

Ferdinand D. Bluford Library

A SELECTIVE GUIDE TO MATERIALS AND RESOURCES FOR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

This selective guide contains a bibliography of titles and electronic resources that will assist the students in locating materials on political and social issues. It outlines a general approach to finding not only materials and resources housed in the F.D. Bluford Library, but also electronic databases or books available through F.D. Bluford Library web pages. Other research oriented Internet sites are also suggested. This guide will help students organize their research and at the same time give them some tips on research strategy. Remember that researching any topic can seem overwhelming.

Using the Catalog:

Establishing what books the library owns on your subject should be your top priority. The Catalog identifies all the books, videos, journals, microforms, and other formats owned by the Library. The Catalog can be searched by [Author](#), [Title](#), [Keywords](#), [Subject Headings](#), [LC Call Number](#), [Professor](#), or [Course Name](#). Use the Keywords search option if you know neither specific books nor standardized subject headings. These subject headings are accessible through five volumes of *Library of Congress Subject Headings* located near the workstations on the first floor of the Library.

Research Strategy Hint: Use the * (asterisk) or the "OR" operator to expand a small set to a larger set. Strategic use of the Limit command and the "AND" operator can narrow down an overwhelming list to a manageable size.

Encyclopedias:

Encyclopedias are also a good place to start, especially if you are unfamiliar with the topic. Articles in encyclopedias are often written by recognized authorities and tend to provide established facts and ideas about the topic, its history, basic theories, and important persons who have written related articles. Also, most encyclopedia articles close with a bibliography that may help you to establish your literature search.

Research Strategy Hint: When using encyclopedias, first consult the index volume, usually the last volume of the set. This will tell you if your topic has an article devoted entirely to it or if it is discussed within an article on a related subject.

American Political Scientists: A Dictionary – A&T REF JA61.A525 2002

The Bill of Rights: Creation and Reconstruction – A&T REF KF4750 .A436 1998

Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political Institutions - A&T Ref JA61B56 1987

Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political Thought – [electronic book]

The Citizen Action Encyclopedia: Groups and Movements That Have Changed America – A&T REF JS303.5.H35 2002

Clements' Encyclopedia of World Governments - A&T Ref JF37.C53

Clements' International Report – A&T REF JF37.C532

Congress and the Nation: A Review of Government and Politics – A&T REF KF49.C653

Encyclopedia of African American Politics – A&T REF E185.S58155 2003

Encyclopedia of American Foreign Policy – A&T Ref JX1407 E53

Encyclopedia of American Political History – A&T REF E183.E48 2001

Encyclopedia of Democracy - A&T Ref JC423.E53

Encyclopedia of North Carolina – A&T REF F254.E53 1999

Encyclopedia of Political Revolutions – A&T REF JC491.E63 1998

Encyclopedia of the American Legislative System -A&T Ref JF501.E53

Encyclopedia of the Republican & Democratic Party - A&T Ref JK2352.K87

Encyclopedia of Stateless Nations: Ethnic and National Groups Around the World – A&T REF D860.M56 2002

Encyclopedia of Third Parties in America – A&T REF JK2261.E474 2000

Guide to American Law: Everyone's Legal Encyclopedia - A&T Ref KF156.G77

Political Parties and Elections in the United States: An Encyclopedia – A&T Ref JK2261.P633 1991

Taylor's Encyclopedia of Governmental Officials - A&T Ref JK6.T36

Almanacs, Handbooks and Dictionaries:

Almanacs are useful statistical and factual sources that have current information on a broad range of topics and subjects. Handbooks can help you throughout your research by providing quick, factual information that you may need to support your ideas. The coverage in handbooks is generally limited to a specific area of information (such as political parties, governmental institutions, or cities of the United States), giving brief overviews with statistical data. This information is usually more current than that in an encyclopedia. Dictionaries provide brief entries that are quick and helpful sources for the definition or identification of a term, movement, or person in political science.

Agency Voter Registration: A Reference Guide /North Carolina - A&T GSM Microforms H1 6:A26
Almanac of American Politics – A&T REF JK1012.A44
Amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina, 1776-1989 – A&T LRC KFN7800.S27 1990
America at the Polls 2: A Handbook of American Presidential Election Statistics, 1968-1984 – A&T Ref JK524.S22 1988
American Almanac: Statistical Abstract of the United States - A&T Ref HA202.A54 (Current on Ready Reference)
American National Election Studies Data Sourcebook, 1952-1986 – A&T Stacks JK1967.M54 1989
The Blackwell Dictionary of Political Science: A User's Guide to Its Terms – [electronic book]
The Blackwell Guide to Social and Political Philosophy – A&T REF JA71.B529 2002
The Book of Rule: How the World is Governed – A&T REF JF51.B583 2004
Congressional Districts in the 1990's - A&T Ref JK 1341.C64
Congressional Quarterly Almanac - A&T REF JK1.C66
Congressional Quarterly's American Congressional Dictionary – A&T REF JK9.K73 2001
Congressional Quarterly's Guide to U.S. Election – A&T Ref JK1967.C662 1985
Constitutions of the Countries of the World - A&T Ref K3157.A2B58 (Index Table next to Computer Workstations)
Dictionary of 20th-Century World Politics - A&T Ref JA61.S53
Directory of State & County Officials of North Carolina – A&T Ref JK4130 D474
Election Data Book: A Statistical Portrait of Voting in America – A&T Ref JK1967.E44 1992
Electoral Politics Dictionary – A&T Ref JK1971.R46 1989
Europa World Yearbook - A&T REF JN1.E85 (Current edition in Ready Reference)
Gold-plated Politics: Running for Congress in the 1990s – A&T Stacks JK1991.F74 1992
Guide to the Presidency – A&T Ref JK516 C57
HarperCollins Dictionary of American Government and Politics - A&T Ref JK9.S43
Historic Documents – A&T REF E839.H57
Historic Documents on Presidential Elections – A&T Ref JK1965.H56 1991
Illustrated Dictionary of Constitutional Concepts – [electronic book]
Information Please Almanac - A&T Ref AY64I55 (Current edition in Ready Reference)
North Carolina Manual – A&T REF JK4130.N6
North Carolina Voter Registration Statistics – A&T GSM Microforms H1 14:R33 1994
Oxford Companion to Politics of the World - A&T REF JA61.O95 2001
Political Handbook of the World - A&T Ref JF37P6
Presidential Elections since 1789 – A&T Ref JK524.C65 1979
Statesman's Year-Book - A&T REF JA51.S7
The United States Government Manual – A&T REF JK421.A3
World of Politics – A&T REF JK6.T36

Indexes and Abstracts:

To locate articles that are pertinent to your research, you need to use indexes and abstracts to journal and newspaper literature. Listed below are the indexes and abstracts most appropriate for research in political and social issues. In addition to periodical articles, indexes and abstracts may also index articles/reports published in conference proceedings, government documents, technical reports, dissertations, and other sources. Indexes and abstracts vary in scope, depth and breadth of subject coverage.

CIS Annual: Legislative History of U.S. Public Laws - Indexes A&T Ref KF49.C62
PAIS International in Print - Indexes A&T Ref HB1.A1P9
Social Sciences Index - Indexes A&T Ref AI3.S62
What They Said in [1975 to the present]: The Yearbook of World Opinion - Indexes A&T Ref D410.W46

Print Journals:

The following list of journals identifies publications of opinion on national policies and issues. Journals are located on the lower level of the library and current issues are located next to the service desk in alphabetical order. Bound issues are arranged by call number. Some titles are on microform. Be sure to use the Catalog to determine the exact location and format of a particular title.

The American Behavioral Scientist	New York University Journal of International
American Journal of Political Science	Law & Politics
American Political Science Review	New Republic
Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science	Newsweek
Asian Survey	PA Times
British Journal of Sociology	Partisan Review
Christian Century	Perspectives on Political Science
Christianity Today	Perspectives on Politics
Commentary	Polity
Commonweal	The Political Quarterly
CQ Weekly Report	The Political Science Quarterly
Economist	Politics & Society
Foreign Affairs	Progressive
Humanist	PS, Political Science and Politics
International Affairs	Review of Black Political Economy
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management	Review of Politics
The Journal of Politics	Social Forces
Journal of Social Issues	Social Problems
The Link	Social Research
National Review	Social Science Quarterly
New Perspectives Quarterly: NPQ	Time
New Political Science	U.S. News & World Report
	Western Journal of Black Studies
	World Politics

Government Documents:

Government Documents cover a broad range of topics including: criminal justice; laws and regulations; congressional hearings; Supreme Court opinions; and economic, demographic and agricultural statistics. You can access our Government Documents Collection several ways: through the Catalog; the printed Monthly Catalog housed in the Index Area; GPO on NC-LIVE; and using the Internet. These items are classified by the Superintendent of Documents Classification scheme and must be retrieved using that call number. The library's Government Documents Department is located on the lower level. On the first floor of the library is a workstation dedicated to accessing government documents using CD-ROMs. Governmental agencies may be accessed through the Internet.

Statistical Sources:

Statistics provide a factual basis for your ideas. Most of the handbooks and electronic resources listed will give some general statistics. The following resources can provide information on very specific topics, either giving the actual data or listing citations to books, articles, or reports that will have the needed information.

American Statistics Index - Index Ref Z7554.U5A46

Statistical Abstract of the United States - A&T Ref HA202.A384 (Current edition on Ready Reference)

Statistical Abstract of the World - A&T Ref HA154.S68 (Current edition on Ready Reference)

Statistical Handbook on Adolescents in America - A&T Ref HQ796.S8237

Statistical Handbook on Aging Americans - A&T Ref HQ1064.U5S738

Statistical Handbook on the American Family - A&T RefHQ536.S727

Statistical Handbook on Violence in America - A&T Ref HN90.V5S833

Statistical Handbook on Women in America - A&T Ref HQ1420.T34

Statistical Record of Women Worldwide - A&T Ref HQ 1150.S73

Statistical Reference Index - Indexes A&T Ref Z7554.U5S79

LexisNexis Statistical – Database

Vital Statistics on American Politics - A&T Ref JK274.S74

Databases:

- [**ABI/Inform Global**](#) via *ProQuest* provides abstracts and indexing for over 1,700 scholarly journals covering a wide variety of business and social science subject areas from 1971 to present. *ABI/Inform Global* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.
- [**Academic Search Full-Text Premier**](#) via *EBSCOhost* Provides abstracts and indexing for over 8,200 scholarly journals covering a wide variety of subject areas from 1984 to present. Includes many complete articles from over 4,600 journals, including 3,600 peer reviewed journals dating back to 1990. Over 100 journals contain PDF backfiles to at least 1095 and some back further.
- [**Cambridge Scientific Abstracts**](#) assembles a library of multidisciplinary scientific and technical bibliographic databases in a single resource. Databases available from Cambridge in the political and social sciences are: *ERIC* and *Sociological Abstracts*. *Cambridge*, *ERIC*, or *Sociological Abstracts* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.
- [**Census of Population and Housing**](#) provides access to statistics able to be broken down by geography, age, race, sex, marital status, Spanish origin, household type, and household relationship. Population variables are cross-tabulated by age, race, Spanish origin, or sex. Housing variables includes occupancy/vacancy status, tenure, units in structure, contract rent, meals included in rent, value, and number of rooms in housing unit.
- [**Country Watch**](#) is a world leader in providing country specific geopolitical intelligence on each of the 192 countries of the world. *Country Watch* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.
- [**CQ Electronic Library**](#) provides seven subfiles containing high quality research information in the areas of American government, politics, history, public policy, and current affairs. The four files within *CQ Electronic Library* are *CQ Congress Collection*, *CQ Historic Documents Series Online Edition*, *CQ Public Affairs Collection*, *CQ Researcher Online*, *CQ Supreme Court Decisions*, *CQ Voting and Elections Collection*, and *CQ Weekly*. *CQ Electronic Library* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.
- [**Economic Census**](#) provides a detailed portrait of the nation's economy every five years. The census describes industries and geographic areas, including the nation, states, metropolitan areas, counties, cities, and, for some sectors, data for ZIP Codes.
- [**Ethnic Newswatch**](#) indexes major minority newspapers throughout the country from 1960-present. *Ethnic Newswatch* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.
- [**Global Newsbank**](#) indexes with full-text articles from the major international newspapers. *Global Newsbank* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases. (1996 to the present)
- [**History E-Book Project**](#) provides access to over 500 scholarly books in the area of history. *History E-Book Project* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Electronic Books.
- [**InfoTrac Onefile**](#) provides indexing, abstracts and some text articles for scholarly and general periodicals in the humanities and social sciences, with selected coverage in the fields of science and technology from 1980 to present. *InfoTrac Onefile* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.
- [**Ingenta**](#) is a database of current article information taken from almost 28,000 multidisciplinary journals. *Ingenta* contains brief descriptive information about over 17,000,000 articles which have appeared since Fall 1988. *Ingenta* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.

- [JSTOR](#) is a not-for-profit organization established with the assistance of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. It is dedicated to helping the scholarly community take advantage of advances in information technologies. Electronic journals that can be accessed through *JSTOR* for political and social issues include:

Political Science

American Journal of International Law
 American Journal of Political Science
 American Political Science Review
 International Organization
 Journal of Politics
 Midwest Journal of Political Science
 Philosophy and Public Affairs
 Political Science Quarterly
 Proceedings of the American Political
 Science Association
 Public Opinion Quarterly
 World Politics

Sociology

American Journal of Sociology
 American Sociological Review
 Annual Review of Sociology
 Contemporary Sociology
 Journal of Black Studies
 Journal of Health and Social Behavior
 Journal of Health and Human Behavior
 Public Opinion Quarterly
 Social Psychology Quarterly
 Social Psychology
 Sociometry
 Sociology of Education
 Journal of Educational Sociology

JSTOR can be accessed from the library's homepage, under Databases.

- [LexisNexis Academic](#) provides access to a wide range of news, business, legal, and reference information. It couples the convenience of the Internet with the power of LEXIS-NEXIS® services so you can quickly and easily retrieve documents that meet your specific research needs. *LexisNexis Academic* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.
- [LexisNexis Congressional](#) provides access to U.S. legislative information from Congressional Information Service, Inc. With *LexisNexis Congressional*, you can: search an index of congressional publications from 1970 to the present; retrieve CIS Legislative Histories for public laws going back to 1970; find testimony from congressional hearings; track bills as they move through the House and Senate; search the Congressional Record and Federal Register; locate information about members and committees; search the National Journal. *LexisNexis Congressional* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.
- [LexisNexis Statistical](#) searches summaries of statistical publications, then links to the full-text of selected publications within itself and on government Web sites. *LexisNexis Statistical* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Electronic Resources.
- [NetLibrary](#) provides access to over 30,000 electronic books, including the areas of Political Science and many social issues. *NetLibrary* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Electronic Books.
- [Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center](#) provides viewpoint articles, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, links to websites, and full-text magazine and newspaper articles in the area of social science. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.
- [Oxford Scholarship Online: Political Science](#) provides access to selected electronic books in the area of Political Science. *Oxford Scholarship Online: Political Science* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Electronic Books.
- [Oxford Scholarship Online: Premium Collection](#) provides access to electronic books across many disciplines. *Oxford Scholarship Online: Premium Collection* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Electronic Books.
- [PAIS International \(PAIS\)](#) includes articles, books, conference proceedings, government documents, book chapters, and statistical directories about public affairs. Contains bibliographic citations, many of which include abstracts. *PAIS International (PAIS)* can be accessed from the library's homepage, under Databases.
- [ProjectMuse](#) provides access to the full text of over 160 scholarly journals in the arts and humanities, social sciences and mathematics. Some titles from 1995 to the present. *Project Muse* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.

- ***SAGE Full-Text Collections*** provide access to many journals in political science, sociology, and criminology including:

Criminology:

Child Maltreatment
 Crime & Delinquency
 Criminal Justice
 Criminal Justice and Behavior
 Criminal Justice Policy Review
 Homicide Studies
 Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice
 Journal of Interpersonal Violence
 Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency
 Police Quarterly
 Punishment & Society
 The Prison Journal
 Theoretical Criminology
 Trauma, Violence & Abuse
 Violence Against Women

Political Science:

American Politics Research
 Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science
 Comparative Political Studies
 Cooperation and Conflict
 East European Politics and Societies
 European Journal of International Relations
 European Journal of Political Theory
 European Union Politics
 International Political Science Review
 International Relations
 Journal of Conflict Resolution
 Journal of Peace Research
 Journal of Theoretical Politics
 Party Politics
 Political Theory
 Politics & Society
 Politics Philosophy & Economics
 Security Dialogue

Sociology:

Acta Sociologica
 American Behavioral Scientist
 Body & Society
 Childhood
 Current Sociology
 Ethnography
 European Journal of Social Theory
 Gender & Society
 International Review for the Sociology of Sport
 International Sociology
 Journal of Contemporary Ethnography
 Journal of Family Issues
 Journal of Sociology
 Journal of Sport & Social Issues
 Men & Masculinities
 Rationality and Society
 Sexualities
 Social Compass
 Social Science Information
 Social Studies of Science
 Sociological Methods & Research
 Sociology
 Space and Culture
 Theory, Culture & Society
 Thesis Eleven
 Time & Society
 Work and Occupations
 Youth & Society
 Work, Employment and Society

SAGE can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.

- ***ScienceDirect*** offers access to the Elsevier Science journal collection (over 1,200 titles), along with journals from a host of prestigious societies and STM publishers. The full text collection of over 1 million articles from 1995 to present covers a wide of subject areas and disciplines. Electronic journals that can be accessed through *ScienceDirect* for political and social issues are:

Social Sciences - Sociology and Political Science

Accident Analysis & Prevention
 Aggression and Violent Behavior
 Annals of Tourism Research
 Applied Geography
 Bulletin of Latin American Research
 Child Abuse & Neglect
 Children and Youth Services Review

Cities
 Communist Affairs
 Communist and Post-Communist Studies
 Early Childhood Research Quarterly
 Electoral Studies
 Energy Policy
 Evaluation and Program Planning
 Food Policy

Forensic Science International
 Futures
 Geoforum
 Government Information Quarterly
 Government Publications Review
 Habitat International
 History of European Ideas
 International Journal of Intercultural
 Relations
 International Journal of the Sociology of
 Law
 International Journal of Tourism
 Management
 Journal of Aging Studies
 Journal of Applied Developmental
 Psychology
 Journal of Criminal Justice
 Journal of Environmental Psychology
 Journal of Government Information
 Journal of Historical Geography

Journal of Rural Studies
 Land Use Policy
 Mathematical Social Sciences
 Orbis
 Political Geography
 Political Geography Quarterly
 Progress in Planning
 Review of Radical Political Economics
 Social Networks
 Social Science & Medicine
 Social Science Information Studies
 The Social Science Journal
 Social Science Research
 Studies in Comparative Communism
 Technology in Society
 Transportation Research
 Urban Systems
 Women's Studies International Forum
 World Development

ScienceDirect can be accessed from the library's homepage, under Databases.

- [*Statistical Abstract of the United States*](#) contains statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the country. One can access over 1,400 tables from over 250 different governmental, private, and international organizations.
- [*Web of Science*](#) provides access to the ISI citation databases – multidisciplinary, high quality research information from the world's leading professional science, social sciences, and arts and humanities journals. *Web of Science* can be accessed through the library's homepage, under Databases.
- [*World Factbook*](#) is produced annually by the Central Intelligence Agency for the use of US Government officials. World Factbook contains statistics and data on countries of the world.
- [*Worldwide Political Science Abstracts*](#) from CSA, provides citations, abstracts, and indexing of the international serials literature in political science, international relations, law, and public administration and policy. *Worldwide Political Science Abstracts* can be accessed from the library's homepage, under Databases.

Internet Resources:

Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget - Federal Budget Publications and the Economic Report of the President.

Access: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>

Federal Statistics Briefing Room (FSBR) – FSBR provides access to statistics on social and economic topics.

Access: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/fsbr.html>

Government Information Locator Service (GILS) - GILS helps people find information resources throughout the U.S. Federal Government.

Access: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/gils/

North Carolina General Assembly - Access to bill status, bill history, full text of bills, committee reports, research publications, and other reports.

Access: <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/>

THOMAS: U.S. Congress on the Internet - Provide full text access to bills, Congressional Record, bill summary and status, the constitution, historical congressional documents, and links to many other governmental sources.

Access: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

The White House provides access to all the government information and services that are available on the Internet.

Access: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

Associations and Organizations:

Academy of Political Science [APS] – promotes solutions to problems in areas of economics, politics, and public affairs. This page presents their journal Political Science Quarterly as well as society information.

Access: <http://www.psqonline.org>

American Academy of Political and Social Science [AAPSS] – promotes presenting reliable information for public information.

Access: <http://www.aapss.org/>

American Political Science Association [APSA] – includes educators, researchers and business people in the area of political science; serves as an international clearing house for academic and research positions.

Access: <http://www.apsanet.org>

Women’s Caucus for Political Science [WCPS] – promotes the status of women in political science, graduate education, and employment.

Access: <http://www.uwm.edu/Org/WCPS>

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