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- Issues and Debates
 - [Documents in the News](#)
Houses links to online government publications that deal with timely topics such as global warming and air safety.
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Country Information

- [Background Notes](#)
U.S. Department of State background notes. You can access information on individual countries.
- [CIA World Factbook](#)
Country Information and maps
- [Cultural Profiles Project](#)
Provides an overview of life and customs in various countries.
- [Country Scorecard](#)
This website offers you all important statistics to look at countries at a glance.
- [Altapedia Online](#)
Contains full color physical and political maps as well as key facts and statistics on countries of the world.
- [The Library of Congress Country Studies](#)
This online series presently contains studies of 85 countries. Most of the books in the series deal with a particular foreign country, describing and analyzing its political, economic, social, and national security systems and institutions.
- [U.S. State Department Travel Warnings and Consular Information Sheets](#)
Click on a country for travel advisories and entrance requirements.
- [Yahooligans! Countries](#)
Find pictures, maps, issues and sites for a variety of countries.



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Government

- [Federal Government Kids' Pages](#)
Many statistical agencies provide special webpages for kids in elementary through high school. The webpages include fun facts, games, project ideas, and career information.
- [FirstGov for Kids](#)
It provides links to Federal kids' sites along with some of the best kids' sites from other organizations all grouped by subject.
- [The White House for Kids](#)
Tour the White House with Spotty, learn Barney's White House ABCs, test your history wits with India, and meet some American dreamers with Ophelia.



How do you feel about the environment? Find out what the issues are and decide where you stand!

Environment

- [Amazing Environmental Organization WebDirectory](#)
The Earth's biggest environment search engine. Search for information on pollution, recycling, animal rights, wildlife and more!
- [Explore the Globe Program](#)
Global environmental issues, concerns, and solutions.



Where is it? How do I get there? Where to go when my footprints aren't there to show you the way!

Maps

- [Yahoo! Maps](#)
Type in a U.S. address, and this site will draw you a map of where it is!
- [Yahooligans Map Sites](#)
There are maps of almost everywhere on earth available through this site.
- [National Geographic Society Map Machine](#)
Find County maps and State maps! Begin by selecting a continent, or use the index to go directly to a specific country, territory or state.
- [Outline Maps](#)
Find outline maps of the world, the continents, and the United States.
- [How far is it?](#)
A Service of Bali Online. You can type in the names of two cities around the world and learn the distance between them.
- [Utah Maps](#)
Maps of cities and towns as well as a state map and counties map.



Do you know what Iraq's flag looks like? Find out here!

Flags

- [Flag Information on the Web](#)
Links to Current U.S. State Flags, Flags of the World, Heraldry, Historical Flags,

Flags of the Native Peoples of the United States, Maritime Signal Flags, Motor Racing Flags, and many more!

- [Flags of the U.S., of the States, and of the U.S. Territories & Possessions](#)
Nice color pictures of historical and current U.S. flags.
- [Historical Flags](#)
31 historic flags from around the world.



A plan just in case...!

Safety

- [U.S. Fire Administration Fire-Safety Site](#)
Learn how to stay safe in case of fire.