck" Norris [also accept Cordell Walker]

15. Factional struggles consumed this party after the 1991 death of a former Secretary General. This party introduced shadow cabinets in 2010, weakening the various policy tribes or policy villages of its Policy Affairs Research Council. This party was guaranteed a perpetual majority by the SNTV-MMD system until 1994,

ANSWER: Lee [be sure to laugh at people who chose poorly and went with Park, Choi, or Kim]

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Secretary-General of the People’s Action Party until his son replaced him as Prime Minister of a city-state. For 10 points, name this surname shared by Berkeley’s Barbara, Korea’s Myung-Bak, Singapore’s Kuan-Yew and Hong Kong’s Bruce.

ANSWER: Norris
when electoral reforms ended the “1955 system.” Economic statists from this party left to form the People’s New Party, while Neo-liberals left it to form Your Party. This party supposedly formed an “iron triangle” with the bureaucracy and enterprise conglomerates, resulting in a (*) “construction state.” A “Twisted Diet” allowed this party to demand elections in return for cooperation on a consumption tax hike and disaster relief, allowing it to reverse the results of a crushing 2009 defeat by the DPJ. For 10 points, name this right-wing ruling party of Japan.

ANSWER: LDP [or Liberal Democratic Party; or Jiyū-Minshin tō; do not accept or prompt on Democratic Party; laugh at anyone who buzzes in with an American political party]

16. Examples of these animals include Mr. Ando of the Woods and the Colonel-in-Chief of the Norwegian Royal Guard, Nils Olav. In one film, Werner Herzog asks if insanity exists among these animals before watching one run towards certain death in mountains seventy kilometers away. In the Excess Express chapter of Paper Mario: The Thousand Year Door, one of these animals imitates Sherlock Holmes. The Käibacorp board member Crump is obsessed with these animals. Disgaea’s mascot is a version of these animals called Prinnies. One of these animals often advises his comrades to (*) “smile and wave.” Tim Curry voices the evil Drake in an animated film about these animals in which Hubie woo’s Marina by offering her an emerald pebble. Private, Kowalski, Rico and Skipper from Madagascar are examples of these animals, which star in Surf’s Up and Happy Feet. For 10 points, name these animals that “March” in a 2005 documentary narrated by Morgan Freeman.

ANSWER: penguins [accept Sphenisciformes or Spheniscidae; prompt on flightless birds or Aves or avians or chordates or other non-specific answers; accept specific penguin species; accept Bumpties or other fictional penguin-like beings]

17. Most online anime is hosted on this nation’s website Nyaa. The tabletop RPG Kult comes from this nation, where everything is blamed on the homosexuals in a song by leading comedy troupe Grotesco. The Half-Life horror mod Cry of Fear is set in the capital of this nation, which produced with its southern neighbor a show where a socially impaired homicide detective investigates the “Truth Terrorist.” Hearts of Iron and Europa Universalis were produced by a studio from this nation. (*) Paradox Interactive. In 2013, an official gender-neutral pronoun was added to this nation’s language, which is used to write a comic from its eastern neighbor about the hippo-like Moomins. The musical Chess was written by Tim Rice and two former members of the biggest band from this home country of Dolph Lundgren. For 10 points, name this home nation of Saab, Volvo and IKEA.

ANSWER: Kingdom of Sweden [or Konungariket Sverige]

18. During the ‘90s, the ruling party of this region was opposed by the indigenous leader Matthew Coon Comes. In a 2012 comeback, that party won only 3% of the minority vote in this region because it pledged to prohibit the public use of turbans, hijabs, and minority languages. Jan Wong was criticized for claiming this “pure wool” region was overly concerned with racial purity. This region’s government recently shut down the web company Wellarc for “sounding foreign” under the provisions of (*) Bill 101, which may soon be supplemented by an anti-minority “Charter of Values.” This region’s PQ government lambasted the “ethnic vote” and argued that the Cree and Inuit did not qualify as a “people” and thus had no right to self-determination after they almost unanimously opposed a 1995 independence referendum. For 10 points, name this francophone Canadian province.

ANSWER: Quebec

19. This politician was caught on camera saying, “Disgusting Serbs! Get out!” and refused to use the word “genocide” to describe a genocide while serving as an ambassador. This politician was asked how long Democrats would blame Bush for all of the world’s problems, garnering the response, “Forever.” This politician testified to have inherited two destroyed buildings “in the state they were” and answered “yes” when asked by Lesley Stahl of 60 Minutes if the death of (*) five hundred thousand children was “worth it.” This politician’s investment bank put hundreds of millions into several countries she helped bomb, such as Kosovo. As UN Representative, she unsuccessfully worked to defund and weaken the UN Peacekeeper Force to Rwanda in 1994. For 10 points, name this evil Clinton official who served as the first female Secretary of State.

ANSWER: Madeleine Korbelová Albright

20. This nation’s rocket agency recently launched the Tropospheres 5, leading to the death of the cosmonaut Kavira, a rat. The author of The Antipeople co-founded the MCDDI in this nation, where a large orchestra is
composed of members of the Kimbanguist Church. This nation’s government controls the mining company Gécamines. The author of *The Invention of Africa* hails from this nation, which was plagued by the March 23 Movement. A ruler of this nation controlled (*) Popular Movement of the Revolution and mandated wearing the *abacost*. This largest francophone nation was the location of the war Shaba I and its sequel, Shaba II. Despite its huge cobalt and coltan mineral reserves, this nation is consistently ranked as the world's poorest, partially due to the legacy of Mobutu Sese Soko. For 10 points, name this nation formerly known as Zaire.

**ANSWER:** DRC [or Democratic Republic of the Congo; accept Zaire before mentioned, prompt on Congo, do not accept Republic of Congo; accept DR Congo, Congo-Zaire, Congo-Kinshasa, Belgian Congo or République démocratique du Congo or RD Congo]

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21. This politician made his support of Dodd-Frank contingent on the removal of the section banning proprietary trading, which was removed. In a debate, this figure stated that he was running for “the people’s seat” and his opponent caught flack for mocking the idea of going out into the cold to shake hands. When this politician vacated his state senate seat, his party lost 20% of their senate caucus. He’s not Russ Feingold, but in an election that he lost, this politician signed a (*) “people’s pledge” against all outside spending. This politician drove his green GMC pick-up truck on the campaign trail and hails from Wrentham. His electoral victory forced the rival party to resort to budget reconciliation measures in order to amend Obamacare. For 10 points, name this politician who defeated Martha Coakley in a 2009 upset, but was defeated in 2012 by Elizabeth Warren, a Massachusetts Republican.

**ANSWER:** Scott Phillip Brown