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The Election Corner



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This new feature will allow those of you interested in U.S. Elections to get updated information, look at related governmental and non-governmental websites, get statistical resources, and help you learn more about the U.S. Elections process.

Comprehensive Sites:

USA Elections in Brief: <http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/elections-in-brief>

Pew Research Center Topics:

Publications on Election '08 Compilation of Backgrounders, Analysis, and other Publications Related to the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election. Some of the topics include debates, political endorsements, presidential primaries, religion, specific candidates, news coverage, and candidate websites.

<http://pewresearch.org/topics/election'08/>

Information on Candidates and Their Policies:

U.S. Election 2008 – Analysis of Candidates, and other Material; compiled by The Council on Foreign Relations:

http://www.cfr.org/issue/480/us_election_2008.html

Election '08: How Green is Your Candidate?

Interviews, fact sheets, and other material "on the [2008] presidential candidates' energy plans and environmental positions." Includes details about voting records, comments, and positions on greenhouse gas emissions, coal power plants, nuclear power, fuel economy standards, and other energy and environmental topics.

From Grist magazine; interviews are in conjunction with Outside magazine.

<http://www.grist.org/feature/2007/07/06/candidates>

Elections 2008 And Foreign Policy:

Trouble Ahead For the Next U.S. President When taking the oath of office on January 20 2009, the next president of the United States will be assuming responsibility for the most difficult, dangerous and complex set of foreign-policy challenges ever to face a newcomer to the White House.

http://www.brookings.edu/articles/2008/0104_foreignpolicy_talbott.aspx

United States: Presidential Hopefuls And Middle East Democracy.

Steven A. Cook

Even this early in the game, there are observable differences in how candidates for the U.S. presidency speak about democracy in the region.

<http://www.carnegieendowment.org/publications/index.cfm?fa=view&id=19776&prog=zgp&proj=zdr1,zme#cook>

"Arab Americans and the Middle East Policy in the 2008 U.S. Elections"

Dr. James Zogby, president of the Arab American institute, at the Washington Foreign Press Center Briefing on "Arab Americans and the Middle East Policy in the 2008 U.S. Elections," Thursday, November 29, 2007 - [Transcript](#) at:

<http://fpc.state.gov/fpc/95931.htm>

Upcoming web chats

Web chats are online, text-based discussions that allow audiences outside the United States to interact with American citizens on a wide range of topics. U.S. government and private sector subject experts, academics, journalists, and everyday citizens are brought on as guests to do web chats on USINFO.

To participate, you only need a computer with Internet access and a browser. There is no special software to be downloaded.

For more information, please see the link below:

<http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/Products/Webchats/faq.html>

Date: Tuesday, 4 March 2008

Time: 08:30 a.m. EST (1330 GMT)

Guest: **Ambassador Patricia Brister**



U.S. Support of Women Worldwide

http://www.america.gov/multimedia/askamerica.html#brister_04_mar_2008

The United States has a positive, forward-looking story to tell regarding its commitment to women's empowerment. Join Ambassador Patricia Brister to chat about U.S. achievements in advancing the status of women in America and around the world, including in the areas of violence against women, health care for women, humanitarian assistance, women's economic empowerment and women in conflict situations.

Guest Biography: Ambassador Patricia Brister is the U.S. head of delegation to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women. She served as a White House-appointed public delegate to the commission in 2005, and in 2006 President Bush appointed her as the U.S. representative. Brister was a successful businesswoman for more than 30 years.

Date: Tuesday, 4 March 2008
Time: 11:00 a.m. EST (1600 GMT)
Guest: Ambassador Robert Tuttle



http://www.america.gov/multimedia/askamerica.html#tuttle_04_mar_2008

Ambassador Robert Tuttle Answers Your Questions on U.S. Elections

The U.S. presidential election has been a hot topic for months. Become part of the continuing debate as Ambassador Robert Tuttle answers questions about the 2008 presidential race.

Guest Biography: Ambassador Robert Tuttle began his career in the public sector when he joined the White House staff in 1982 as special assistant to President Ronald Reagan. In 1985, he was appointed director of presidential personnel. He has been serving as ambassador to London since 2005.

Past web chats

If you are looking for past web chats, please go to the below link where you can find them all:

http://www.america.gov/multimedia/askamerica.html#page_29_feb_2008

Web chats in Arabic:

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مكتب برامج الإعلام الخارجي بوزارة الخارجية الأمريكية

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March 4, 16:00 GMT: Ambassador Robert Tuttle Answers Your Elections Questions

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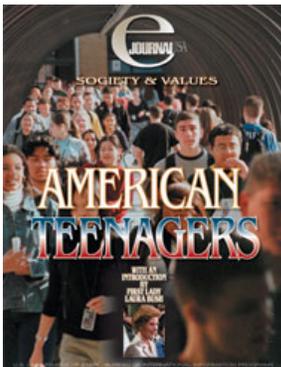
Electronic Journals



Immigrants Joining the Mainstream

<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itsv/0208/ijse/ijse0208.htm>

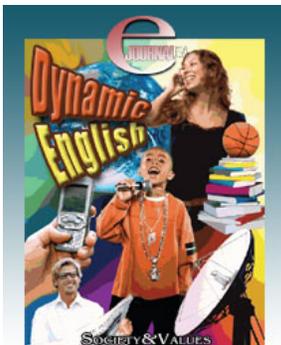
Immigrants made the United States what it is. Being an American depends on acceptance of certain American ideals, not on the place of birth of a person or of his or her ancestors. This edition of eJournal USA tells the story of immigration and diversity as it has played out through the centuries and continues to play out now.



American Teenagers

<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itsv/0705/ijse/ijse0705.htm>

Insight from students, teachers, and an interview with football star Freddy Adu.



Dynamic English

<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itsv/0807/ijse/ijse0807.htm>

This edition of *eJournal USA*, "Dynamic English," discusses forces that shape and change everyday English. From cultural and international influences, such as words that come directly, or in a changed form from another language, to popular media, including movies, music and sports, to changes arising from technological developments, the authors present examples of ways English changes daily. Other articles describe the process of language change, and tips for deciphering slang.

Recent Publications



Principles of Democracy

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/principles/>

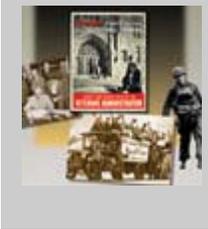
This page contains 21 pieces in a new series of one-page primers on the fundamentals of democracy produced by the Bureau of International Information Programs. Each of these short papers is available in English, Arabic, and five more languages versions.



Rachel Carson: Pen against Poison

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/carson/index.html>

A quiet woman's book stirred controversy and helped create the movement to save the environment.



Historians on America

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/historians/>

Historians on America is a series of individual essays that selects specific moments, decisions, and intellectual or legislative or legal developments and explains how they altered the course of U.S. history. Find out how 11 turning-point decisions altered U.S. history.

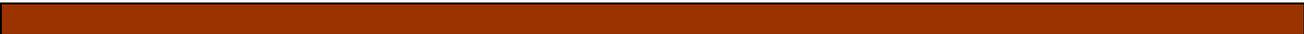


Photo Gallery

Telling America's story with photos.

Offering a visual tour of the stories and issues shaping our world, this gallery is one of the many invaluable services "America.gov" site offers for its audience.

The gallery can be browsed by the following subjects: Foreign Policy, U.S. Politics, American Life, Democracy, Science and Health.

Please visit the below galleries or go to the photo gallery direct link to see more photo collections.

Photo Gallery:

<http://www.america.gov/multimedia/photogallery.html#7a78bf28-e356-4d21-a311-0c218ec8f6f8>

Science & Health: Creating a Clean-Energy Future 	Business: U.S. Business Foreign-Born Leaders 	American Life: <u>RECOGNIZE!</u> Hip Hop and Portraiture 	U.S. Politics: The Executive Branch at Work 
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Slide Show: Visions of Native Americans

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/students/curtis.htm>

A slide show of the American photographer Edward Curtis's photos bring Native-Americans -- their leaders, their customs, their land -- to life.

Websites of interest

Using English:

<http://www.UsingEnglish.com>

Provides grammar glossaries, reference sheets on irregular verbs, phrasal verbs and idioms, teacher handouts, and ESL forums. The forums are particularly useful, as registered users can post questions in the "Ask a Teacher!" feature, and receive a response from one of their team of expert advisors. The articles area contains short pieces on using punctuation properly, teaching English in South Asia, and formal letter writing. The site also has its own Weblog, which contains valuable information on various elements of the English language that may be helpful both for ESL teachers and those seeking to learn the language.

National Library of Medicine:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>

The National Library of Medicine, on the campus of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, is the world's largest medical library. The Library collects materials and provides information and research services in all areas of biomedicine and health care.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

<http://www.cdc.gov>

Links include: data and statistics; research programs; new and noteworthy and general information.

Biology Browser: Teaching and Learning Resources

http://www.biologybrowser.org/bb/Subject/Education/Biology_Teaching_Resources/index.shtml

Provides science educators with a wide array of activities that can be used in the classroom. Currently, the site features over 190 resources related to various areas of biology. Visitors can search through the resources by subject, geography, or organism.

Human Rights Watch

<http://www.hrw.org/>

Human Rights Watch is dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world and is an independent, nongovernmental organization supported by contributions from private individuals and foundations worldwide. It accepts no government funds, directly or indirectly.

American Foreign Policy Council:

<http://www.afpc.org/>

For students and practitioners of the Middle East, the American Foreign Policy Council has highly relevant programs including one on Eurasia, dedicated to providing a timely analysis of emerging foreign policy trends in the Middle East and Central Asia and their implications for America National Security.