
Why Are You Here?: A Primer for State Legislators and Citizens is a challenge to Americaâ€™s 7,382 state legislators and their constituents to critically examine their state legislature and take appropriate action to improve it. This is a handbook telling how legislatures came to be, how they function, and discussing how they have fallen in public esteem. The book provides an analytical discussion for evaluating how any legislature deals with four issues: personal greed, criminal and ethical scandal, the influence of money and lobbying, and self-serving legislative seat apportionment. The last s Here's why post-COVID-19 recovery plans should focus on care work.Â A more expansive concept of government as provider is the social welfare state: government can cushion the inability of citizens to provide for themselves, particularly in the vulnerable conditions of youth, old age, sickness, disability and unemployment due to economic forces beyond their control. As the welfare state has evolved, its critics have come to see it more as a protector from the harsh results of capitalism, or perhaps as a means of protecting the wealthy from the political rage of the dispossessed.Â It provides a social security that enables citizens to create their own economic security. The future of government builds on these foundations of protecting and providing. Here's why. By Alaa Elassar, CNN. Updated 0954 GMT (1754 HKT) August 10, 2020.Â More than 5,800 Americans gave up their citizenship in the first six months of 2020 compared to the 2,072 Americans who renounced their citizenship in all of 2019, according to Bambridge Accountants, a New York-based firm specializing in US expat tax, UK expats, actors and other creatives in the US and the UK. The firm said it examined public data, published by the US government every three months, of the names of all Americans who give up their citizenship. "These are mainly people who already left the US and just decided they've had enough of everything," Alistair Bambridge, a