Reports & Resources

U.S. Stands Out in How it Chooses Its Head of State
Pew Research Center | READ STORY

The short answer: No other democratic nation fills its top job quite the way the U.S. does, and only a handful are even similar. Besides the U.S, the only other democracies that indirectly elect a leader who combines the roles of head of state and head of government (as the U.S. president does) are Botswana, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, South Africa and Suriname.

Social Media Update 2016

President's Corner

The Community Development Society (CDS) and the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) received a huge number (over 250) of proposals for refereed presentations and posters for the 2017-CDS-NACDEP Conference. Notifications will be sent out by January 15. The conference will be held at Big Sky Resort in Big Sky, Montana June 11-14, 2017. Lodging reservations can be made by calling (800) 548-4486. Reference “CDS-NACDEP” to receive discounted rates. We look forward to sharing more information as conference planning continues.

-Paul Lachapelle
2016 MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

2017 Association for International Agricultural
Over the past decade, Pew Research Center has documented the wide variety of ways in which Americans use social media to seek out information and interact with others. Americans are using social media in the context of work (whether to take a mental break on the job or to seek out employment), while also engaging in an ongoing effort to navigate the complex privacy issues that these sites bring to the forefront.

Rural-Urban Voting Gap Widens

Final vote totals are not available, but it is possible to see a shift in the nature of American politics from 2012. Democrats saw big declines in their percentage of the vote outside the cities. (See chart.) Republican Trump, meanwhile, had a nearly 7.3 million vote deficit in metropolitan areas almost erased by totals in rural counties and counties with towns under 50,000 people.

Facebook remains the most popular social media platform

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Note: 98% of Americans are current internet users.
Source: Survey conducted March 7-April 4, 2018.
“Social Media Update 2018”

Grants, Awards & Jobs

IMLS: Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program
Deadline: January 13
Funder: Institute of Museum and Library Services

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EPA: Environmental Justice Small Grants Program
Deadline: January 31
Funder: Environmental Protection Agency

Assistant Professor
Community Entrepreneurship & Applied Economics (CDAE)
University of Vermont
Why Invest in Indigenous Lands?
World Resources Institute | READ STORY
New WRI research shows that securing indigenous forestland is also a low-cost, high-benefit investment and therefore makes good economic sense. Given the important role of forests in storing carbon, securing indigenous forestland is a sound climate mitigation strategy.

U.S. Clean Energy Transition Irrevocably Underway
NRDC | READ STORY
NRDC’s Fourth Annual Energy Report published today brings optimistic news in a moment of uncertainty in the federal government: the nationwide momentum for clean energy is undeniable and irresistible because clean energy now costs less than dirty energy. The report, Accelerating Into a Clean Energy Future, includes extensive new evidence of the transition from climate-polluting fossil fuels to renewables and energy efficiency.
2016 Will Likely Be the Warmest Year on Record
The Weather Company | READ STORY
This year is likely to be the Earth’s warmest year on record, fueled by El Niño conditions early in the year, and long-term warming from climate change. Temperatures for the world from January-September 2016 were 0.88 degree Celsius above the 1961-1990 average, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) recently announced.

![Global temperature chart](chart.png)