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THE ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE: THE 2012 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

A Select Webliography

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November 6, 2012 is Election Day. This is the day that Americans will vote their President into office for the new term. The U.S. electoral process is not easily understood, and its many rules and regulations may be confusing to observers both in America and around the world.

To share the U.S. modern democratic experience, explain the American electoral process, discuss the candidates and issues involved in this year's Presidential elections, and to answer Malaysians' questions about the complex electoral system and related matters, the Public Affairs Office at U.S. Embassy Kuala Lumpur has invited Mr. David Yepsen to share his perspectives in a series of talks in Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Kuching in May 2012.

This select webliography supplements Mr. Yepsen's talks.

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