

Political Science: AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

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INTERNET RESOURCES

Political Science Resources (<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subj/politica.html>) provides links to sources on elections, political parties, government agencies, public policy, and interest groups.

DICTIONARIES & ENCYCLOPEDIAS

American Political Dictionary (important agencies, cases and statutes) Ref JK9 .P55 2002
Congressional Quarterly Almanac 1945+ [annual] Ref JK8 .C71
Congressional Quarterly's Guide to Congress Ref JK1021 .C565 2008
Congressional Quarterly's Guide to the Presidency Ref JK516 .C57 2002
Congressional Quarterly's Guide to the United States Supreme Court Ref KF8742 .W567 1997
Congressional Quarterly's Guide to United States Elections Ref JK1967 .C662 2005
Encyclopedia of American Public Policy Ref JK468 .P64 J33 1999
Encyclopedia of Minorities in American Politics EGSL E184 .A1 E574 2000
Historical Guide to the U.S. Government Ref JK9 .H57 1998

FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES & GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Current UCSB students, faculty and staff may access many of our subscription databases and electronic texts from off-campus. For more information, see www.library.ucsb.edu/proxy/faq.html.

ARTICLE INDEXES & DATABASES (<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/databases>)

Academic Search Complete A scholarly, multi-disciplinary database.
Alternative Press Index 1991+ Index to alternative, radical, and leftist publications.
America History and Life 1964+ Index to scholarly materials on American history and culture.
Declassified Documents Reference System Full text of previously classified U.S. government documents.
Digital National Security Archive Full text of previously classified U.S. government documents.
JSTOR Full text articles in core academic journals, 5 years or older.
Left Index 1990+ Index to leftist literature with emphasis on political and cultural topics.
LexisNexis Academic Full text full-text access to 6,000 news, business and legal publications.
LexisNexis Congressional Access to current and historic U.S. Congressional publications and information.
LexisNexis Statistical Access to statistics from U.S. federal, state, and international government sources.
PAIS International 1937+ Index to scholarship on government, international relations, political science, etc.
Worldwide Political Science Abstracts 1975+ Index to scholarly journals in all areas of political science.
CQ Researcher (<http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher>) In-depth background reports on issues in the news.

FINDING BOOKS

You may gain access to the *PEGASUS* (UCSB Libraries) and *MELVYL* (all University of California Libraries) online catalogs via <http://www.library.ucsb.edu>. To learn how to use *Pegasus* effectively, see the *Guide to Searching Pegasus* at <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/catalogs/pegasus/pegasuguide.pdf>.

STATISTICS

- America Votes* Ref JK1967 .A8
Statistical Abstract of the United States (<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab>) or Ref Desk C 3.134
LexisNexis Statistical (via <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/databases>)
Vital Statistics on American Politics, 2003-2004 Ref JK274 .S74 2003

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

GENERAL SITES & INDEXES

- United States Government Info* (<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subj/govt-fed.html>) UCSB guide to sources.
USA.gov (<http://USA.gov>) Portal to official U.S. government information and services.
GPO Access (<http://www.gpoaccess.gov>) Laws, regulations, reports, data and other U.S. government info.

PRESIDENT

- White House* (<http://www.whitehouse.gov>) The official White House web site.
American Presidency Project (<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu>) Documents related to the U.S. Presidency.
POTUS: Presidents of the United States (<http://www.ipl.org/div/potus>) Info from the Internet Public Library.

CONGRESS

- Thomas: Library of Congress Legislative Information* (<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas2.html>)
U.S. House of Representatives (<http://www.house.gov>) The official U.S. House of Representatives web site.
U.S. Senate (<http://www.senate.gov>) The official U.S. Senate web site.
LexisNexis Congressional Access to current and historic U.S. Congressional publications and information.

FEDERAL COURTS

- U.S. Supreme Court* (<http://www.supremecourtus.gov>) The official U.S. Supreme Court web site.
Federal Judiciary Home Page (<http://www.uscourts.gov/links.html>) Portal to U.S. Federal Judiciary web sites.
Cornell Legal Information Institute, Supreme Court Collection (<http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/index.html>)

POLITICAL PARTIES

- Political Parties* (<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/psusp.html#party>) Portal to U.S. political party web sites.
Historical Dictionary of United States Political Parties Ref JK2261 .B345 2000

DIRECTORIES & BIOGRAPHIES

- Biography Resource Center* (via <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/databases>)
Almanac of American Politics Ref Desk JK271 .A44
Facts About the Presidents Ref E176.1 .K3 2001
Official Congressional Directory Ref JK1011 .U6
United States Government Manual Ref Desk JK421 .U6
Washington Information Directory (national organizations and government agencies) Ref Desk F192.3 .W33
Washington Representatives (lobbyists, foreign agents, consultants, etc.) Ref JK1118 .D58

RELATED RESEARCH GUIDES

- Political Science* (<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subjects/polisci/poli.html>)
Political Science: Campaigns and Elections (<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subjects/gov/elections.pdf>)
Political Science: Public Policy (<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subjects/polisci/pubpolicy.pdf>)
Law and Society (<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subjects/law/laws.html>)

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