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Research Methods in Politics

Online Library Resources

Academic Source Complete (ASC) 10,315 total number of journals & magazines indexed and abstracted; (8994 are peer-reviewed) 6328 journals & magazines in full text (5349 are peer-reviewed).

Political Science Complete- provides full text for over 400 publications, and cover-to-cover indexing and abstracts for more than 800 journals. The database also features more than 165 full-text reference books and monographs, and over 27,000 full text conference papers, including those of the International Political Science Association.

Military & Government Collection provides cover-to-cover full text for nearly 400 journals and periodicals. The database also includes full text for 245 pamphlets and offers indexing and abstracts for more than 500 titles. Some publications covered in this database include *Air Force Comptroller*, *Army Reserve Magazine*, *Defence Studies*, *Global Security Review*, *JFQ: Joint Force Quarterly*, *Military Technology*, *National Review*, *Combat Edge*, *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Naval Forces*, and many more. Many full text titles are available in (searchable) PDF, or scanned-in-color.

Communication & Mass Media Complete originated with the acquisition and subsequent merging of two popular databases in the fields of communication and mass media studies -- *CommSearch* (formerly produced by the National Communication Association (NCA)), and *Mass Media Articles Index* (formerly produced by Pennsylvania State University). *CommSearch* offered bibliographic and keyword references to 26 journals in communication studies, with coverage extending to the inaugural issue of each -- some from as far back as the early decades of the 20th century. It also included cover-to-cover indices of NCA's six journals (from their first editions to the present), and abstracts from their earliest appearance in NCA journals. *Mass Media Articles Index* provided citation coverage of over 40,000 articles related to mass media and published in over 60 research journals, as well as major journalism reviews, recent encyclopedias, and handbooks in the area of communications studies.

SocIndex with Full Text - the world's most comprehensive and highest quality sociology research database. Its extensive scope and content provide users with a wealth of extremely useful information encompassing the broad spectrum of sociological study. The database features more than 1,986,000 records with subject headings from a 19,600+ term sociological thesaurus designed by subject experts and expert lexicographers. This product also contains informative abstracts for more than 1,130 "core" coverage journals dating as far back as 1895. In addition, this file provides data mined from more than 430 "priority" coverage journals as well as from over 2,800 "selective" coverage journals. Further, extensive indexing for books/monographs, conference papers, and other non-periodical content sources is included.

America: History & Life (North-American history)
Historical Abstracts (World history, not North American)

JSTOR - archival journal coverage, but no current coverage. Usually a 3-5 year gap.

CIAO (Columbia International Affairs Online) - the most comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs.

All of the above are accessible from the Library Web Site at: **Articles/Databases/Subjects then Alphabetical List of Databases** or under the Politics page.

Other useful library sources:

- Congressional Digest (Pro-Con debate) indexed ASC
- SpringerLink (journals)
- Keesings (for news stories 2008 – present)
- SAGE Journals
- Wiley-Blackwell Journals (good for environmental or science topics)
- Issues & Controversies (located under Articles/Databases)
- WorldCat <http://firstsearch.oclc.org/dbname=WorldCat;screen=advanced;fsip>

Web Sites

[THOMAS](#), a service of the Library of Congress, is a good starting point

- a. Bill summaries/status back to 1973, bill texts 1989+, Cong Rec. 1989+, Repts 1995+

[OpenCongress](#)

While Thomas has a wealth of information ranging from drafts of bills and amendments, votes, and the complete text of the *Congressional Record*, finding specific information is a daunting task for the average user. **OpenCongress** aims to be Thomas as if it were designed for ordinary people. Brings together Thomas's official congressional data on bills, votes, floor statements and conference reports with press and blog coverage, non-profit analyses, and social wisdom generated by its users.

[GovTrack.us](#)

Congressional Bills Project - <http://www.congressionalbills.org/about.html>

[World Bank](#) (Data & Research)

<http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/0,,menuPK:476823~pagePK:64165236~piPK:64165141~theSitePK:469372,00.html>

FedStats – (Federal and states level data) <http://www.fedstats.gov/>

GPO Access - has PDF and TEXT documents

Bill texts back to 1993, Cong. Reports 1993, Cong. Rec. 1994, many cmte pubs - 1995+

<http://www.gpo.gov/>

American Presidency Project - <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/>

Nat'l Data Analysis System - <http://ndas.cwla.org/>

Statistics - <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stpolisc.html>

[World Bank](#) (Data & Research) - (browse by topic)

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Policy Agendas Project: Center for American Politics and Public Policy

<http://www.policyagendas.org/aboutus>

Election Data Sets <http://www.electionstudies.org>

International IDEA Voter Turnout Website <http://www.idea.int/vt/index.cfm>

American National Election Studies <http://www.electionstudies.org/>

A.P.S.A. http://www.apsanet.org/section_70.cfm

ARDA [Assoc. of Religion Archives](#) (American National Election Studies, 2004)

<http://www.thearda.com/>

Freedom in the World 2009 Survey Release <http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=445>

Wiley-Blackwell journals

SAGE Journals