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[Leading a Nation Takes Years Off Life, Study Suggests](#) - New York Times 14/12/2015
[New study: Heads of state live shorter lifespans](#) - CNN 14/12/2015

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India - The Times of India, Business Standard, New Kerala, The Indian Express, Asian New International

ROW: The Australian (blog), Sydney Morning Herald, Herald Sun, NEWS.com.au, South China Morning Post, The Times of Israel, Arab News (Saudi Arabia), Gulf News (UAE), Straits Times (Singapore), Star Malaysia, The Manila Times, Economy Lead, Science Codex, Medical Daily, Medical Xpress, Medical News Today

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[Putin walks with KGB-trained 'gunslinger's gait': study](#) - CTV News 14/12/2015
[Vladimir Putin and top Russian officials have adopted same distinctive gait](#) - Telegraph 15/12/2015
[Putin and other ex-KGB have 'gunslinger's gait,' says study](#) - Yahoo News 14/12/2015

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[Playful study issues a call to arms for the science community — against the zombie apocalypse](#) - The Washington Post 14/12/2015

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Christmas Feature: [Freewheelin' scientists: citing Bob Dylan in the biomedical literature](#)

[Bob Dylan lyrics inspired medical scientists: Study](#) - Hindustan Times 15/12/2015
[Don't criticize what you can't understand: Bob Dylan pops up throughout medical literature](#) - the Washington Post 14/12/2015
[Bob Dylan inspires medical scientists](#) - Sky News Australia 15/12/2015

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['Novel, amazing, innovative': positive words on the rise in science papers](#) - Nature 14/12/2015
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[Spectacular discovery that scientists are prone to hype](#) - The Times 17/12/2015

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[British teeth are no worse than US smiles, say researchers](#) - The Guardian 17/12/2015
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[Want to be a top doctor? Grow a moustache \(sorry, ladies\)](#) - The Times 17/12/2015

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['Curse of the Rainbow Jersey' Explained](#) - Discovery News 14/12/2015

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