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President Obama's Remarks at Cairo University, Egypt

Seeks a new beginning between U.S., Muslims based on mutual respect



... We meet at a time of great tension between the United States and Muslims around the world -- tension rooted in historical forces that go beyond any current policy debate. The relationship between Islam and the West includes centuries of coexistence and cooperation, but also conflict and religious wars. [Full transcript](#)

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كلمة الرئيس باراك أوباما في جامعة القاهرة

بحثاً عن بداية جديدة بين الولايات المتحدة والعالم الإسلامي استناداً إلى الاحترام المتبادل

ألقى الرئيس باراك أوباما يوم الخميس، 4 حزيران/يونيو، خطاباً في جامعة القاهرة، في ما يلي نص ترجمته كاملاً كما صدر عن مكتب الخدمات اللغوية في وزارة الخارجية الأميركية. [النص الكامل](#)

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Poll suggest opportunity for Obama to reach out to Arab world

A recent [McClatchy/Ipsos poll](#) presented an interesting finding: in six Arab countries, the percentage of citizens with positive opinions of President Obama is higher than the percentage of those with positive opinions of the United States.

[Approval of U.S. Leadership Up in Some Arab Countries](#) - New Gallup Polls conducted in 11 Arab countries show that although approval of U.S. leadership remains generally low, ratings are up in 8 countries including Egypt.

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Corruption Undermines Trust, Erodes Development -

Glance at any set of headlines and you will likely read about allegations of corrupt activities to the north, south, east or west. Donors of foreign aid, seeing the same headlines, increasingly try to catch those who siphon aid intended for the poor.

الفساد يقوض الثقة في المؤسسات ويخرب جهود التنمية

البنك الدولي يمنع 351 شركة وفردا من الحصول على عقود معه

إن إلقاء نظرة سريعة على عناوين الأنباء يطلعنا في أغلب الأحيان عن موضوعات كثيرة تتحدث عن دعاوى فساد في كل الدول، في الشمال والجنوب والشرق والغرب. لذا فإن الجهات المانحة للمساعدات الخارجية، التي تطلع على عناوين الأنباء نفسها، تبذل جهودا متزايدة للإمساك بأولئك الذين يستنزفون المساعدات التي تكون موجهة أصلا للفقراء.



Fighting Corruption Depends on Political Will, Institutions

The road to economic hell is paved with ... failed anti-corruption campaigns. Newly elected leaders of countries saddled with a reputation for corruption often loudly declare a war on corruption and set up a commission to implement reforms. Yet many of those efforts fail because they lack crucial political and institutional elements, and public officials soon revert to the seven deadly sins of bribery, extortion, cronyism, nepotism, patronage, graft and embezzlement.

مكافحة الفساد تتوقف على الإرادة السياسية وعلى المؤسسات

التلاعب السياسي، وعدم مبالاة السكان يمكن أن يعرضاً جهود الإصلاح للخطر

إن الطريق إلى الجحيم الاقتصادي معبد بحملات محاربة الفساد الفاشلة.

جاهر زعماء البلدان الموبوءة بالفساد ممن انتخبوا حديثاً بإعلان الحرب على الفساد وشكلوا لجاناً لتنفيذ الإصلاحات.

ورغم ذلك فقد مني العديد من هذه الجهود بالفشل نظراً لأنها تفنقر إلى العناصر السياسية والمؤسسية الحاسمة،

وسرعان ما يعود الموظفون الحكوميون إلى الخطايا الكبرى المميتة، ألا وهي الرشوة؛ الابتزاز والمحاباة والمحسوبية والتفضل والاختلاس.

Majority of Americans View Obama's Handling of Economy in Negative Light - As the economy continues to be the top issue for the government to address, opinion on President Obama's handling of it has drifted slightly down from April.

Web Chats and Web Casts



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.

Past webcast:



Webcast – Washington Foreign Press Center On-the-Record Briefing: Global Response to the Cairo Speech of President Obama

The Department of State, through its regional bureaus, is tracking the public reaction to President Obama's June 4 speech in Cairo, reaching out to Muslims in all countries. The high-ranking State Department officials covering Africa, Asia and the Middle East will discuss the impact of the speech from their region's perspective.

Guests: Johnnie Carson is Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Glyn Davies is Acting Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Jeffrey Feltman is Acting Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, and Patrick Moon is principal deputy assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asian affairs.

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Webcast – Libraries and Their Clients: Free or Fee Services Supporting Social Communication in the Digital Era

The worldwide financial crisis urges libraries to search for more competitive, low-cost solutions in supporting scholarly research and public services, based essentially upon modern technologies. The aim of this digital videoconference is to display and stimulate valuable initiatives as well as to highlight the examples of low-cost/free-of-charge digital or print communication services offered and promoted by libraries.

Guest: Diane Nester Kresh is the director of the Arlington County, Virginia, Department of Libraries. She was formerly director for public service collections at the Library of Congress, where she directed a staff responsible for 15 of the library's reading rooms, including the historic Main Reading Room, and for custody and security of more than 113 million items in the library's general and special collections. She was selected to be among the 2001 Federal 100 for her role in launching the Collaborative Digital Reference Service.

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Obama sees Egypt's pyramids



During his busy day in Egypt July 4, President Obama also met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

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Can you catch the flu from handling money?



Yes. "Human influenza viruses can survive and maintain their infectiousness for several days when they are deposited on banknotes," according to a [2008 study by Yves Thomas](#) and his colleagues at the Central Laboratory for Virology in Geneva, Switzerland. [Add you own comment](#)

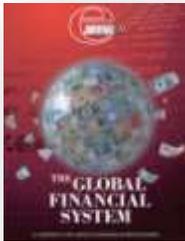


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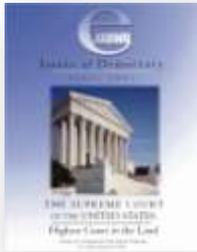
مجلة إلكترونية شهرية تصدر بعدة لغات تتناول شؤون الولايات المتحدة الخارجية والمجتمع الأميركي وثقافته.



The Global Financial System

Experts describe the mechanics of the global financial system presenting their views concerning the cyclical nature of markets, the interdependence of global trade relationships, and the role of regulation.

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The Supreme Court and the United States

The ultimate interpreter of American law and the American Constitution itself is the United States Supreme Court. Nearly 220 years old, the Court has grown dramatically in stature and authority. Its authority to invalidate as unconstitutional actions of the legislative and executive branches now is long settled. Americans may disagree with the Court's decisions, but defying the Court is simply beyond the bounds of political, even social, legitimacy.

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المعادلة النووية اليوم

تقدم هذه المجلة الإلكترونية "المعادلة النووية اليوم" الموقف الأميركي إزاء القضايا البالغة الأهمية المتعلقة بالمعاهدة، بالإضافة إلى طائفة واسعة من آراء الخبراء حول أصعب القضايا الراهنة في مجال منع انتشار الأسلحة النووية.

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Photo Gallery and Videos

Offering an audio-visual tour of the stories and issues shaping our world, the photo gallery and videos are two of many invaluable services "America.gov" site offers for its audience. Both, the gallery and videos can be browsed by the following subjects: American Life, Economy, Global Challenges and International Relations.

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Rising Star



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Peace and Security: Mideast Peace



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Environment & Global Warming

Growing demand for solar systems, such as this one at the Department of Water and Power in Los Angeles, will require more installers.

Creation of Green Jobs Is Worthy but Elusive Goal - Among labor and environmental activists who gathered at the February "Good Jobs, Green Jobs" conference in Washington, a sense of excitement was palpable.



To Make Clean Energy Cheaper, U.S. Needs Bold Research Push - ...The nation must move urgently to develop and harness a portfolio of clean energy sources that are affordable enough to deploy on a mass scale throughout the U.S. and the world.

Waxman-Markey Global Warming Proposal's Other Problematic Provisions -

The main focus of debate over the proposed Waxman-Markey American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 has been its cap and trade program. These global warming provisions have been targeted for good reason, as they amount to a massive energy tax that would cost this nation trillions of dollars and millions of manufacturing jobs in the years ahead.



A participant at a 2006 wind power conference in Pittsburgh looks at a rooftop wind energy system.

Pittsburgh: From Blue Collar to Green Collar - Something's growing in Pittsburgh. The city made famous by its steel mills and heavy industry now boasts acres of sunflowers throughout its urban center.

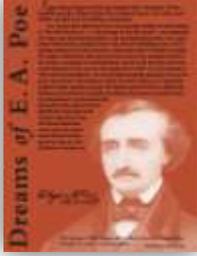
فيرجينيا تتعلم ابتكارات الطاقة من الخارج

الإشارات المركبة على منصات في منطقة نظام المترو في واشنطن العاصمة توفر معلومات "بالوقت الحقيقي" حول وضع القطارات.

طوال عقد وأكثر، كان المسؤولون المحليون في منطقة شمال ولاية فيرجينيا يتبادلون الابتكارات الخاصة بخطط البيئة على المستوى الإقليمي مع نظرائهم في أوروبا. ويتسع نطاق تركيز هذه الشراكة ليشمل تخفيف تأثير التغير في المناخ والتكيف معه، وتحسين كفاءة الطاقة، واعتماد الطاقة المتجددة، واتباع سياسات الأبنية "الخضراء".



Publications



Dreams of Edgar Allan Poe

Dreams of Edgar Allan Poe honors a giant of American literature. An essay by the acclaimed novelist and critic Diane Johnson explores Poe's life and career. Excerpts from audio dramatizations bring 6 classic Poe stories to life. Formatted as a stylish PDF file, this special web publication is suitable for printing and framing.

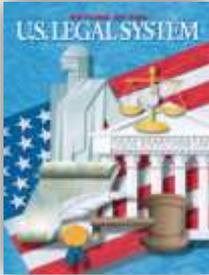
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American Popular Music

American popular music is a kaleidoscopic mélange of styles and dreams. Its vibrancy reflects the mating of cultural diversity to artistic and creative freedom. The stories in this book illustrate how Americans, borrowing from diverse musical traditions, have contributed to humanity's universal language.

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موجز النظام القضائي الأمريكي

تتضمن هذه المطبوعة الكثير من المعلومات الموسعة عن النظام القانوني والقضائي في الولايات المتحدة، بما في ذلك نظام المحاكم وأنواعها وطريقة عمل هيئة المحلفين.

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