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government and individual policymakers throughout the developed and developing world face the common problem of bringing expert knowledge to bear in government decision making policymakers need understandable reliable accessible and useful information about the societies they govern they also need to know how current policies are working as well as possible alternatives and their likely costs and consequences this expanding need has fostered the growth of independent public policy research organizations commonly known as think tanks think tanks and civil societies analyzes their growth scope and constraints while providing institutional profiles of such organizations in every region of the world beginning with north america contributors analyze think tank development past and future consider their relationship to the general political culture and provide detailed looks at such examples as the heritage foundation and the institute for research on public policy a historical and subregional overview of think tanks throughout europe notes the emphasis on european union issues and points to a dramatic rise in the number and influence of free market

institutes across the continent think tanks in germany spain and france are profiled with respect to national politics and cultures advanced industrial nations of northern asia are compared and contrasted revealing a greater need for independent policy voices moving to countries undergoing economic transition contributors deal with challenges posed in russia and the former soviet bloc and their think tanks search for influence independence and sustainability other chapters deal with the developing countries of africa asia the middle east and latin america finding that the number quality and independence of think tanks is largely determined by the degree of democracy in individual nations

in this authoritative accessible and at times funny and irreverent work distinguished anthropologist anthony aveni speaks to the trained astrophysicist and the curious layperson alike about a simple but previously unexplored question why do we assume aliens if they are really out there behave just like us aveni s newest work departs from the usual scientific treatment of extraterrestrial intelligence by probing the historical and widely neglected anthropological record which offers relevant analogous incidents of contact among terrestrial cultures beginning with theories of the evolution of life and culture advocated by astrobiologists aliens like us explores how the western cultural imagination is influenced by ways of knowing that are deeply embedded in the minds of the questioners for example how we consider the ownership of property the idea of progress and even the way we classify things the lessons of anthropology offer not only value structures from other cultures that differ profoundly from our own but also testify to the diverse ways in which alien cultures interact finally on the question of potential first contact aveni closes with a fascinating exploration of the image of extraterrestrials in popular culture that is derived in part from the hugely influential realm of science fiction

becoming salmon is the first ethnographic account of salmon aquaculture the most recent turn in the human history of animal domestication as fish are enrolled in new regimes of marine domestication traditional distinctions between fish and animals are reconfigured recasting farmed fish as sentient beings capable of feeling pain and subject to animal welfare legislation drawing on ethnographic fieldwork in norway and australia the author traces farmed atlantic salmon through contemporary industrial practices

and shows how salmon are bred to be hungry globally mobile and alien in their watersheds of origin attentive to the economic context of industrial food production as well as the mundane practices of caring for fish it offers novel perspectives on domestication human animal relations and food production provided by publisher

this thesis describes how german doctrine and command and control evolved in world war ii with respect to supporting arms structured knowledge of a subject based on empirical data and experience contributes to successful practice and future development the german experience of the second world war is used to discern the applicable lessons of command and control for understanding the development of modern warfare as it relates to supporting arms

this book explores how china and especially china s belt and road initiative is viewed in european media and by european think tanks thereby uncovering european elites views of china looking across europe the european union western europe including the united kingdom central europe and eastern europe the book reveals a complex picture with different views in different places and with different aspects of china disproportionately emphasized in some places as china s importance in the world continues to grow it is crucial to understand how distorted views of china are shaping international relations

this important handbook is a comprehensive guide to the role function and perceived impact of policy research oriented institutions in north america europe and beyond over 20 international scholars explore the diverse and eclectic world of think tanks to reveal their structure governance and unique position in occupying a critical space on the public policy landscape

the corona crisis is the occasion for the thematisation of crises in the context of adult continuing education the title re constructions aims to make other crisis phenomena ecological economic social psychological political or biographical that are significant in the context of adult continuing education the object of reflection the pandemic is thus the exemplary starting point because it has affected

adult education in many ways adult education can provide a space for reflection in which a critical examination of the social implications of this and other exceptional experiences in society as a whole can take place and collective educational processes can become possible

a deep investigation of neoliberalism s proselytizers in eastern europe and the global south where does free market ideology come from recent work on the neoliberal intellectual movement around the mont pelerin society has allowed for closer study of the relationship between ideas interests and institutions yet even as this literature brought neoliberalism down to earth it tended to reproduce a european and american perspective on the world with the notable exception of augusto pinochet s chile long seen as a laboratory of neoliberalism the new literature followed a story of diffusion as ideas migrated outward from the global north even in the most innovative work the cast of characters remains surprisingly limited clustering around famous intellectuals like milton friedman and friedrich hayek market civilizations redresses this absence by introducing a range of characters and voices active in the transnational neoliberal movement from the global south and eastern europe this includes b r shenoy an early member of the mont pelerin society from india who has been canonized in some circles since the singh reforms manuel ayau another mps president and founder of the marroqu n university an underappreciated latin american node in the neoliberal network chinese intellectuals who read hayek and mises through local circumstances and many others seeing neoliberalism from beyond the industrial core helps us understand what made radical capitalism attractive to diverse populations and how often disruptive policy ideas went local

in the 21st century think tanks have become more than a buzzword in european public discourse they now play important roles in the policy making process by providing applied research building networks and advocating policies the book studies the development of think tanks and contemporary consequences in the united kingdom germany denmark and at the eu level a continental think tank tradition in which the state plays a pivotal role and an anglo american tradition which facilitates interaction in public policy on market like terms have shaped the development of think tanks on the basis of a typology of think tanks quantitative data and interviews with

think tank practitioners the interplay between state and market dynamics and the development of different types of think tanks is analysed although think tanks develop along different institutional trajectories it is concluded that the anglo american tradition has had a significant cross cutting impact in europe in recent years the contention over the politics of think tanks runs deeper at the eu level than in the member states and reflects disagreement over how the eu should develop in the future this text will be of key interest to scholars students and practitioners of political communication public policy european politics and comparative politics

zweimal eliminierten die weitgehend von den schifffahrtsakteuren mitzuverantwortenden weltkriege die seewirtschaft ein drittes mal irritierten die handelnden die m rkte nachhaltig so dass sie sich selbst in existenzielle gefahr brachten viele der traditionsreichen teilnehmer am schifffahrtsgeschehen scheiterten in den vergangenen jahren oder k mpfen ums wirtschaftliche Überleben diese beiden umfassend und reich illustrierten b nde beschreiben 150 jahre der industriellen deutschen schifffahrt seit 1871 und schaffen in der aktuellen diskussion um die eingetretene zerstörung des planeten erde die voraussetzung für eine dringend erforderliche auseinandersetzung mit den zukunftsfragen um die einführung einer ökologisch ausgerichteten schifffahrt

it has become widely accepted that the discipline of international relations ir is ironically not international at all ir scholars are part of a global discipline with a single shared object of study the world and yet theorizing gravitates around a number of concepts that have been conceived solely in the united states the purpose of this book is to re balance this western bias by examining the ways in which ir has evolved and is practiced around the world the fifteen case studies offer fresh insights into the political and socioeconomic environments that characterize diverse geocultural sites and the ways in which these traits inform and condition scholarly activity in international relations by bringing together scholars living and working across the globe tickner and w ver provide the most comprehensive analysis of ir ever published it is essential reading for anyone who is concerned about the history development and future of international relations

design with reinforced plastics is a comprehensive accessible guide to fundamental aspects of designing for world markets with this increasingly important range of materials this unique publication takes full account of the design implications of the single european market as well as the rapidly changing effects of consumer protection and environmental legislation

this book provides a systematic analysis of the russian ukraine war using the concept of resilient fighting power to assess the operational performance of both sides during the first year of the full scale invasion the russian war in ukraine began in 2014 and continued for eight years before the full scale invasion of 24 february 2022 it is not a new war but the intensity of the warfighting revived many discussions about the conduct of inter state warfare which has not been seen in europe for decades this book does not aim to offer an exhaustive operational analysis of the war but rather provides a preliminary systematic analysis across various domains of warfare using the concept of fighting power to assess the operational performance of both sides first the book discusses the conceptual component and the post cold war adaptations of the soviet strategic tradition by both the ukrainian and the russian armed forces following that it gives an evaluation of the various aspects of warfighting in the land air maritime and cyber domains then the book examines the role of international allied assistance sanctions and weapons delivery in strengthening the resilience of the ukrainian armed forces the book concludes with some comments on the role of inter state warfare in the current strategic environment and future warfare this book will be of much interest to students of military and strategic studies defence studies foreign policy russian studies and international relations

this book provides the first detailed comparative analysis of the unusual partnership between the main european neutral states and nato neutrality and alliance membership are fundamentally incompatible but through the vehicle of nato s post cold war partnerships the european neutral states and nato have found a way to bridge this gap and cooperate with one another based on case studies of austria finland ireland sweden and switzerland written by leading experts this book explores the detail of each country s relationship with nato the factors shaping those relationships and whether any of these states are likely to abandon neutrality and join nato the

book also contributes to broader work on foreign policy by exploring different explanations of the european neutral states foreign and security policy choices this book will be of interest to scholars of the european neutral states nato and european security as well as to those interested in understanding the dynamics behind states foreign policy choices

stella ladi has taken on a daunting set of challenges a comparative study of policy transfer a study of the role of think tanks in the transfer process and the relevance of europeanisation to shaping the transfer process as such this is an innovative book tackling increasingly important issues that cut across the fields of public policy and international relations it deserves to be widely read as the first systematic study of its kind and others will surely follow kevin featherstone european institute london school of economics and political science uk policy transfer is on the increase fuelled by the dual processes of globalisation and europeanisation stella ladi provides an incisive and detailed account of how policy transfer is shaping policy developments in europe within a rich theoretical context diane stone central european university hungary this significant new book presents a comparative study of the role of policy research institutes within policy transfer and the subsequent impact policy transfer has upon the processes of europeanisation and globalisation

for their great commercial importance as a human food delicacy crayfish are now becoming of wider interest to molecular biologists and also to conservationists due to the fact that in some countries many of the native crayfish species are under threat from human activity disease and competition from other introduced crayfish species helmed by

innovative and forward thinking in its approach this book advocates for the liberation of people's creative potential through the systematic transformation of work and capital providing a detailed account and analysis of current social policy johannes kananen envisions an emancipatory societal development that prioritises fulfilling human need as opposed to the accumulation of private capital

popular science gives our readers the information and tools to improve their technology and their world the core belief that popular science and our readers share the future is going to be better and science and technology are the driving forces that will help make it better

earth negotiations develops a phased process model that can enable greater understanding of the process by which international environmental agreements are negotiated by breaking down the negotiating process into a series of phases and turning points it is easier to analyze the roles of the different actors the management of issues the formation of groups and coalitions and the art of consensus building six discernible phases and five associated turning points within the process of multilateral environmental negotiation are identified and explained the model is then used to see if there is anything that occurs in the earlier phases of negotiation that affects subsequent phases and if there is anything in the process that may have an effect on the outcome the overall goal is to determine what lessons can be learned from past cases of multilateral environmental negotiation in order to help both practitioners and scholars strengthen the negotiating process and the quality of its results

by 2024 a majority of parents in the uk with three or more children were going hungry to feed their families children in the uk are becoming shorter and childhood mortality has been rising what part does living with high inequality play in understanding how we have got to the point of peak injustice when surely the situation cannot become worse although 2018 was a year of peak income and wealth inequality in the uk absolute deprivation has continued to grow since then especially after the pandemic peak injustice follows up the best selling peak inequality 2018 offering a carefully curated selection of danny dorling s latest published writing with brand new content looking to the future including challenges for a new government in 2024 25 the impact of jeremy corbyn s legacy and the implications of keir starmer s many blind spots an essential addition to readers dorling collections

in germanic and nordic languages the term for public health literally translates to people s health for example volksgesundheit in

german folkh Isa in swedish and kansanterveys in finnish covering a period stretching from the late nineteenth century to the present day this book discusses how understandings and meanings of public health have developed in their political and social context identifying ruptures and redefinitions in its conceptualisation it analyses the multifaceted and interactive rhetorical play through which key concepts have been used as political tools on the one hand and shaped the understanding and operating environment of public health on the other focusing on the blurred boundaries between the social and the medico scientific realms from social hygiene to population policy conceptualising public health explores the sometimes contradictory and paradoxical normative aims associated with the promotion of public health providing examples from northern europe and the nordic countries whilst situating them in a larger european and international context it addresses questions such as how have public health concepts been used in government and associated administrative practices from the early twentieth century up to the present how has health citizenship been constructed over time how has the collective entity of the people been associated with and reflected in public health concepts drawn from a range of disciplinary backgrounds the authors collected here each examine a particular way of understanding public health and assess how key actors or phenomena have challenged altered or confirmed past and present meanings of the concept conceptualising public health is of interest to students and scholars of health and welfare state development from diverse backgrounds including public health sociology of health and illness and social policy as well as medical conceptual and intellectual history

education privatization is a global phenomenon that has crystallized in countries with very different cultural political and economic backgrounds in this book the authors examine how privatization policies are being adopted and why so many countries are engaging in this type of education reform the authors explore the contexts key personnel and policy initiatives that explain the worldwide advance of the private sector in education and identify six different paths toward education privatization as a drastic state sector reform e g chile the u k as an incremental reform e g the u s a in social democratic welfare states as historical public private partnerships e g netherlands spain as de facto privatization in low income countries and privatization via disaster book features the

first comprehensive in depth investigation of the political economy of education privatization at a global scale an analysis of the different strategies discourses and agents that have contributed to advancing and resisting education privatization trends an examination of the role of private corporations policy entrepreneurs philanthropic organizations think tanks and teacher unions rich in examples careful in its analysis important in its conclusions and recommendations for further work this book is a vital rigorous up to date resource for education policy researchers stephen j ball university college london few issues are as significant as is education privatization across the globe few treatments of this issue offer both the breadth and nuanced understanding that this book does christopher lubienski indiana university

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Decoding the Metric-Imperial Divide: How Many Inches are 56 Centimeters?

The world uses two primary systems for measuring length: the metric system (based on meters) and the imperial system (based on inches, feet, and yards). While the metric system is increasingly dominant globally, the imperial system remains prevalent in several countries, leading to frequent conversions between the two. This article will delve into the conversion of 56 centimeters (cm) to inches (in), providing a detailed explanation of the process and offering practical applications.

Understanding the Conversion Factor

The foundation of any unit conversion lies in understanding the relationship between the two units. One inch is approximately equal to 2.54 centimeters. This is a crucial conversion factor that serves as the bridge between the metric and imperial systems for length measurements. Therefore, to convert centimeters to inches, we divide the value in centimeters by 2.54.

Calculating 56 Centimeters to Inches

To determine how many inches are in 56 centimeters, we apply the conversion factor: 56 cm / 2.54 cm/in 22.05 in Therefore, 56 centimeters is approximately equal to 22.05 inches. It's important to note that this is an approximation because the conversion factor is itself a rounded value. The actual conversion is slightly more precise, but 22.05 inches provides a sufficiently accurate result for most practical purposes.

Practical Applications of the Conversion

Understanding this conversion is crucial in various real-world scenarios: Sewing and Tailoring: Pattern instructions might be given in inches, while fabric might be measured in centimeters. Knowing how to convert ensures accurate measurements for clothing or other textile projects. For example, if a sewing pattern calls for a 56cm sleeve length, you would need approximately 22 inches of fabric. DIY and Home Improvement: Many hardware stores sell materials with measurements in both systems. Converting between centimeters and inches ensures you purchase the correct amount of lumber, piping, or other materials for your projects. Imagine building a bookshelf; if the design specifies shelves 56cm wide, you'll need lumber around 22 inches wide. International Shipping and Commerce: Global trade often involves items with dimensions listed in different units. Accurate conversion prevents misunderstandings and ensures the right-sized products are shipped and received. Consider importing furniture; knowing that a 56cm-deep drawer is approximately 22 inches deep can help determine if it fits your space. Medical and Scientific Fields: While the metric system is predominantly used, conversion might be needed when dealing with older data or collaborating with researchers using the imperial system. Travel and Tourism: Different countries use different measurement systems. Understanding conversions

helps you navigate distances and dimensions while traveling.

Beyond the Calculation: Precision and Rounding

While 22.05 inches is a practical approximation, it's beneficial to understand the concept of significant figures and rounding. The number 56 cm typically implies two significant figures. Therefore, rounding the result to two significant figures, we get 22 inches. However, for greater precision, more decimal places can be included. The choice depends on the level of accuracy required for the specific application.

Conclusion

Converting 56 centimeters to inches is a straightforward process utilizing the fundamental conversion factor of 2.54 cm/in. The result, approximately 22.05 inches (or 22 inches when rounded to two significant figures), has numerous practical applications in various fields. Mastering this conversion enhances one's ability to navigate a world that utilizes both metric and imperial measurement systems, fostering greater accuracy and understanding in various tasks.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Is 2.54 cm/in an exact conversion? While commonly used, 2.54 cm/in is an approximation, although highly accurate for most practical purposes. More precise values exist but are rarely needed in daily applications. 2. How do I convert inches to centimeters?

To convert inches to centimeters, multiply the value in inches by 2.54. 3. What are some online converters for cm to inches? Numerous websites and apps offer cm to inches converters. A quick online search will reveal many options. 4. Can I use a ruler or measuring tape to verify the conversion? Yes, you can measure 56 cm on a metric ruler and then compare it to the 22.05-inch mark on an imperial ruler to visually confirm the approximation. 5. What if I need to convert a larger or smaller number of centimeters? The same conversion factor (2.54 cm/in) applies to all centimeter-to-inch conversions. Simply divide the number of centimeters by 2.54 to get the equivalent in inches.

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