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Reports & Resources

More Homeless Children Now Than Any Point in US History

National Center on Family Homelessness | [READ STORY](#)

A new report on child homelessness in America finds that 2.5 million children experience homelessness annually. The annual levels of homelessness among children have never been higher in the United States, according to a new comprehensive [report](#).



Crime and Corruption Top Problems in Emerging and Developing Countries

PEW Research | [READ STORY](#)

President's Corner

If you are a [NACDEP](#) member, you can cast your vote for the NACDEP 2015 Officers and your Regional Representative until Dec. 12; look for the email ballot in your inbox.

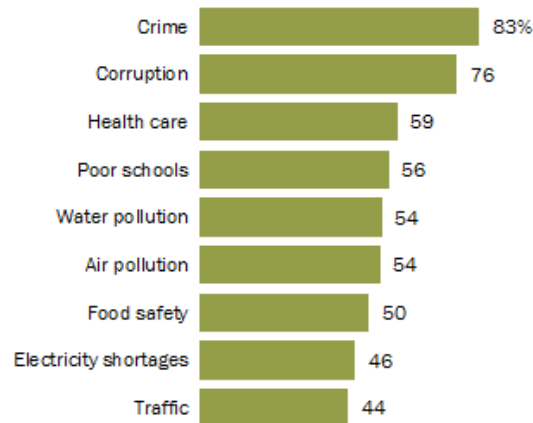
The 2015 [Community Development Society](#) Conference will be July 19-22, in Lexington, KY, USA. The Call for Abstracts was just announced with a deadline of Jan. 31, 2015; To submit go to this [link](#).

Last, please read this new Commentary in the latest issue of the Journal of Extension by Bo Beaulieu and Sam Cordes of Purdue University titled, [Extension Community Development: Building Strong, Vibrant Communities](#); See in particular their insightful comment, "During the course of our careers, we often have heard the statement, 'all Extension educators are

A median of 83% of people across 34 emerging and developing economies say crime is a very big problem in their country, and 76% say the same about corrupt political leaders. Many also worry about issues such as health care, poor quality schools, water and air pollution, and food safety.

Crime and Corruption Are Top Problems in Emerging and Developing Nations

Saying that ___ is a "very big problem"



Note: Numbers indicate medians across 34 emerging and developing nations.

Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey. Q21a-c, e-j.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

To End Hunger, Empower Women

Bread of the World Institute | [READ STORY](#)

A new report titled [When Women Flourish...We Can End Hunger](#) by the Bread of the World Institute shows that discrimination against women is a major cause of persistent hunger and that increasing women's earning potential by boosting bargaining power, reducing gender inequality in unpaid work, increasing women's political representation, and eliminating the wage gap between male and female labor could help stem the worldwide epidemic.

doing community development work.'....Doing high-quality community development work requires individuals with sound training in the field of community development, applied social sciences, or other closely related fields. CD is no less complex than the work one would expect from an Extension educator with a specialization in agronomy, animal science, or nutrition." Kudos, Bo and Sam!

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

Understanding Communities and Their Dynamics

Jan 15- Feb 26, 2015

Remote

Sponsor: eXtension, USDA's Regional Rural Development Centers, and the University of Vermont Extension

Liberal Education, Global Flourishing, and the Equity Imperative

Jan 21- Jan 24, 2015

Washington DC

Sponsor: Association of American Colleges & Universities

New Partners for Smart Growth Conference

Jan 29- Jan 31

Baltimore, Maryland



35.8 Million Worldwide Living in Modern-Day Slavery: Report

Walk Free Foundation | [READ STORY](#)

Modern-day slavery remains ubiquitous across the world, with an estimated 35.8 million people trapped under forced servitude or ownership of some kind, according to a [report](#) released Monday by the Australian anti-slavery NGO Walk Free Foundation.

Sponsor: New Partners for Smart Growth and [The Local Government Commission](#)

Community Development Conference 2015

Feb 18- Feb 20, 2015
Auckland, New Zealand
Sponsor: Unitec Institute of Technology

IMPACT Conference

Feb 19- Feb 22, 2015
Los Angeles, California

11th Annual Tri-State Diversity Conference

Feb 19- Feb 20, 2015
Cincinnati, Ohio

National Energy Extension Summit

Apr 7- Apr 10, 2015
Seattle, Washington

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Community Grant Program

Deadline: Dec 12, 2014
Funder: Walmart Foundation

MEDIA Projects

Deadline: Jan 14, 2015
Funder: National Endowment for the Humanities

Community Action Grants

Deadline: Jan 15, 2015
Funder: AAUW

Funding for Rural Projects and Programs

Where Are the Hardest Places to Live in the U.S.?

Times Magazine | [READ STORY](#)

Annie Lowrey [writes](#) in the NY Times Magazine about several measures for the hardest place in America to live. The conclusions are drawn by looking at six data points for each county in the United States: education (percentage of residents with at least a bachelor's degree), median household income, unemployment rate, disability rate, life expectancy and obesity. Each county's relative rank are then averaged in these categories to create an overall ranking.

A Nationwide Evaluation of Municipal Law

HRC | [READ STORY](#)

A new report called the [Municipality Equality Index](#) produced by the [Human Rights Campaign](#), examines the laws, policies, and services of municipalities and rates them on the basis of their inclusivity of LGBT people who live and work there. Ratings are based on 6 different areas: nondiscrimination laws; relationship recognition; how the city treats its own employees; city services; law enforcement; city leadership on matters of equality.

Deadline: Ongoing
Funder: CHS Foundation

National/International News

Will renewable energy ruin an 'irreplaceable' Mojave desert oasis?

LA Times; Nov 8

U.S. and China Reach Climate Accord After Months of Talks

New York Times; Nov 11

Tesla magnifies skilled labor shortage in Nevada

Reno Gazette-Journal; Nov 12

Los Angeles Prepares for its Next Major Earthquake

Planetizen; Nov 21

Activists make push for legalization of marijuana in Idaho

Idaho Statesman; Nov 25

Montana News

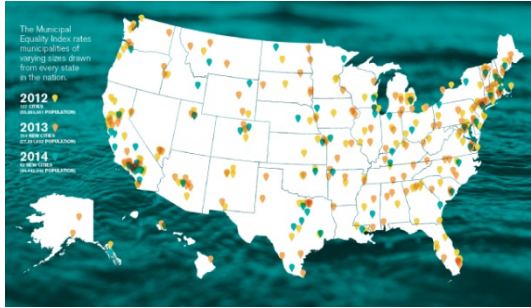
Pit water rising: Some worry treatment plans not good enough

MT Standard; Nov 10

Bozeman and surrounding areas look toward rapid growth

KBZK; Nov 17

Low Grades for Montana Infrastructure



Flathead Beacon; Nov 18

Bohart Ranch, Crosscut Ranch Sold

Bozeman Daily Chronical; Nov 23

MT Supreme Court Takes Up Coal Tax Dispute

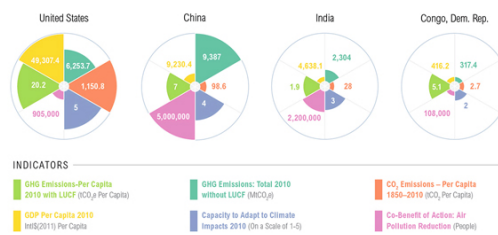
Manufacturing; Nov 25

CAIT Equity Explorer

World Resources Institute | [READ STORY](#)

Finalizing an "ambitious and equitable" international climate agreement by 2015 is a key step in transitioning the world to a low-carbon economy and building resilience. Figuring out what that kind of agreement looks like, though, can be difficult - especially when it comes to the equity component. So, how should countries decide what to put into their contributions, and how should they be evaluated? What should governments, civil society, and the private sector take into account in thinking about the equitability of a country's actions? World Resource Institute's new online tool, the [CAIT Equity Explorer](#), aims to help answer these questions. A related interactive [visualization](#) based on data from WRI's [CAIT](#) and the IPCC, shows how national CO2 emissions have changed over the last 150 years, how much of the global carbon budget these emissions have used up, and what the future might hold.

CAIT Equity Explorer Comparisons



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