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U.S. senators face calls to resign for dumping stock before coronavirus crash



Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA) who sold off millions of dollars in stock after a coronavirus briefing, waits for an interview to begin after attending a Senate Republican lunch meeting to wrap up work on coronavirus economic aid legislation to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Washington, U.S., March 20, 2020.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Two Republican senators faced calls on Friday that they resign over reports they sold substantial amounts of stock ahead of the global coronavirus-induced market meltdown after receiving closed-door briefings on the outbreak.

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr sold up to \$1.7 million worth of stock on Feb. 13 in 33 separate transactions after offering public assurances the government was ready to battle the virus. His financial filings were first reported by ProPublica.

Senator Kelly Loeffler also sold millions of dollars in shares in the weeks after lawmakers were first briefed on the virus, according to public filings.

Media reports about Burr and Loeffler, who have denied wrongdoing, prompted calls for them to leave office if they were found to have broken the law from people as disparate as a progressive Democratic lawmaker and a conservative commentator.

As Intelligence Committee chairman, Burr has been receiving regular classified updates on the outbreak.

Burr made public comments in line with Republican President Donald Trump's early assurances that the country could easily handle the situation. But the senator told a

private luncheon in Washington two weeks after the stock sale that the coronavirus was much more aggressive in its transmission "than anything that we have seen in recent history," according to a recording obtained by National Public Radio.

The comments predated Wall Street's massive sell-off. In a statement Friday, Burr said he relied only on public news reports to guide his decision on the Feb. 13 stock sale. "Understanding the assumption many could make in hindsight, however, I spoke this morning with the chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee and asked him to open a complete review of the matter with full transparency," Burr said. Senate Ethics Committee Chairman James Lankford declined to comment on reports of the sales by the senators. Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA) who sold off millions of dollars in stock after a coronavirus briefing, waits for an interview to begin after attending a Senate Republican lunch meeting to wrap up work on coronavirus economic aid legislation to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Washington, U.S., March 20, 2020. REUTERS/Mary F. Calvert 'RIDICULOUS AND BASELESS' Loeffler sold \$1.28 million to \$3.1 million in stocks from Jan. 24 through mid-February, as first reported by The Daily Beast. The report said the sales began the day her health committee hosted a private coronavirus briefing for senators.

Loeffler, who has a fortune with an estimated worth of \$500 million, wrote on Twitter she was informed of the transactions three weeks after they occurred.

"This is a ridiculous and baseless attack," she wrote, adding that she and her husband are not involved in investment decisions for her portfolio.

Her husband, Jeffrey Sprecher, is chairman of the New York Stock Exchange. He could not immediately be reached for comment.

Trump said the senators should "possibly" be investigated "They said they did nothing wrong. I find them, the whole group, very honorable people," he told reporters. OWING AN EXPLANATION Critics on both ends of the political spectrum called on Burr and Loeffler to consider resigning or at least explain the sales.

"Senator Burr owes North Carolinians an explanation," fellow North Carolinian and Republican Senator Thom Tillis wrote on Twitter. "His self-referral to the Ethics Committee for their review is appropriate, there needs to be a professional and bipartisan inquiry into this matter."

Democratic Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez tweeted, "It is stomach-churning that the first thoughts these Senators had to a dire & classified #COVID briefing was how to profit off this crisis." Ocasio-Cortez is a prominent member of the party's progressive wing.



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U.S. to swiftly remove migrants caught crossing borders illegally to limit spread of coronavirus

WASHINGTON / MEXICO CITY (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday the United States will swiftly return migrants who attempt to cross into the country illegally from Mexico and Canada while closing the borders to "non-essential" travel to limit the spread of the new coronavirus.

Flanked by top U.S. officials at the White House, Trump also said the United States and Mexico would work to keep commerce moving as much as possible across the border to try to limit disruptions to business.

Similar measures at the U.S.-Canada border, for example suspending tourist and recreational travel, were also put in place. Both measures will take effect just before midnight on Friday.

Trump is campaigning for reelection in November and his immigration crackdown is a focus of his pitch to voters. He argued on Friday that migrants crossing the border threatened to worsen the coronavirus outbreak.

"In normal times, these massive flows place a vast burden on our healthcare system, but during a global pandemic, they threaten to create a perfect storm that would spread the infection to our border agents, migrants and to the public at large," Trump said.

In the United States, there have been 12,500 confirmed cases of the new coronavirus and at least 207 deaths, according to data compiled by Reuters.

FILE PHOTO: Goldie, a patrol dog that belonged to the U.S. border patrol agent Javier Vega Jr, watches from the sidelines as the Sarita checkpoint is renamed "The Javier Vega Jr. Border Patrol Checkpoint" during a ceremony to honour Vega in Sarita, Texas, U.S., on March 20, 2019. REUTERS/Adrees Latif/File Photo
Officials said the administration would authorize border authorities on public health grounds to swiftly remove migrants without allowing them to enter U.S. border facil-



FILE PHOTO: Goldie, a patrol dog that belonged to the U.S. border patrol agent Javier Vega Jr, watches from the sidelines as the Sarita checkpoint is renamed "The Javier Vega Jr. Border Patrol Checkpoint" during a ceremony to honour Vega in Sarita, Texas, U.S., on March 20, 2019. REUTERS/Adrees Latif/File Photo

ities or undergo legal proceedings.

Trump said non-Mexican migrants will not be sent to Mexico under the measure.

"We're not sending them to Mexico, we're sending them back to their own countries," he said. His administration instituted a policy last year that has sent back some 60,000 migrants requesting asylum to wait on the Mexican side of the border for U.S. immigration court hearings. Administration officials did not discuss at the press conference what

would happen with that program, known as the Migrant Protection Protocols. Earlier this week, the administration requested \$249 million in additional funding for immigration enforcement operations, including chartered aircraft for deportation flights. On Friday, Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also said his country would turn back irregular migrants walking over the U.S. border. [L4N2BD2TM] The U.S. Department of Homeland Security

did not respond to a request for comment on how the U.S. and Canadian measures would interact. While the United States and Mexico will suspend non-essential travel at border, the move will not affect trade, both U.S. and Mexican officials said.

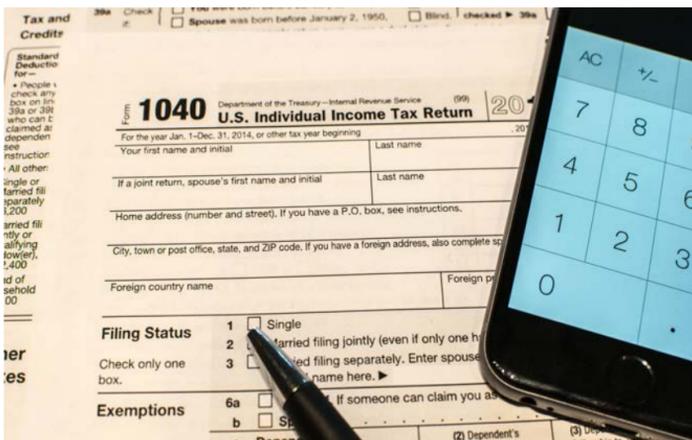
U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said at the press conference that agricultural workers with temporary visas to enter the United States would still be allowed to cross from Mexico.

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Tax Filing Deadline Moved To July 15 Due To Coronavirus Outbreak



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced Friday that the IRS' tax filing deadline was extended three months to July 15 amid the coronavirus outbreak. Mnuchin already announced earlier this week that the government would defer up to \$300 billion in tax payments for three months. That move allowed individuals to defer up to \$1 million and corporations to defer up to \$10 million — interest-free and penalty-free. From the U.S. Department Of The Treasury



- Treasury and IRS Issue Guidance on Deferring Tax Payments Due to COVID-19 Outbreak
- Following President Donald J. Trump's emergency declaration pursuant to the Stafford Act, the U.S. Treasury De-

partment and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) today issued guidance allowing all individual and other non-corporate tax filers to defer up to \$1 million of federal income tax (including self-employment tax) payments due on April 15, 2020, until July 15, 2020, without penalties or interest. The guidance also allows corporate taxpayers a similar deferral of up to \$10 million of federal income tax payments that would be due on April 15, 2020, until July 15, 2020, without penalties or interest. This guidance does not change the April 15 filing deadline.



"Americans should file their tax returns by April 15 because many will receive a refund. Those filing will be able to take advantage of their refunds sooner," said Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin.

"This deferment allows those who owe a payment to the IRS to defer the payment until July 15 without interest or penalties. Treasury and IRS are ensuring that hardworking Americans and businesses have additional liquidity for the next several months."

Today's guidance will result in about \$300 billion of additional liquidity in the economy in the near term. Treasury and IRS will issue additional guidance as needed and continue working with Congress, on a bipartisan basis, on legislation to provide further relief to the American people.

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Related

President Trump Signs Coronavirus Emergency Aid Package

President Trump signed the latest coronavirus aid package into law Wednesday evening. The Senate approved the new round of emergency funding earlier Wednesday.

The economic relief bill marks the second such aid package in a matter of weeks. The legislation passed Wednesday provides paid sick and family leave for some for U.S. workers impacted by the illness, expands unemployment assistance, includes nutrition assistance and increases resources for testing. Efforts are already underway to put together a third, larger relief measure that could total \$1 trillion.



U.S. President Donald Trump accompanied by Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar, signs the Congressional funding bill for coronavirus response at the White House in Washington, U.S., March 6, 2020. (Photo/Reuters)

The second bill faced some delays since the House approved it early Saturday

morning, and some Republican senators have raised concerns about its provisions. However, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., urged its passage and said members could address those concerns in the next wave of legislation.

"This is a time for urgent bipartisan action, and in this case, I do not believe we should let perfection be the enemy of something that will help even a subset of workers," McConnell said ahead of the vote.

The chamber overwhelmingly approved the relief bill by a vote of 90-8.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer lauded the move to approve the second wave of economic aid to address the ongoing pandemic.

"It allows, for instance, for free testing and treatment," Schumer, D-N.Y. said ahead of the vote. "We can send this bill to the president and begin work on the next phase, phase three."



A \$1 trillion proposal

Earlier this month, Trump signed into law a \$8 billion in coronavirus response package, the first congressional measure to address the coronavirus. It boosted funding for testing of the virus and lower costs for related medical treatments.

Now, the Trump administration is asking Congress for roughly \$1 trillion in new economic relief as lawmakers begin work on the next phase. And there's growing consensus among Republicans and Democrats that direct payments to Americans will be needed, but how much and when that could happen remains to be seen.

On Tuesday, Treasury Secretary Steven

Mnuchin met with Republican senators and said he was working with Trump on the economic package. They are discussing payments to small businesses, loan guarantees for industries like airlines and hotels, and a stimulus package for workers.

The Treasury proposal is being cautiously embraced on Capitol Hill, where lawmakers are clear-eyed about the need for swift action.

A senior Republican congressman who spoke to NPR on the condition of anonymity said the White House plan was "a measured response." The lawmaker conceded that "the most difficult piece" will be how to structure direct payments to Americans but said he was confident payments would happen.

"It's just the mechanism that's the question," he said.



The GOP lawmaker said in order to get a bill through quick, it would have to be a deal cut by all four top leaders in Congress and the White House. With their collective endorsement, it would be virtually impossible to block passage through Congress considering the national crisis.

"For the Republicans to first stick together and put together their plan, then work it out with the White House, and then come to us and then after that go to the House, will just slow things down," Schumer said earlier on Tuesday. (Courtesy npr.org)

Editor's Choice



Medics load a person into an ambulance at the Life Care Center of Kirkland



U.S. President Trump leads coronavirus task force daily briefing at the White House in Washington



Passengers on board the Grand Princess cruise ship off San Francisco watch while a U.S. military helicopter hovers above the deck



An ambulance drives away with a resident at the Life Care Center of Kirkland



A mannequin with a protective face mask is seen at a shop after further cases of coronavirus were confirmed in Barcelona



Friends clink with beer bottles through a fence built by German authorities on the German-Swiss border, as a protection measure due to the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in a park on the banks of Lake Constance in Kreuzlingen



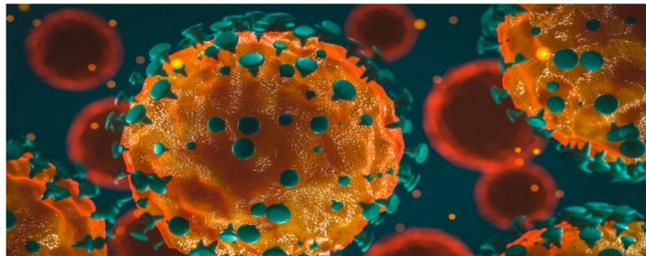
Colombian Migration office staff wear protective face masks to avoid contracting coronavirus, at El Dorado international airport in Bogota



Passengers wait to board a disinfected public transport bus as they leave for the villages amid concerns about the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in downtown Nairobi

The Efforts May Eventually Support Scientists On Their Quest For The Cure

Oak Ridge National Research Lab Using Supercomputing To Combat Coronavirus



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

As researchers race to identify and unleash new scientific breakthroughs to combat the COVID-19 outbreak, the Energy Department's Summit supercomputer is playing a role in the fight. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where Summit is housed, recently granted researchers emergency computation time to run through a database of existing drug compounds to see which combinations might prevent cell infection of COVID-19. The research is still ongoing, but with the help of Summit, scientists were already able to perform simulations that resulted in outputs that they believe will help pave the way for new, necessary experimentation to support researchers on their quest for a cure.

Jeremy Smith, Governor's Chair at the University of Tennessee and director of the UT/ORNL Center for Molecular Biophysics, as well as experts from IBM and NVIDIA (companies that provide underlying technological components that help power Summit) recently briefed Nextgov on the work.

"Summit is the world's most powerful supercomputer and was needed to rapidly get the simulation results we were looking for," Smith said.

Energy in 2014 partnered with IBM, NVIDIA and Mellanox in a contract worth hundreds of millions to produce

the Summit supercomputer to enhance civilian-focused scientific research, and also the Sierra supercomputer, which was designed for nuclear



Oak Ridge National Laboratory weapons simulations and is located at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. An Oak Ridge official confirmed Wednesday that Summit had not previously been used to address public health emergencies or virus outbreaks in the past.

But following the speedy outbreak of the new coronavirus strain, Smith found a relevant study recently published by Chinese scientists and realized he and his team "could take their work further," with Summit's help.

"That was on January 30th," Smith said. "Nicholas Smith, the other co-author on this paper, [in which the two Smiths published their initial work] promptly fell ill with the flu, but while he was incapacitated, still managed to run jobs on Summit."

To infect cells, viruses bind to what's

called a "spike" protein and inject their genetic material into host cells. However, if particular drug compounds bind to the virus' spike proteins, they could potentially block COVID-19 from infecting humans. The challenge is that researchers must embark on a very slow, intensive process to narrow down the range of potential variables that could work in blocking the virus, and each variable could hold millions to billions of unique pieces of data. But during a global health outbreak, speed is of the essence.



The Energy Department's Summit supercomputer

at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. "In any situation where time is a critical factor—for example, a health issue or a company trying to get a new product out to market—supercomputers can play a critical role through digital simulation. It would be prohibitively time-consuming for researchers to grow virus cultures and test them with the near infinite amount of molecular compounds that exist in the physical world," IBM's Vice President, Exascale Systems Dave Turek told Nextgov. "So supercomputers like Summit can speed up that process by digitally simulating the effect to narrow down the range of possibilities researchers can look into."

To put the "world's smartest" supercomputer's capabilities into perspective, Turek noted that "if every person on Earth completed one calculation per second, it would take 305 days to do what Summit can do in 1 second!"

Harnessing that power, Smith and his team designed a computational model then performed simulations on—and were subsequently able to rank—a database of 8,000 existing drug compounds that "are likely to be rapidly deployable because their toxicity profiles are mostly known." Through that research and with the super-

computer's help, the team was then able to narrow down the compounds, which include medications and natural compounds, to a "top-ranked" subset of at least 77 that might impair the new coronavirus' strain from infecting host cells. The team can now run more targeted experiments on those, to advance and accelerate their efforts to find new solutions to cure and control COVID-19. Without Summit's powerful supercomputing and simulation capabilities, Smith said the work "would have been possible—but would have taken months rather than days."



Experimentation generally follows computation, so now, Smith and

his team must collaborate with relevant experimentalists to test those top compounds on the virus to see what works and what doesn't, and ideally from there, eventually identify a drug that can be used to fight it. He said it is an iterative process, through which the team's calculations are refined continuously to improve the predictions about how drug compounds will interact with the virus.

"Our hope is that, by using a database of known compounds, we can greatly reduce the time it takes to make an effective drug publicly available, but there is no guarantee," Smith said.

Summit's massive data processing capability was made possible in part by server nodes equipped with central processing units, or CPUs, from IBM and graphics processing units, or GPUs, from NVIDIA. Pares Kharya, NVIDIA's director of product management for artificial intelligence and cloud computing, told Nextgov that the company's GPUs have also been "instrumental" in helping other researchers understand the physical structure of the COVID-19 virus.

"Researchers at the University of Texas at Austin and the National Institutes of Health announced that they created the first 3D, atomic scale map of the part of the

virus that attaches to and infects human cells—known as the spike protein," Kharya said. Smith and his team now also plan to run their computational study again with this new, "highly accurate" version of the spike protein. "The paper we submitted is a first step in a back-and-forth between experiment and computation that hopefully will find a drug to repurpose," Smith said. "That could happen next week, next year, or never. If not, we'll have to design a new one from scratch and that takes a long time and a lot of money because of the need for extensive safety testing."



IBM's Turek emphasized that a sort of all-hands-on-deck approach made possible through public-private partnerships "like the one [IBM has] with Oak Ridge, NVIDIA, and Mellanox" are paramount in paving the way for new scientific breakthrough, because they open many relevant experts up to a "wealth of new technology, perspective, insights, and ideas that we may never realize if we operated in a silo."

Smith, too, added that on top of this work shared between government and industry, "strong partnerships among the national laboratories and universities are important to the scientific infrastructure, enabling universities access to the world's most powerful facilities and linking national laboratory experts with university researchers to help further their goals of scientific discovery."

He noted that while there hasn't been any discoveries from this initial research yet, the biggest impact so far is that the team has started that crucial interplay between computation and experiment.

"By the way, the calculations are still running as we speak, as we try constantly to improve the predictions," Smith said. "We'll keep plugging away." (Courtesy <https://www.nextgov.com/>)

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美国文化的几个主要特征

一、美国民族文化的特征

美国建国才二百多年，是一个年轻的国家，也是一个移民国家，具有鲜明的文化特征。

(一) 尊重个人的价值观

美国建国之初，移民蜂拥而至，丰富资源亟待开发，必须奖励个人艰苦开拓，独立发展，坚信自我，尊重个人。这种价值观，逐渐形成美国民族的特殊性格：即对自己命运和力量深信不疑，把依靠自己作为哲学信条。

(二) 冒险创新精神

美国人的格言是：不冒险就不会有大的成功，胆小鬼永远不会有所作为，不创新即死亡。移民美国的开拓者，面对险恶的自然环境和待开发的丰富资源，促使和培育了美国人顽强拼搏、艰苦奋斗、敢冒风险的性格。不仅在商战过程中，即使在文体生活中，他们追求新奇刺激，参与环球探险，组织高山跳水、滑雪，勇于向传统和权威挑战。因而科技发明创新，处于世界领先地位。

(三) 自由、平等精神

美国是一个没有经历封建社会的国家，受移民资产阶级自由、平等思想的影响很深，所以逐步形成一种崇尚自由的社会。除执法机关与执法人员外，任何机关与个人不得非法侵犯他人自由，这就为个人的才能智慧的发挥开辟了道路。美国人有一句格言“一个人富裕到什么程度，就表明他的才能发挥到了什么程度”。因为机会均等的条件下，人的才能通常决定人的富裕程度。

(四) 实用主义哲学

美国人在开发这片富庶处女地的实践过程中，逐步形成“有用、有效、有利就是真理”的理念。他们立足于现

实生活和经验，把确定的信念作为出发点，把采取行动当作主要手段，把获得效率当作最高目的，一切为了效益和成功。

(五) 物质主义的追求

美国人评价一个人的价值时，主要指物质价值。即以赚钱多少，作为评价一个人社会地位高低的重要依据。在美国社会里人们积极进取，拼命工作，不惜付出自己的一切辛苦与智慧，谋求事业上的发展。通过个人奋斗，取得成功，从低贱者变成大富翁，几乎成为美国式的信条。

二、美国企业文化

(一) 突出个人能力，尊重个人价值

与日本企业文化强调团队精神不同，美国企业文化不着眼于集体，而着眼于个人，鼓励个人努力奋斗，突出个人能力；企业内部充满自由平等精神，个人充分发表自己的意见；革新和实验受到鼓励；人们乐于求新求变，乐于开拓冒险；强调个人负责，个人决策。根据个人完成任务，尽责尽职情况，给予个人奖励。这些突出个人能力智慧的企业文化，有效的调动人的积极性，激励了人们的竞争、创新和冒险精神，减少了人际摩擦和能量内耗。

但易于削弱集体力量，影响相互合作，使人们更多地将企业看作是个人赚钱和实现抱负的场所，缺乏献身企业的归属感和集体荣誉感。

(二) 重视理性的行为方式。具体表现：

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较强的行动意识，既重言，更重实。乐于实干。

2. 提倡科学与合理。重视组织机构和规章制度的作用。比较重视硬性管理。企业对系统论、信息论、控制论和各种定量方法，计算机的广泛使用。人们在经营管理过程，尊重科学，依靠办事，追求合理，较少受人情关系的影响。

3. 强调企业与员工之间的契约关系。从实际需要出发，招聘或解雇工人完全靠劳动合同维系员工之间的关系，较少考虑情面关系。这样做，虽有利的提高效率，但影响劳资关系。由于只重理性，不重感情，企业内部等级较严，刚性过份，柔性不足，往往压抑人的情感和创造力。近年一些企业已开始改变对员工行为的控制。强调“独立自主”，“感情投资”，“协商沟通”，“大众参与”，“职

务扩大化”，“弹性工作日”，“动式管理”等，来实现硬管理与软管理的结合，发挥员工各自优势。

(三) 坚持质量第一，顾客至上的经营理念

美国有良好的社会文化氛围，有极强的质量意识与顾客意识。政府鼓励企业提高产品质量，保护消费者利益，依法严惩制假贩假者。要求企业保护消费者“安全权、知情权、选择权和意见权”。

1987年美国开始设立“国家质量奖”健全“社会质量监督体系”。政府还协同社会团体，舆论工具，不断灌输质量与人类生存的关系，以多种方式，提高人们判别商品好坏的能力。坚持顾客至上的经营理念，具体表现是，在科学理论指导下，建立严格的质量保证体系，如ISO9000质量认证体系等。同时坚持“顾客总是对的”经营口号，千方百计维护消费者利益。

美国人民是个勇敢而爱好自由的民族。他们原本来自世界各地，是许多不

同的文化、种族和宗教，经过长时期的共存结合而形成的，渐渐他们以美国人为自豪。17世纪以前，北美广大原野仅有印第安人和爱斯基摩人居住，但经过百余年的移民，这里已成为欧洲国家人民的新家园，而其中最主要为英国人所建立的13州殖民地。这13州殖民地宣布脱离英国而独立。几经协商与改革，联邦体制的美国，于法国大革命前夕，正式登上世界舞台。早期的美国很欢迎外来的移民，这些移民使她迅速地成长。美国人口，在1776年只有300万人，而现在则超过2亿。在人口迅速增加的过程中，新的生存空间，也跟著不断开拓，而方向则由东向西，拓疆的先驱们不但从事农耕畜牧，也寻找矿产及其它资源。到了20世纪，美国不但已成为世界强国，并且也是科学、技术、医药及军事力量的先进国家。殖民时期以前(1607以前)

在两万多年前，有一批来自亚洲的流浪者，经由北美到中南美洲，这些人就是印第安人的祖先。



美国的喝茶之道



美国人喝茶的习俗是由欧洲移民带去的，虽美国人喝茶没有欧洲人多，但喝茶方法却与欧洲大体相仿。美国喝

茶有清饮与调饮两种，大多喜爱在茶内参加柠檬、糖及冰块等添加剂。不过，美国毕竟是个年青的国家，所以喝茶

没有欧洲那么考究。加之美国人生活节奏很快，喜爱方便快捷的喝茶方法，故以冰茶、速溶茶和水罐茶为主。美国人很喜爱中国茶，中美之间茶的交易几乎是伴随着美国这个国家的诞生而逐步开端。

美国地处北美洲中部，当地喝茶，18世纪以中国武夷岩茶为主，19世纪以中国绿茶为主，20世纪以红茶为主。80年代以来，绿茶出售又开端上升。但是，作为热饮料的茶，美国人却演变成冷饮冰茶。

在美国，无论是茶的沸水冲泡汁，仍是速溶茶的冷水溶解液，直至罐装茶水，他们饮用时，大都习惯于在茶汤中，投入冰块，或许饮用前预先置于冰柜中冷却为冰茶。冰茶之所以受到美国人的欢迎。这是由于冰茶应顺了快节奏的生活方法。大家不肯用花时间去冲泡的方法喝茶。而喝冰茶时，消费者还可联系本人的口味，添加糖、柠檬，或其他果汁等。如此喝茶，既有茶的醇味

，又有果的幽香，尤其是在盛茶，饮之满口生津，暑气顿消。

冰茶作为运动饮料，也赢得了美国人喜爱。它可替代汽水，既可在运动时解渴，又有益于运动员康

复精力。人体在严重劳累的臂力活动之后，喝上一杯冰茶，会有清凉舒服之感，而且使精神为之一振。

其喝茶较多种类为袋泡红茶、冰茶、添香茶和草药茶为主。当然，美国人也喝鸡尾酒，特别是在风景秀丽的夏威夷，遍及了喝鸡尾茶的习俗。鸡尾酒的制法并不杂乱，即在鸡尾酒中，依据各人的需求，参加必定份额的红茶汁，就成了鸡尾酒。仅仅对红茶质量的需求较高，红茶具有色泽淡雅，味道鲜爽，以为用这种茶汁泡制而成的鸡尾酒，味更醇，香更高，能提神，

可醒脑，因此广为流传。

这些年，跟着绿茶保健功能逐渐提高，美国又掀起“中国绿茶热”。美国国家卫生部和有关集体还专门举行“茶与健康”的世界学术会议，举行中国茶文化周和中国茶文化研讨会，在纽约还成立了全美世界茶文化基金会，从事茶文化的宣扬与中美茶业沟通的和谐与组织工作。许多闻名大学，都举行中国茶专题讲座，有的还投入巨资进行茶叶保健作用的根底理论研究。



美国婚礼的习俗



不同国家之间具有不同的历史文化、生活习惯、风俗礼仪，其中，结婚的形式也大有不同。今天，小两口婚博网小编就带大家来了解一下美国婚礼的习俗，感受一下他们简约的婚礼氛围，和我们的传统中式婚礼的繁琐复杂比较，中国人结婚实在太辛苦了。一起来看看，或许会对你的婚礼策划产生某些启发。

在美国举办婚礼可以隆重，也可以简约，没有攀比，量力而行。美国人没有结婚一定要买房的概念，男方更没有结婚前一定要准备婚房的压力。男人娶老婆、女人嫁老公不在乎是否门当户对。

美国人送礼讲究实用，但都不会很昂贵。遇到朋友结婚，你若收到请帖，一般都要去参加婚礼。出席婚礼的宾客一般不直接送礼金，如果不知道对方需要

什么样的礼物时，宾客可以到不同的商场购买礼券，这样就可以让新人自己到商场挑选喜欢的礼物。礼券的金额可根据自己的财力决定，若你手头实在拮据，送张贺卡也是可以的。

婚礼策划，创意婚礼方案，个性婚礼

在美国较为普遍的一种做法是：当一对新人筹办婚礼，通常会去美国最大的“梅西百货公司”代办礼品，将他们喜欢的礼品放在商店电脑系统或网站上，然后通知前来参加婚礼的宾客在网上挑他们想送的礼物。新婚夫妇会在婚礼请柬上注明，他们已在某百货公司或厨房用品店选好了喜欢的东西，并附上礼品单的网页。朋友在网页上看到礼品单后，根据自己和主人交往的深浅及自己的经济能力，来选择礼品。送礼人只要购买，姓名马上输入计算机，一个清单打出来，谁送了什么礼品，清清楚楚地列在表上。一般宾客送礼品或礼券的数额大约100美元(约人民币630元)左右。

多数的美国婚前男女都会认真地考虑举办婚礼时会发生的意外风险，譬如因一方婚前突然改变主意，父母家人干涉或遭遇极端恶劣天气等各种原因导致婚礼取消。为了防止和降低婚礼因故取消带来的损失，他们都会购买婚庆保险。投保的项目包括摄影、服装、礼物、戒指等。婚庆保险金额通常在155美元至550美元之间。如果投保100万美元婚庆事故险，费用在185美元左右。

目前，美国有多家保险公司提供婚庆保险。与其他类型的保险一样，婚庆保险的费用取决于承保项目和金额。据美国婚庆网站介绍，因故取消或推迟婚礼可索赔17.5万美元。摄影或视讯故障赔偿1500美元，结婚礼服出现问题可索赔1.05万美元，责任事故和财产损害赔偿则分别高达100万美元。这为即将步入婚姻殿堂的情侣减少了后顾之忧，确保婚礼办得尽善尽美。

怎么样，一向崇尚自由的美国人，举办婚礼都是很随意的，毕竟结婚是找个心爱的人，并不是找个有钱的人。

由于婚礼费用昂贵，越来越