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## PUBLICATIONS

### [President-Speak. What the State of the Union Says to You](#)

*EJ|USA*, Vol. 18. No. 7, January 2014, 34 pages.

Read about the preparation of the State of the Union, including tips on how to write a great speech, and what actually happens on the day of delivery.

### [State of the Union Address Deeply Rooted in American History](#)

*IIP Pamphlet*, October 2013, 2 pages.

The U.S. Constitution requires that the president report to Congress "from time to time" on the "State of the Union." This constitutional requirement has evolved into the president's annual State of the Union address, which now serves several purposes.

### [State of the Union Trivia](#)

Chapter from *EJ|USA: President Speak*, Vol. 18. No. 7, January 2014, 1 page.

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## ONLINE READINGS

### [Why Tomorrow's State of the Union Matters...Even if It Doesn't](#)

[Thomas E. Mann](#). *The Brookings Institution*, January 23, 2014.

The author, a senior fellow of the Brookings Institution's Governance Studies, examines how President Obama will use tomorrow's address to defend his policies, ignite his base, and help defend Congressional seats in this year's midterms.





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**[The World Next Week: Previewing Obama's State of the Union Address](#)**

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The author, a senior vice president of Council on Foreign Relations, discusses President Obama's upcoming State of the Union address.

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[Matt Vasilogambros](#). *National Journal*, January 27, 2014.  
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