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Online Library Resources

Academic Source Premier (ASP), full text for more than 4,650 publications, including full text for more than 3,600 peer-reviewed journals. PDF backfiles to 1975 or further are available.

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.

Offers full text for over 200 titles and contains citation coverage for additional sources. In total, several hundred valuable sources are covered. To further develop and enhance this database, EBSCO has established two working groups of expert advisors represented by leading librarians, bibliographers, professionals, and other experts in relevant subject areas.

SocIndex with Full Text - most comprehensive and highest quality sociology research database. The index features more than 1,300,000 records with subject headings from a 15,600 term sociology-specific thesaurus designed by expert lexicographers. This product also contains informative abstracts for more than 620 "core" coverage journals dating back to 1895. In addition, this file provides data mined from more than 500 "priority" coverage journals as well as over 1,390 "selective" coverage journals. Further, extensive indexing for books, monographs, conference papers, and other sources is included. Searchable cited references are also provided. *SocINDEX with Full Text* offers coverage from all subdisciplines of sociology, including abortion, anthropology, criminology, criminal justice, cultural sociology, demography, economic development, ethnic & racial studies, gender studies, marriage & family, politics, religion, rural sociology, social psychology, social structure, social work, sociological theory, sociology of education, substance abuse, urban studies, violence, welfare, and many others. *SocINDEX with Full Text* contains full text for 242 "core" coverage journals dating back to 1895, and 72 "priority" coverage journals.

PAIS (Public Affairs Information Service)- provides selective subjects and bibliographic access to periodicals, books, hearings, reports, gray literature, government publications, Internet resources, and other publications from 120 countries. Contains more than 480,000 records, each with bibliographic information and brief, descriptive abstracts

American Politics Quarterly
American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
American Review of Politics
Contemporary Policy Issues
Review of Politics

Comparative State Politics
Harvard Political Review
Journal of Political Ecology
Journal of Politics
Political Communication and Persuasion
Policy & Politics

America: History & Life (and **Historical Abstracts**) selected titles:

American Journal of Political Science (578)
American Political Science Review (665)
American Political Quarterly (501)
American Political Research (80)
Political Research Quarterly (257)
Political Science Quarterly (673)
Political Studies (90)
Political Theory (25)
Politics & Society (169)
Journal of Politics (1074)
Journal of Social and Political Studies (23)
Contemporary Policy Issues (125)
Social Science Quarterly (1177)

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.

GalleryWatch *GalleryWatch CRS Reports* contains the largest and most up-to-date collection of Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports available online. Content spans 1993-present and covers a host of subject areas, including economics, environment, foreign affairs, immigration, medicine, civil rights, national security, terrorism and more.

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

Other useful library sources:

- Congressional Digest (Pro-Con debate) indexed ASP
- Congressional Quarterly Almanac REF JK1.C66
- Issues & Controversies (located under Articles/Databases)

Online Catalog (Books) - Subject Heading Suggestions

- united states politics and government...
- united states economic conditions...
- united states emigr
- united states energy policy
- elections – united states

Examples of Web Sites for Research in Government

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

U.S. Presidency & Supreme Court Data http://psweb.sbs.ohio-state.edu/faculty/rtimpone/research/pressc_main.htm

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

THOMAS, a service of the Library of Congress, is a good starting point.

Bill summaries/status back to 1973, bill texts 1989+, Cong Rec. 1989+, Repts 1995+
<http://thomas.loc.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/>

Policy Agenda's Project: Center for American Politics and Public Policy
<http://www.policyagendas.org/datasets/index.html>

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

[OpenCongress](#)

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](#)

Policy Agendas Project <http://www.policyagendas.org/datasets/index.html#budget>

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

American National Election Studies, 2004 <http://www.thearda.com/Archive/NES.asp>

Blackwell journals – Periodicals List > Browse Periodicals by Subj > LP & Gov > SEARCH > PolSci Gen > (use Advanced Search words **voter** AND **turnout**)

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/search/advanced>

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/Archive/Files/Descriptions/NES2004.asp>