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Reports & Resources

People in Emerging Markets Catch Up to Advanced Economies in Life Satisfaction

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People in emerging economies are considerably more satisfied with their lives today than they were in 2007. A Pew Research Center survey finds that publics in emerging nations now rival those in advanced economies in their self-reported well-being. The rise in happiness among middle income countries is driven in large part by attitudes in Asian nations, such as China, Indonesia and Malaysia. People in developing economies are also happier today than they were seven years ago, though the improvement has been more modest.

President's Corner

I just submitted our proposal to host a 2017 [CDS](#) / [NACDEP](#) joint-conference in [Big Sky, MT](#). Many thanks to all of you who have volunteered to serve on the local / regional host committee; if you are interested to serve, or have ideas for mobile learning workshops, fiscal sponsors, keynote speakers, etc., please contact [me](#).

Our MACDEP annual memberships (\$10) are due in January so please contact MACDEP Treasurer [Mandie Reed](#) to renew or join.

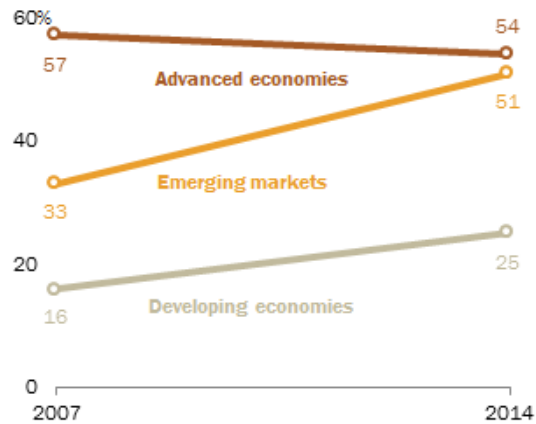
-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

**2014 Talloires Network
Leaders Conference**

Life Improving for Emerging Economies

On a ladder of life from 0 to 10, on which step do you stand at the present time? Percent saying 7,8,9 or 10



Note: Medians by country economic categorization. Medians include only the 28 countries surveyed in both 2007 and 2014.

Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey. Q2.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

War on Poverty Turns 50: Are We Winning Yet?

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The War on Poverty is 50 years old. Over that time, federal and state governments have spent more than \$19 trillion fighting poverty. But what have we really accomplished? Although far from conclusive, the evidence examined [in this report](#) shows that we have successfully reduced many of the deprivations of material poverty, especially in the early years of the War on Poverty. However, these efforts were more successful among socioeconomically stable groups such as the elderly than low-income groups facing other social problems. Moreover, other factors like the passage of the Civil Rights Act, the expansion of economic opportunities to African Americans and women, increased private charity, and general economic growth may all have played a role in whatever poverty reduction occurred.

Dec 2-4, 2014
Cape Town, South Africa
Sponsor: Talloires Network

2014 International Service Learning Workshop

Dec 13-18, 2014
Punta Gorda, Belize
Sponsor: Institute for Sustainable International Studies

14th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference

January 29-31, 2015
Baltimore, MD
Sponsor: New Partners for Smart Growth and [The Local Government Commission](#)

C2U Expo

May 26-29, 2015
Carleton University, Ottawa
Sponsor: Canada

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Various Environmental Grants and Financial Literacy Grants

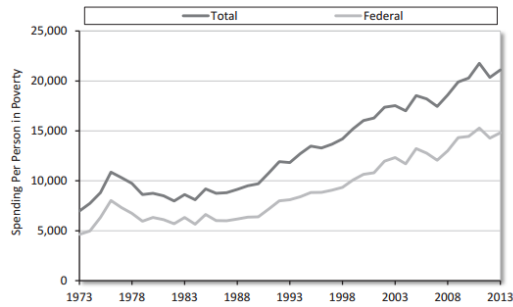
Deadline: Rolling Deadline
Funder: Cornell Douglas Foundation

Support for Organizations Assisting Low-Income Communities

Deadline: Open
Funder: The Kresge Foundation

Endowment Challenge Grants 2014

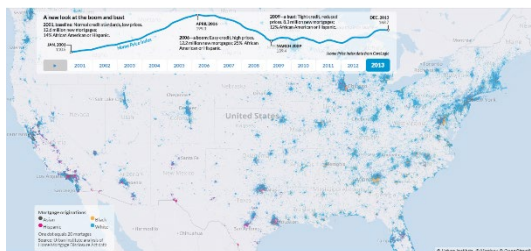
Figure 2
Welfare Spending per Person in Poverty 1973-2013



A new view of the housing boom and bust; mortgages by race 2001-2013

Urban Institute | [READ STORY](#)

This new interactive map by the Housing Finance Policy Center shows 13 years of data on more than 100 million mortgages in 24 seconds. See how lending patterns by race and ethnicity have changed throughout the entire United States



Digital divide exacerbates US inequality

Financial Times | [READ STORY](#)

The majority of families in some of the US's poorest cities do not have a broadband connection, according to a Financial Times analysis of official data that shows how the digital divide is exacerbating inequality in the world's biggest economy. High quality global journalism requires investment. But [the new figures from the Census Bureau](#), which collected data on internet use at a sub-state level for the first time last year, show how hard it will be to hit that target in the next five years. There are still 31m households in the US without a home or mobile broadband subscription.

Deadline: Dec 31, 2014
Funder: Community First Foundation

Community Action Grants

Deadline: January 15, 2015
Funder: AAUW

National/International News

For E.U. Climate Meeting, Deep Divisions and High Stakes

New York Times; October 21

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff Wins Presidential Run-Off Election

IBTimes; October 26

Goldman predicts \$75 oil in 2015 as OPEC loses influence to U.S.

Calgary Herald; October 28

More than 750 people turn out for meeting on oil-train study

Seattle Times; October 30

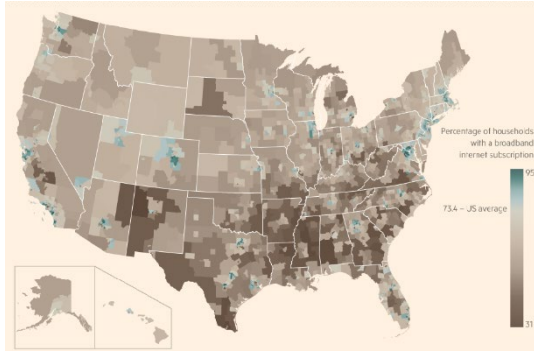
What Is on the Line in the Midterm Elections

New York Times; October 31

Montana News

Plum Creek to sell 117,000 acres at Placid Lake, Gold Creek to Nature Conservancy

Missoulian; October 28



Fewer Grizzly Bears Dying in Yellowstone Area

Flathead Beacon; October 29

Tester's Big Gamble: The Push for Indian Education, Health Care and Environment

Indian Country; October 29

Report ranks Montana 6th in nation for business tax climate

The Missoulian; October 29

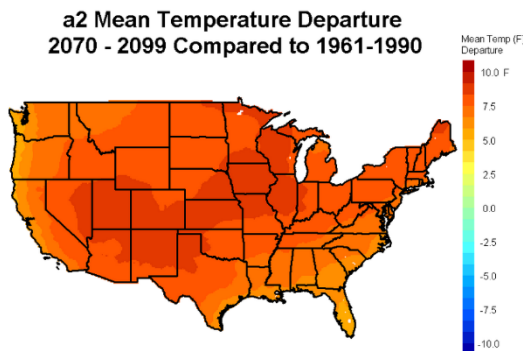
Report: Majority of Montana's waters impaired

Bozeman Daily Chronicle; October 30

Climate Wizard

The Nature Conservancy | [READ STORY](#)

Climate Wizard enables technical and non-technical audiences alike to access leading climate change information and visualize the impacts anywhere on Earth. The first generation of this web-based program allows the user to choose a state or country and both assess how climate has changed over time and to project what future changes are predicted to occur in a given area. ClimateWizard represents the first time ever the full range of climate history and impacts for a landscape have been brought together in a user-friendly format.

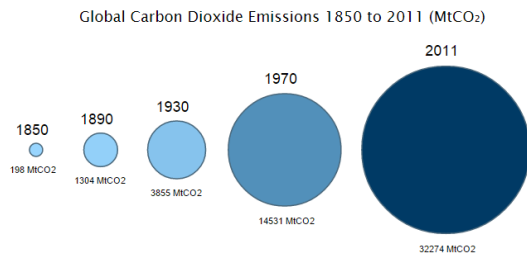


3 Infographics Explain Our Climate Past and Future

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The final installment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) [fifth assessment report \(AR5\)](#), set to be released this weekend, is the most

comprehensive evaluation of climate change to date. Its findings are both alarming and clear: Climate change is already affecting communities and ecosystems across the planet, and without urgent action, it's poised to worsen. This article presents three infographics related to the IPCC report: the history of carbon emissions, the global carbon budget, and our emissions future.



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