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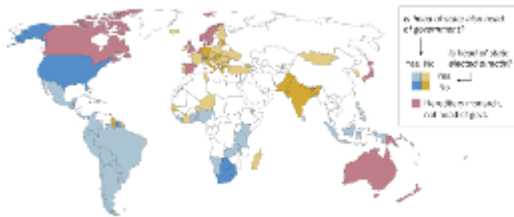
## Reports & Resources

### 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.

U.S. among few democracies that indirectly elect combined head of state/government



SOURCE: PEW RESEARCH CENTER, OCTOBER 1-10, 2012. "HOW IS YOUR COUNTRY'S HEAD OF STATE CHOSEN?"  
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### 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](#)

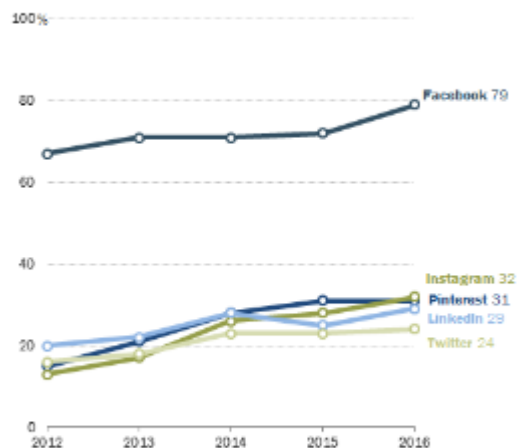
[Social Media Update 2016](#)

## Pew Research Center | [READ STORY](#)

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.

### Facebook remains the most popular social media platform

% of online adults who use ...



Note: 88% of Americans are currently internet users  
Source: Survey conducted March 7-April 4, 2016  
"Social Media Update 2016"

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## Rural-Urban Voting Gap Widens Daily Yonder | [READ STORY](#)

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.

### and Extension Education Conference

April 24-28, 2017  
Minneapolis, MN  
Sponsor: AIAEE

### National Urban Extension Conference 2017

May 8-11, 2017  
Bloomington, Minnesota  
Sponsor: University of Minnesota

### 2017 CDS - NACDEP Conference

June 11-14, 2017  
Big Sky, MT  
Sponsor: CDS / NACDEP

### Grants, Awards & Jobs

#### IMLS: Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

Deadline: January 13  
Funder: Institute of Museum and Library Services

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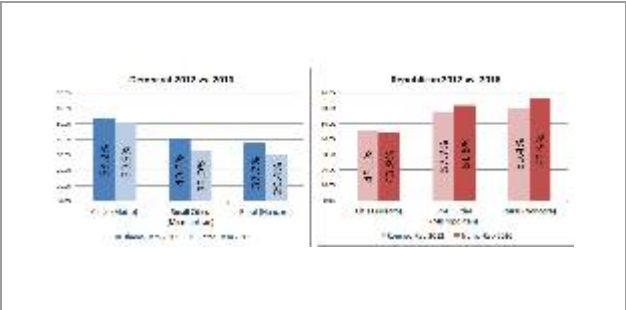
#### EPA: Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

Deadline: January 31  
Funder: Environmental Protection Agency

#### Assistant Professor

Community Entrepreneurship & Applied Economics (CDAE)  
University of Vermont

#### Assistant Professor



### 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.

**INDIGENOUS GROUPS ARE GOOD FOREST STEWARDS**

Indigenous groups have 2.8x lower deforestation rates than governments in Brazil, India, and Colombia.

Country	Indigenous Groups	Governments	Deforestation Rate Difference
Brazil	0.1%	0.28%	2.8x LOWER
India	0.1%	0.28%	2.8x LOWER
Colombia	0.1%	0.28%	2.8x LOWER

### 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.

Educational Leadership  
University of North Dakota

## National/International News

[Southern Madagascar Drought](#)

ABC News, December 6

[Muslim-Owned London Restaurant Offers Free Christmas Meal](#)

ABC News, December 6

[GOP's New Water Bill](#)

Fox News, December 6

[Iraq War Vet Walks 5,800 Miles](#)

CNN, December 6

[Putting Communities in the Driver's Seat of Development](#)

Devex, December 6

[App Detects Open Parking Spaces](#)

Planetizen, December 6

[A New Wave of Popular Fury Could Hit Europe in 2017](#)

NY Times, December 6

[Migration Takes Center Stage After IOM Joins the UN](#)

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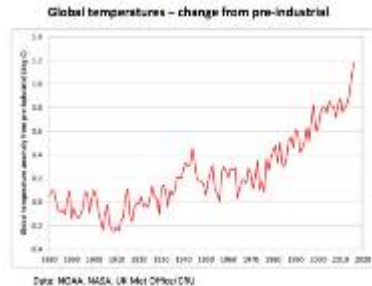
[Dakota Access Pipeline Will Be Completed](#)

KBZK, December 6



## 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.



### [Dead Geese in Berkeley Pit](#)

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### [National Guard Unit Change of Command Ceremony](#)

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### [Butte Rescue Mission Gives Away Turkeys](#)

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### [Montana Supreme Court Considers Change to Lawyers Ethics Rule](#)

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### [Local Government 2-Day Conference](#)

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### [Automated Anti-Icing System](#)

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### [Tech Applying Emerging Technology to Bullet-Proof Vests](#)

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