Reports & Resources

Why the White Middle Class is Dying Faster, Explained in 6 Charts
Vox | READ STORY
In 2015, a blockbuster study came to a surprising conclusion: Middle-aged white Americans are dying younger for the first time in decades, despite positive life expectancy trends in other wealthy countries and other segments of the US population. The research, by Princeton University’s Anne Case and Angus Deaton, highlighted the links between economic struggles, suicides, and alcohol and drug overdoses. They’ve now come to a compelling conclusion: It’s complicated. There’s no single reason for this disturbing increase in the mortality rate, but a toxic cocktail of factors.

MT CD Update
MACDEP welcomes new members in 2017: Emilie Drishinski (CD Program), Elizabeth Werk (Fort Belknap Reservation), Kellee Anderson (Butte-Silver Bow County), Jackie Sutton (Beaverhead County), Tracy Mosley (Park County), Barb Watson (MSU-Housing and Environmental Health Programs), and Stephanie Davison (4-H Center for Youth Development). Visit the MACDEP website to learn more about the benefits of membership. Contact Abbie Phillip for more information.

Abbie Phillip
2017 MACDEP President

Registration is still open for the 2017 CDS/NACDEP
Rural America Enters 2017 With Fewer Jobs Than in 2016
The Daily Yonder | READ STORY
Rural America lost jobs in 2016, according to a Daily Yonder analysis of federal jobs data, as the growth in employment continued to concentrate in the nation’s largest cities. Eight out of 10 jobs created in 2016 were in the 51 metropolitan areas of a million people or more. These giant urban areas gained 1.2 million jobs between January 2016 and January of this year, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In rural counties, there are nearly 90,000 fewer jobs this January than in the same month a year ago.

China Outpaces India in Internet Access, Smartphone Ownership
Pew Research Center | READ STORY
India and China, the world’s two most populous countries, have long had a competitive relationship and have emerged as major economic powers. But in the digital space, China has a clear advantage. Since Pew Research Center began tracking advanced technology adoption in the two countries in 2013, the Chinese have consistently reported rates of internet and smartphone use that are at least triple that of Indians. That trend has continued through 2016.
Number of Women Leaders Around the World Has Grown, but They're Still a Small Group

Pew Research Center | READ STORY
As nations around the world celebrate International Women’s Day, the number of countries that have had a female leader continues to expand. But the list is still relatively short, and even when women have made it to power, they’ve rarely led for a long time. Fifty-six of the 146 nations (38%) studied by the World Economic Forum in 2014 and 2016 have had a female head of government or state for at least one year in the past half-century. In 31 of these countries, women have led for five years or

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Grants, Awards & Jobs
HHS: Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals
Deadline: April 25
Funder: Department of Health and Human Services

HHS: Community Economic Development Projects
Deadline: April 28
Funder: Department of Health and Human Services

HHS: Drug Free Communities Mentoring Program
Deadline: May 8
Funder: Department of Health and Human Services

Associate or Full Professor
Economics
Iowa State University

Clinical Assistant Professor
School of Community Resources and Development
Arizona State University

National/International News
Fire Survivor Teaches Children Fire-Safety Tools That Saved His Family
ABC News, March 30
By the Numbers: Indigenous and Community Land Rights
World Resources Institute | READ STORY

When more than 1,200 land rights experts converge on the World Bank’s Washington, DC headquarters for the 18th Annual Land and Poverty Conference, participants from government, civil society groups, private sector and donor agencies will focus on how they can use data and other evidence to reform land policies, identify strategies for expansion and find ways to monitor progress.

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Israel Prepares for Next War With Hezbollah in Mock Village
ABC News, March 30

Bill Would Allow Connecticut Police to Put Weapons on Drones
Fox News, March 30

Applications for US Unemployment Aid Fell to 258K Last Week
Fox News, March 30

Rep. Chris Smith Pushes Stronger US Role on Aid Worker Security
Devex, March 30

Infrastructure for Distracted Pedestrians: Streetlights in the Ground
Planetizen, March 30

Fleeing Boko Haram, Thousands Cling to a Road to Nowhere
NY Times, March 30

San Francisco’s 'Green Connections Plan' Prioritizes Wildlife
Planetizen, March 30

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Montana News

Native American Language Preservation Program Moving to the Senate With $1 Million Price Tag
KBZK, March 30

Census Report Shows Missoula Keeps Growing
How Much Does Science Knowledge Influence People’s Views on Climate Change and Energy Issues?

Pew Research Center | **READ STORY**

Many in the scientific community believe that if the American public were more informed about the science behind climate change and energy issues, people would hold views that aligned more closely with those of scientific experts. But how much people know about science only modestly and inconsistently correlates with their attitudes about climate and energy issues, while partisanship is a stronger factor in people’s beliefs, according to a 2016 Pew Research Center survey.

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| Baby Box: A New Wave in Infant Care Coming to the U.S. |
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| GOP Brings Forward Smaller Infrastructure Bill |
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| Bill Would Establish Retirement Program for Employees of Montana Small Businesses |
| KXLF, March 30 |
| First Try to Launch Remote-Control Boat on Berkeley Pit Is Canceled After Technical Issues |
| Billings Gazette, March 30 |
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| Billings Gazette, March 30 |
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| Billings Gazette, March 30 |