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CSG to Release Overseas Voting Policy Recommendations

For more than a century, voting has been complicated for military members and U.S. citizens living abroad, but a group, formed after The Council of State Governments partnered with the U.S. Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program in late 2013 to create the Overseas Voting Initiative, has produced a recommendations report designed to help policymakers and election officials better serve all voters, including military and overseas voters.

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Millions of Americans--roughly 1 in 3 adults in the U.S.--have a criminal record, and many of them face significant challenges related to employment. This has considerable consequences not only for job seekers with a criminal record, but for employers, as well. But policymakers across the country have adopted a menu of reforms, such as fair-hiring laws and records-clearance policies, to benefit both employers and job seekers.

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As the third installment of a series of research briefs focusing on child care in the United States, this brief focuses on questions about the availability and access American families have to child care from state to state. How can families choose which setting is best for their child? How many slots are available per child in a state, and how many child care workers are there?

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States Get Out the Vote ... Early

Many voters choose to vote early if their state offers some form of early voting. According to NBC News, as of Sept. 15, more than 1.5 million votes have been cast for the presidential election, and more than 1 million of those votes come from 12 key battleground states. Four years ago, roughly 36 percent of votes cast in the United States were cast early.

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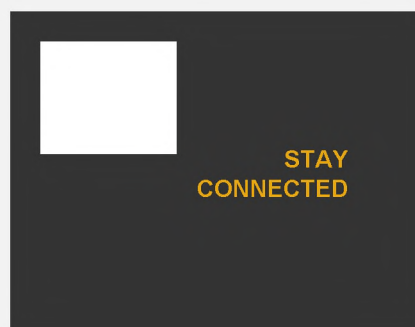
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