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- **SU Libraries Political Science Research Guide** - [http://researchguides.library.syr.edu/polisci](http://researchguides.library.syr.edu/polisci)
  - Includes a PSC495 subpage with online copies of Political Science Librarian’s Handouts
  - Like the handouts themselves, the subject guide is a portal to relevant databases and related starting points

- **Library Locations for Physical Books** -
  - 3rd Floor – Bird Library HB-HC: Economic Theory & Economic History
  - 4th Floor – Bird Library HF: Commerce; HG: Finance; HJ: Public Finance
  - 4th Floor – Bird Library J: Political Science (includes international relations & public administration)
  - Carnegie Library U: Military Science; V: Naval Science

    *see [https://library.syr.edu/locations/documents/call-number-directory.pdf](https://library.syr.edu/locations/documents/call-number-directory.pdf) for subject specific list of all call number locations

Need guidance for proper citation formats and online systems for managing source citations? Visit **SU Libraries Citation Guide** @ [http://researchguides.library.syr.edu/citation](http://researchguides.library.syr.edu/citation)
Specific Databases

- **Access the databases list (including full descriptions for these sources) via the databases A-Z list**
  - Relevance will vary with research topic and source types desired. Be selective! You will only need some of these.
  - Database names appear in **bold**.

**Scholarly Journal Articles, Working Papers, etc. in Poli Sci:** Worldwide Political Science Abstracts, PAIS, JSTOR, Political Science Database (ProQuest), Taylor & Francis Online Journals, Sage Journals Online, ProQuest, CIO ("Columbia International Affairs Online")

**Scholarly Citation Databases:** Scopus, Web of Science || *see also* the database “Journal Citation Reports” – if interested in specific lists of journal titles in a field (e.g., political science, international relations, economics, etc.), ranked by “impact factor”

**Data & Statistics:** ProQuest Statistical Insight, U.S. Political Stats, Data-Planet Statistical Datasets, Historical Statistics of the United States, Social Explorer (includes U.S. Census and American Community Survey data), PolicyMap*, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, China Data Center, China Geo-Explorer II*, eMarketer (aggregator of data about social media, mobile digital technology, etc. including non-U.S. data)
*As an online GIS (Geographic Information System), Policy Map and China Geo-Explorer II support mapping

**see also** – [http://data.gov AND SU LIBRARIES RESEARCH GUIDE FOR DATA](http://researchguides.library.syr.edu/data) || AND SU DATA LIBRARIANS – ‘DATA TUTORIALS’ AT [http://researchguides.library.syr.edu/data/DataTutorials](http://researchguides.library.syr.edu/data/DataTutorials)

**Opinion Data:** iPoll Databank, Polling the Nations

**Electronic Books:** Oxford Scholarship Online, Ebsco eBooks, OECD iLibrary, World Bank eLibrary || *note – most can also be obtained via SUMMON, and applying a combination of the two search result refinements for “book/ebook” AND “full-text online.” Browsing databases directly may be more efficient.

**U.S. Congress** (legislation, bills, etc.): ProQuest Congressional, CQ Magazine *or see [http://Congress.gov](http://Congress.gov)

**U.S. Federal Government:** VoxGov *In addition to traditional documents, VoxGov archives Tweets, Facebook and YouTube posts for all three U.S. federal government branches. VoxGov can be filtered by date, political party, government branch, committee name, U.S. state, gender, or topic.

*see also – SU LIBRARIES GUIDE FOR ‘GOVERNMENT INFORMATION’ – [http://researchguides.library.syr.edu/government](http://researchguides.library.syr.edu/government) || **see also - declassified U.S. government documents via Digital National Security Archive

**Country Reports:** E.I.U., OECD iLibrary, NK Pro || *NK Pro aggregates hundreds of news, think-tank, blog and academic sources from within and about North Korea; Includes archives of Korean Central News Agency TV broadcasts

**Annual Reviews:** Annual Reviews *see especially the journal selection here for “political science”

**Chinese Government Documents:** Archives of the Chinese Government, Archives of the Communist Party of China


**Video:** Academic Video Online, Kanopy, Visual History Archive (USC Shoah Foundation interviews with holocaust survivors) || *In Kanopy, see groupings of video titles under the “browse subjects” menu selection for “social sciences.”

**Reference Sources:** (e.g., encyclopedias, handbooks, specialized dictionaries): Oxford Handbooks Online (excellent lit review source), Sage Knowledge, CQ Researcher (a public policy encyclopedia – good for background discussion, etc., Europa World (country information), Leadership Library on the Internet (enormous college of government, nonprofit, lobbyist and other directories) || *see also – [International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences](http://researchguides.library.syr.edu/data/DataTutorials) -
http://summit.syr.edu/vwebv/holdingsInfo?bibId=4559333 (published in 2015, is possibly the largest single electronic book hosted by SU Libraries). At 26 volumes+, can be a superb source of background information and references to further research on various subtopics within the political science discipline, and related fields.

Research Methods: (e.g., for a variety of journal publications from publisher, Sage, helps extract sections of that research that concentrates on the type of research methodology employed): Sage Research Methods Online