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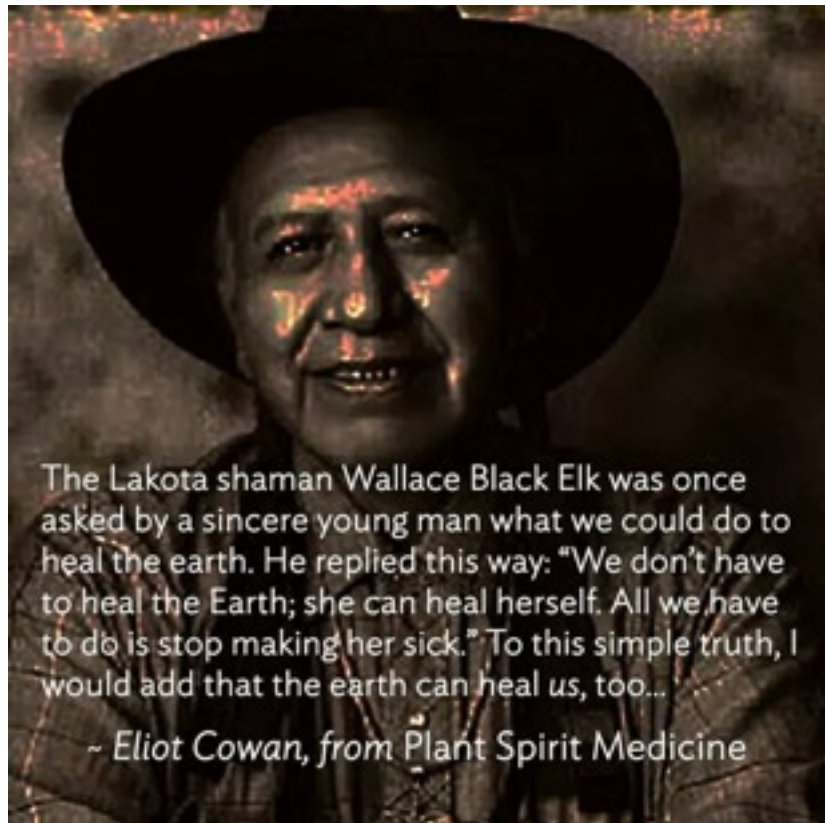
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[Trump's Plans to Strip Clean Water Protections Leave New Mexico Fearing Pollution and Health Risks](#)

Anna M. Phillips, The Los Angeles Times

Phillips writes: "This year, President Trump's Environmental Protection Agency plans to roll back clean water rules, abolishing limits on how much pollution can be dumped into small streams and wetlands." [READ MORE](#)

[Big oil asks government to protect its Texas facilities from climate change](#)

[Texas Gulf Coast project would shield petroleum industry, which is blamed for contributing to global warming and now wants safeguards against the consequences](#) [cbsnews.com](#)

[Former Trump administration Energy Secretary Rick Perry, who resigned from his cabinet-level post last effective last month, has joined the board of directors of the general partner of Energy Transfer LP](#), according to a filing made today with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Energy Transfer [desmogblog.com](#)

[President Trump has announced deep cuts to Bears Ears National Monument. Here's how the boundaries of the monument have changed.](#)



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[nevadaappeal.com](#)

[2020: A Year of Pipeline Court Fights, With One Lawsuit Headed to the Supreme Court](#)

Phil McKenna, Inside Climate News

McKenna writes: "After years of mounting opposition to the increasing build-out of oil and gas infrastructure, 2020 is shaping up to be the year that pipeline opponents get their day in court." [READ MORE](#)



[Fallon veteran traded the fields for Vietnam](#)

[Rural Nevada in the 1950s and '60s presented a harsh portrayal of people who tilled the land and with their everyday life paralleling the harshness of the distant fields](#)

IN THE NEVADA CURRENT

The tribes were there first. A Native American issues forum for presidential candidates is going to be held in Las Vegas this month, but your top tier wannabes won't be there, because even though the forum was already scheduled, your **Democratic National Committee just cold stepped all over** it anyway by later scheduling the Iowa debate for the same day. But! Tribal leaders and event sponsors are still working to get candidate participation via livestream, and use the forum to highlight their issues and concerns, [Jennifer Solis reports.](#)

[RENO, Nev. — For thousands of years, the Washoe Tribe has lived in the Sierra Nevada.](#) Summers were spent around Lake Tahoe, the fall in the ranges to the



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[Long before Lake Tahoe became a visitor-friendly paradise, the Washoe Tribe was here first](#)

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I'd rather be in the mountains thinking of God, than in church thinking about the mountains. **John Muir**





[A Northern California tribe's microgrid helped keep neighbors' lights on during PG&E shut-offs](#)

[When the threat of wildfires led to power outages, Blue Lake was lit up and shared electricity with neighbors. Are microgrids the solution to California's power woes? pressdemocrat.com](#)




“The eyes of everybody were on the project once we were federally recognized.” –Kenneth Branham, chief of the Monacan Nation in Virginia, which was federally recognized in 2018. The tribe is using the status to fight against a proposed water pumping station where the Rivanna and James Rivers meet near Charlottesville, Virginia. The Monocans believe that the site is where their ancient capital, Rassawek, was situated. Justin Curtis, a lawyer for the James River Water Authority, argues that the evidence for Rassawek’s location is inconclusive, and claims the project should be allowed to move forward. For now, the pumping station is on hold. [The Washington Post](#)

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Up first: **What will be the biggest stories to watch in 2020?** From climate change to public lands to the Supreme Court, [read our predictions](#) for the coming year's top headline grabbers.

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1. An investigation found that a 2017 Trump administration policy "clarification" in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act has [discouraged precautionary efforts](#) to protect birds and has essentially ended punishment for industry-caused bird deaths.
2. Winter sports companies are hoping to [mobilize their customers](#) into a political force to fight climate change.
3. The Endangered Species Act could suffer another blow if the Interior Department's plans to set a [definition for "habitat"](#) in the law is too narrow to adequately protect species.
4. New Mexico's White Sands National Monument is [now the country's newest national park](#).
5. Hungry for urchins? The company Urchinomics is hoping diners can [curb exploding populations of sea urchins](#), which are decimating kelp forests in the Pacific Ocean.

**In case you missed it:**

Construction of the border wall threatens a number of species, including a rare cactus called the [night-blooming cereus](#).

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3 big ways that the US will change over the next decade January 2, 2020
Professor of Sociology, Texas A&M University

The U.S. has just entered the new decade of the 2020s.

What does our country look like today, and what will it look like 10 years from now, on Jan. 1, 2030? Which demographic groups in the U.S. will grow the most, and which groups will not grow as much, or maybe even decline in the next 10 years?

I [am a demographer](#) and I have examined population data from the U.S. Census Bureau and from the Population Division of the United Nations.

Projections show that whites will decline; the number of old people will increase; and racial minorities, mainly Hispanics, will grow the most, making them the main engine of demographic change in the U.S. for the next 10 years and beyond.

1. There will be more of us

[The U.S. population today](#), at the start of 2020, numbers just over 331 million people.

The U.S. is the third largest country in the world, outnumbered only by the two demographic billionaires, China and India, at just over 1.4 billion and just under 1.4 billion, respectively.

Ten years from now, the U.S. population will have almost 350 million people. China and India will still be bigger, but India with 1.5 billion people will now be larger than China, with 1.46 billion.

US population

Between 2020 and 2030, the U.S. is expected to gain an additional 18.6 million people.

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2. The population will get older.

The U.S. is getting older and it's [going to keep getting older](#).

Today, there are over 74.1 million people under age 18 in the U.S. country. There are 56.4 million people age 65 and older.

Ten years from now, there will almost be as many old folks as there are young ones. The numbers of young people will have grown just a little to 76.3 million, but the numbers of old people will have increased a lot – to 74.1 million. A lot of these new elderly will be baby boomers.

Projected age breakdown

Over the next few decades, the proportion of Americans age 65 and older will grow, from 15% to 24% of the U.S. population.

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For example, take the really old folks – people over the age of 100. How many centenarians are in the U.S. population today and how many are there likely to be 10 years from now?

[According to demographers at the U.S. Census Bureau](#), the number of centenarians in the U.S. grew from over 53,000 in 2010 to over 90,000 in 2020. By 2030, there will most likely be over

130,000 centenarians in the U.S.

But this increase of centenarians by 2030 is only a small indication of their growth in later decades. In the year of 2046, the first group of surviving baby boomers will reach 100 years, and that's when U.S. centenarians will really start to grow. By 2060 there will be over 603,000. That's a *lot* of really old people.

I sometimes ask my undergraduate students how many of them have ever actually seen a person 100 years old or older. In my classes of 140 or more students, no more than maybe six raise their hands. Lots more college students will be raising their hands when they are asked that question in 2060.

Americans over 100 The number of centenarians in the U.S. has been steadily increasing. Chart: The Conversation, CC-BY-ND Source: [U.S. Census Bureau and Dudley Poston, Texas A&M University](#) [Get the data](#)

3. Racial proportions will shift.

In 2020, non-Hispanic white people, hereafter called whites, are still the majority race in the U.S., representing 59.7% of the U.S. population.

[In my research with the demographer Rogelio Saenz](#), we have shown that the white share of the U.S. population has been dropping since 1950 and it will continue to go down.

Today, after whites, the Hispanic population is the next biggest group at 18.7% of the U.S., followed by blacks and Asians.

What will the country [look like racially in 2030](#)? Whites will have dropped to 55.8% of the population, and Hispanics will have grown to 21.1%. The percentage of black and Asian Americans will also grow significantly.

So between now and 2030, whites as a proportion of the population will get smaller, and the minority race groups will all keep getting bigger.

Eventually, whites will become a minority, [dropping below 50% of the U.S. population in around the year of 2045](#).

Projected race/ethnicity breakdown

After 2045, non-Hispanic whites will likely make up less than half of all Americans.

All groups not Hispanic or Latino unless specified otherwise.

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However, on the first day of 2020, whites under age 18 were already in the minority. Among all the young people now in the U.S., there are more minority young people than there are white young people.

Among old people age 65 and over, whites are still in the majority. Indeed white old people, compared to minority old people, will continue to be in the majority until some years after 2060.

Hispanics and the other racial minorities will be the country's main demographic engine of population change in future years; this is the most significant demographic change Americans will see.

I've shown above how much older the U.S. population has become and will become in the years ahead. Were it not for the racial minorities countering this aging of the U.S. population, the U.S. by 2030 and later would have become even older than it is today and will be in 2030.

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**[Illegal Tin Mining Leaves Trail of Ruin in Protected Brazilian Rainforest](#)**

*Ana Ionova, Mongabay*

Ionova writes: "The area was once a hallmark of sustainable forestry, in a region of the Brazilian Amazon where haphazard clearing and illegal deforestation are the norm." [READ MORE](#)

**[Census 2020: What you need to know](#)**

By [Michael Scott Davidson](#) / RJ

Are you prepared to take the 2020 Census? The Review-Journal has tips for participating in the decennial headcount online, by mail and over the phone.

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PAPER BAG - 1 MONTH  
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CARDBOARD - 2 MONTHS  
COTTON GLOVE - 3 MONTHS  
ORANGE PEELS - 6 MONTHS  
PLYWOOD - 1-3 YEARS  
WOOL SOCK - 1-5 YEARS  
MILK CARTONS - 5 YEARS  
CIGARETTE BUTTS - 10-12 YEARS  
LEATHER SHOES - 25-40 YEARS  
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RUBBER-BOOT SOLE - 50-80 YEARS  
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Nevada Humanities will hold a series of **information grant meetings** for anyone interested in learning more about applying for 2020 project grant funding. Nevada Humanities offers grants of up to \$5,000 to nonprofit organizations and government entities to fund public and educational programs in the humanities.

**The deadline to apply for a Nevada Humanities grant is March 10, 2020.**

**January 15, 2020, 11 am or 3 pm**

Nevada Humanities, 1017 South First Street, #190, **Las Vegas**

**January 16, 2020, 3 pm**

Nevada State College, Rogers Student Center, 3rd Floor, Room RSC 370, 1300 Nevada State Drive, **Henderson**

**January 22, 2020, 3 pm**

KNPB Conference Room, 1670 North Virginia Street, **Reno**

**January 31, 2020, 10 am**

Elko County Library, 720 South Court Street, **Elko**

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**Washoe County Announcements 2020 January**

**[Where have all the children gone?](#)**

*Public service announcements in Galaxy Theatres raise awareness about youth suicide in Nevada.*

**[Senior Accountant](#)**

*The Washoe County Community Services Department is currently seeking a Senior Accountant! If you are interested in being considered for this excellent career opportunity, please apply by January 21, 2020!*

**[The Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board meets on January 8, 2020.](#)**

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**[Seasonal Park Aide - Guide](#)**

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**The American Alliance of Museums condemns the targeting of cultural sites for destruction.** Our nation has a long history of safeguarding cultural resources, particularly in nations experiencing political turmoil and armed conflict. Strikes against cultural sites anywhere in the world are a threat to our global heritage and contradicts treaties signed by the United States to protect humankind's cultural heritage in the 1954 Hague Convention for the protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2347, and 1972 UNESCO Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

We expect the United States Government to comply with international law and urge the US Government to reaffirm its commitment to its longstanding practice of not targeting cultural sites during peace or wartime.



### **[The disturbing history behind Trump's threat to target Iranian cultural sites](#)**

The United States for decades helped shape what some believed to be a new consensus on the destruction of cultural heritage: that this form of war and destruction is not only a crime against another warring party but also a crime against humanity that endangers civilian lives and dignity.

### **[Defenders of History Take Aim at Trump's Threat to Strike Iran's Cultural Sites](#)**

Military attacks against cultural sites are against international law, and the United States has condemned the Islamic State and Taliban for similar destruction.

## **[Kelly Fraser, Canadian Inuit Singer, Is Dead at 26](#)**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ms. Fraser gained attention for her cover of Rihanna's "Diamonds," part of her effort to bring awareness to her indigenous culture.