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The State Department estimates that about 1,000 children are abducted by one of their parents from the United States annually. Pursuant to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of international Child Abduction, left-behind parents can apply for the return of, or access to (that is, visitation), their children located in countries that are parties to the Convention with the foreign country's government through the Department of State. The Convention governs how these applications are handled and adjudicated in the foreign country where the child is located. A May 2000 congressional resolution cited several countries, including Germany, Sweden, and Austria, for not meeting their commitments under this Convention. In response to your concerns involving German, Swedish, and Austrian handling of U.S. cases, the General Accounting Office (GAO) obtained information from State Department files to determine the status and outcome of cases initiated by parents left behind in the United States from January 1995 through May 15, 2000. GAO gave a briefing on the results of its work on August 29, 2000. This report summarizes the contents of the briefing.

This book explores the political struggle to interpret and define the meaning, the scope and the implications of human rights norms in general and freedom of expression in particular. From the Rushdie affair and the Danish cartoon affair to the Charlie Hebdo massacre and draconian legislation against blasphemy worldwide, the tensions between free speech ideals and religious

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sensitivities have polarized global public opinion and the international community of states, triggering fierce political power struggles in the corridors of the UN. Inspired by theories of norm diffusion in International Relations, Skorini investigates how the struggle to define the limits of free speech vis-à-vis religion unfolds within the UN system. Revealing how human rights terminology is used and misused, the book also considers how the human rights vision paradoxically contains the potential to justify human rights violations in practice. The author explains how states exercise power within the field of international human rights politics and how non-democratic states strategically apply mainstream human rights language and secular human rights law in order to justify authoritarian religious censorship norms both nationally and internationally. This interdisciplinary book will appeal to scholars and students researching international human rights, religion and politics. The empirical chapters are also relevant for professionals and activists within the field of human rights. Includes a statistical series section which provides economic information on the Nation's savings and homefinancing industry.

This collection of international perspectives provides insights on the issue of immigration. Readers will evaluate immigration in relation to citizenship, economics, national identity, and national security. Readers evaluate citizenship in such places as India, Sweden, Russia, and Germany. They will evaluate immigration and economics in Ireland, China, Japan, and the United Kingdom. Further analysis takes them to

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Zimbabwe, Canada, Hungary, Morocco, and Spain. The Fundamentals of Developing Operational Solutions for the Government guides professionals on how to use operations research to solve problems and capture opportunities for government customers. The governments of modern democratic nations manage large complex societal operations to offer national defense, social services, infrastructure sustainment, law enforcement, monetary control, and other benefits for their citizens. The United States government alone spends over \$1 trillion per year on these discretionary activities. Within all the spending, deliveries, and oversight, some operational needs require solutions to improve processes, architectures, technologies, and human factors. Without such effective and comprehensive solutions, the most eloquent proposal for government work could end in defeat and the most well-funded government programs could yield operational disruptions and performance failures. There are many books on how to write winning proposals to the government, but this book places winning in the context of deeply understanding government operations and innovatively solving government problems. There are also some books on convincing the government to adopt new transformational processes, but this book seeks to first try to fix current government processes before demanding risky transformation. Finally, there are massive tomes dedicated to the theories and mathematical models of operations research, but this book is devoted to making operations research simple enough for professionals to apply throughout the course of developing proposals and delivering products and services. Presenting the methods and techniques for quickly developing solutions is thus the central focus.

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Report contains 3 parts, 19 -1979: pt. 1. Senate -- pt. 2. Assembly -- pt. 3. Subject index; contains 4 parts, 1981: pt. 1 Senate -- pt. 2. Administrative rules -- pt. 3. Assembly -- pt. 4. Index; contains 5 parts, 1983-1995: pt. 1 Senate -- pt. 2. Administrative rules -- pt. 3. Assembly -- pt. 4. Index -- pt. 5. Index to Wisconsin acts; contains 6 parts, 1997-2007/2008: pt. 1 Senate -- pt. 2. Administrative rules -- pt. 3. Directories of registered lobbying organizations, licensed lobbyists, state agencies legislative liaisons -- pt. 4. Assembly -- pt. 5. Index -- pt. 6. Index to Wisconsin acts; 2009/2010- :pt. 1 Senate -- pt. 2. Administrative rules -- pt. 3. Assembly -- pt. 4. Index -- pt. 6. Index to Wisconsin acts -- pt. 6. Registered lobbying organizations, licensed lobbyists, state agencies legislative liaisons.

If you are a web programmer, you need to know modern PHP. This book presents with many new areas in which PHP plays a large role. If you want to write a mobile application using geo-location data, Pro PHP Programming will show you how. Additionally, if you need to make sure that you can write a multilingual indexing application using Sphinx, this book will help you avoid the pitfalls. Of course, Pro PHP Programming gives a thorough survey of PHP post-5.3. You'll begin by working through an informative survey and clear guide to object-oriented PHP. Then, you'll be set for the core of the book on modern PHP applications. Now, you'll be able to start with the chapter on PHP for mobile programming and move on to sampling social media applications. You'll also be

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guided through new PHP programming language features like closures and namespaces. Pro PHP Programming deals with filtering data from users and databases next, so you'll be well prepared for relational and NoSQL databases. Of course, you can also learn about data retrieval from other sources, like OCR libraries or websites. Then the question of how to format and present data arises, and in Pro PHP Programming, you'll find solutions via JSON, AJAX and XML.

This volume examines both historical developments and contemporary expressions of blasphemy across the world. The transgression of religious boundaries incurs more or less severe sanctions in various religious traditions. This book looks at how religious and political authorities use ideas about blasphemy as a means of control. In a globalised world where people of different faiths interact more than ever before and world-views are an increasingly important part of identity politics, religious boundaries is a source of controversy. The book goes beyond many others in this field by widening its scope beyond the legal aspects of freedom of expression. Approaching blasphemy as effective speech, the chapters in this book focus on real life situations and ask: who are the blasphemers; who are their accusers and what does blasphemy accomplish? Utilising case studies from Europe, the Middle East and Asia that encompass a wide variety of faith traditions, the book guides readers to a more nuanced appreciation of the historical roots, political implications and religious rationale of attitudes towards blasphemy.

Incorporating historical and contemporary approaches to blasphemy, this book will be of great use to academics in Religious Studies and the Sociology of Religion as well as Political Science, Media Studies, History.

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how you can too.

This guide helps people with Medicare understand Medigap (also called Medicare Supplement Insurance) policies. A Medigap policy is a type of private insurance that helps you pay for some of the costs that Original Medicare doesn't cover.

Encyclopedia of Sustainable Technologies provides an authoritative assessment of the sustainable technologies that are currently available or in development.

Sustainable technology includes the scientific understanding, development and application of a wide range of technologies and processes and their environmental implications. Systems and lifecycle analyses of energy systems, environmental management, agriculture, manufacturing and digital technologies provide a comprehensive method for understanding the full sustainability of processes. In addition, the development of clean processes through green chemistry and engineering techniques are also described. The book is the first multi-volume reference work to employ both Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) and Triple Bottom Line (TBL) approaches to assessing the wide range of technologies available and their impact upon the world. Both approaches are long established and widely recognized, playing a key role in the organizing principles of this valuable work. Provides readers with a one-stop guide to the most current research in the field Presents a grounding of the fundamentals of the field of sustainable technologies Written by international leaders in the field, offering comprehensive coverage of the field and a consistent, high-quality scientific standard Includes

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This volume contains the proceedings of the Second International Workshop on Advanced Teleservices and High-Speed Communication Architectures (IWACA '94), held in Heidelberg, Germany in September 1994. The IWACA Workshop is a platform for the exchange among researchers and developers from both the multimedia applications and the high-speed telecommunication communities. The book presents revised versions of the 36 papers accepted for presentation at the workshop. They cover several aspects of multimedia applications and asynchronous transfer mode (ATM), and focus on ATM-LANs and ATM for the wide area high-performance network of the future.

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