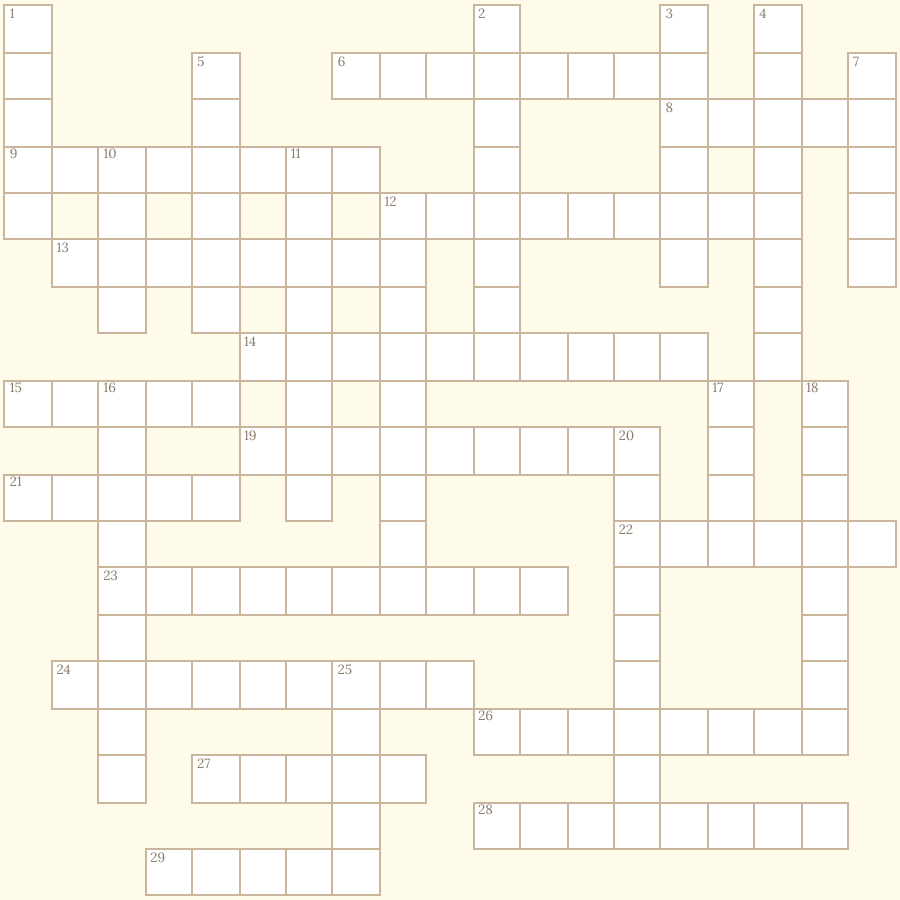
The *Inner Policy* Crossword

No. 1 · Thirty entries from the world, the page, and the interior



ACROSS

6 A formal diplomatic protest — the state-to-state version of "we need to talk" (8)

8 What you're writing once the line breaks stop (5)

9 The borrowed line at the top of the chapter, doing the heavy lifting (8)

12 The century's scarcest resource, and the one you give away free (9)

13 Where a sentence waits until it's ready (8)

14 Issued after the summit; says very little, at length (10)

15 1945 conference where three men divided a continent across a table (5)

19 Getting what you want without having to ask twice (two words) (9)

21 Distance from home, unchosen (5)

22 A meeting at the top, occasionally productive (6)

23 Proof that someone actually read the book (10)

24 Not the absence of noise — the absence of urgency (9)

26 The loneliness you chose (8)

27 What a breath does and a feed never will (5)

28 A state's standing answer to a question not yet asked (8)

29 One sent to speak on another's behalf (5)

DOWN

1 The international one is forever being described as collapsing (5)

2 It means both to permit and to punish; choose (8)

3 What a relationship needs more often than it needs explaining (6)

4 Not laziness — a position (8)

5 Agreed on paper, argued about everywhere else (6)

7 Easier to sign than to keep (5)

10 A figure we agree to admire, usually once they're safely gone (4)

11 Who sits where, and why it matters more than it should (8)

12 Poet of "Requiem," who stayed (9)

16 The theme that keeps returning — in Wagner, and in you (9)

17 Nobody wrote it down; everybody notices it broken (4)

18 What the news cycle is engineered to remove (8)

20 The virtue that looks, from outside, like doing nothing (9)

25 From the French for "to attempt" (5)