POSC 436W: Advanced Seminar

Congressional Research

August 29, 2013
Where would you look…?
Sources

Textbooks
Library books
- Print
- eBooks

Scholarly Journals
Magazines
Newspapers

Websites
Reports
Data/Statistics
How to Find…

DuCat

Databases

Google Scholar

Recommended by experts
What terms would you use?

Responsibility

Elections

LEGISLATION

Donors

Congress

Campaign Finance Reform

Term limits

PACs

Balanced Budget Amendments

Voters
Do **NOT** type in long phrases or questions
DO use good search terms

Evolution of campaign finance reform legislation since 1970

- Identify your key concept(s).
- Do they make good search terms?
- Do you need to add additional terms?
  - CONGRESS?
  - LEGISLATION?
  - EVOLUTION?
Good Search Techniques

- **DO** think of good synonyms and alternate terms in case your original terms don’t pan out

- **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**
  - Campaign finance reform legislation
  - Campaign finance reform act

- **EVOLUTION**
  - History
  - Development
DO use Boolean operators to connect terms
Use **AND** to connect **different** key concepts
Do a search for...

ProQuest Central
Advanced Search

Look Up Citation | Command Line | Find Similar | Data & Reports

campaign finance reform

Search within | Find related figures & tables

47306 Results

Campaign finance reform: Wisconsin style

The Political Parties and Campaign Finance Reform

Citation/Abstract

Search the ProQuest database for campaign finance reform.
Do a search for...

ProQuest Central
Advanced Search

campaign finance reform

AND congress

Search results:
7787 Results

1. Legislative Labyrinth: Congress and Campaign Finance Reform
   "Legislative Labyrinth: Congress and Campaign Finance Reform" by Diana Dwyre
   Citation/Abstract Full text Full text - PDF (30 KB)

2. EDITORIALS Don't delay on reform Congress must move swiftly to push through campaign-finance measure, [Home Edition]
Limit to scholarly journals only
Use OR to connect synonyms/alternate terms

evolution OR history
Do searches for…

- campaign finance reform
- congress
- evolution

5 Results *

- campaign finance reform
- congress
- history

209 Results *
Combine similar terms with OR

Limit to scholarly journals only
DO make good search strings
The Web is simpler!

**The United States House of Representatives** - House.gov
www.house.gov/
113th Congress, 1st Session - The House is not in session. Visitors - Educators and Students - Media - Doing Business with the House - Employment. Search:
Find Your Representative - Directory of Representatives - Committees - Leadership

**United States Congress** - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Congress
The United States Congress is the bicameral legislature of the federal government of the United States consisting of two houses: the House of Representatives ...
113th United States Congress - Delegate - Current members of the United ...

**News for congress**
Members of Congress denied access to basic information about USA
The Web is simpler! Right?

Google search for:
"campaign finance reform" congress (evolution OR history)

About 304,000 results (0.29 seconds)

Campaign Finance Reform In Congress Moves Forward With Little ...
www.huffingtonpost.com/.../campaign-finance-reform-congress_n_24422...
Jan 10, 2013 - ... The 2012 election was the most expensive in history, with a pricetag as high as ... Policy Watch: Congressional Campaign Finance Reform.

Campaign finance reform in the United States - Wikipedia, the free ...
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campaign_finance_reform_in_the_United_States
Campaign finance reform is the political effort in the United States to change the involvement of ... 1 History. 1.1 First attempts; 1.2 FECA and the Watergate amendments ... He allegedly told supporters that they should send him to Congress to ...

What's the Future for Campaign Finance Reform? | Big Sky ... - PBS
www.pbs.org › ... › Big Sky, Big Money
by Azmat Khan - in 2,082 Google+ circles
Nov 19, 2012 - In the lead up to the most expensive election in U.S. history, ... years of hard-fought campaign finance reform laws overnight – had opened the ...

Appendix 4: Brief History - Federal Election Commission
www.fec.gov/info/appfour.htm
The Federal Election Campaign Laws: A Short History ... more comprehensive campaign finance reform began in 1907 when Congress passed the Tillman Act, ...
How do you know if info is…

Authoritative?

Current?

Good?

Accurate?

Reliable?
# Evaluating Websites

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Library Resources

DuCat

Databases
- Google Scholar

Sites recommended by experts
How to Find…

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Google Scholar

Sites recommended by experts
Why Books?

- Background info
- In depth analysis

- Social science research methodology
- American Congress
  - Reference books
  - Analysis
  - Individual issues
Books

Periodicals

DVDs, CDs, etc.

Other

Our ONLINE CATALOG for Duquesne....
Basic Search

You may search for **BOOKS** by:
- Keyword
- Author
- Title
- Subject

Search bar with input field containing "campaign finance reform" and keyword drop-down menu.
Can’t find a book at DU?

- **E-ZBorrow**
  - Books from regional universities
  - 3 to 5 working days

- **ILLiad**
  - Books from all over
  - 7 to 10 working days

- **Onsite Borrowing**
  - Go to nearby libraries (e.g., Pitt)
  - Check out books there
How to Find…

DuCat

Databases

Google Scholar

Sites recommended by experts
Why Articles?

- Scholarly research
- Scholarly analysis
- News coverage and analysis

- Scholarly Journal articles
- Magazine articles
- Newspaper articles
Finding Databases

We have over 200 databases!

By Subject

- Art & Art History
- Business
- Classics
- Communication & Rhetorical Studies
- Computer Science
- Education
- English/Literature
- Forensic Science
- General/Multidisciplinary
- Health Science
- History

Alphabetically

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H
- I
- J
- K
Great places to start!

- ProQuest Central
- Academic Search Elite (EBSCO)
- JSTOR
- Lexis-Nexis Academic

- Multidisciplinary
- Lots of full-text articles
What do they offer?

**ProQuest Central**
- Multidisciplinary
- Includes newspapers, magazines, and scholarly journals
- LOTS of full text

**JSTOR**
- Multidisciplinary
- Scholarly journals ONLY
- ALL full text

**LexisNexis Academic**
- Great for news sources
- Includes governmental and legal sources
- ALL full text
Featured Political Science Databases

- **ASSIA: Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts**
  An indexing and abstracting tool covering health, social services, psychology, sociology, economics, politics, race relations and education.

- **CQ Researcher Plus Archive**
  CQ Researcher is noted for its in-depth, unbiased coverage of health, social trends, criminal justice, international affairs, education, the environment, technology, and the economy. Reports are published weekly in print and online 44 times a year.

- **PAIS**
  This database chronicles issues in the public debate and includes a historical perspective on many of the 20th century's social and public policies such as Prohibition, the civil rights movement, McCarthyism, Vietnam and Watergate.

- **ProQuest Political Science**
  ProQuest Political Science gives users access to over 460 leading political science and international relations journals. This collection provides the full-text of 430 core titles, many of which are indexed in Worldwide Political Science Abstracts.

- **Worldwide Political Science Abstracts**
  The database provides citations, abstracts, and indexing of the international serials literature in political science and its complementary fields, including international relations, law, and public administration/policy.

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**FEATURED REPORT**

**Women and Work** - July 26, 2013

*Has the feminist movement achieved workplace equality?*

In the 50 years since author Betty Friedan’s *The Feminine Mystique* helped spark the feminist movement, American women have made phenomenal gains. Women now comprise more than half of the U.S. workforce, earn half of college degrees and hold half of management and professional jobs. Yet relatively few have gained top executive and political leadership positions, and women still earn less than men for comparable work. Moreover, flexible work arrangements, paid family leave and other accommodations designed to relieve domestic pressures shouldered largely by women remain elusive. Some argue that women have limited their own progress in the quest for full equality — the controversial argument of a recent book by Facebook executive Sheryl Sandberg. But others say persistent cultural and economic barriers are the main reasons the feminist movement remains a work in progress a half-century after it began.
- **Google search**: Limited to *scholarly* items

- Uses Google technology

- Links back to our research databases

- Great for multidisciplinary research or beginning your research
Go to library website...

http://scholar.google.com
Finding Scholarly Journal Articles

Research Databases
- Search by TOPIC
- Search databases that focus on your discipline
- Find full-text articles

Google Scholar
- Search by TOPIC
- Search by TITLE/AUTHOR
- Links back to our DATABASES

DuCat
- If you know the article
- Do a PERIODICAL TITLE search
- Check holdings/access

Research Databases
Google Scholar
DuCat
See if –

- We have that journal
- What format/s we have it in
- What holdings/access we have
The Journal of Leadership and Organizational Studies
Can’t find full text of an article?

- If NOT full text in one database, click on Find It button
  - To see if it is full text in any of our other databases (or available in print)

- If not at Gumberg, try ILLiad
  - Can take as little as 1-2 days
  - Usually delivered electronically (PDF)
  - You get an email sent to your DU email
How to Find…

- DuCat (eBook databases)
- Databases
- Google Scholar
- Sites recommended by experts
Branches of the Government
Other Congress websites

THOMAS
In the spirit of Thomas Jefferson, legislative information from the Library of Congress

How Our Laws Are Made
Key Document websites

- The Charters of Freedom
- National Constitution Center
- The Federalist Papers
Quality Control

FactCheck.org
A Project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center

Accuracy? Bias? Spin?

OpenSecrets.org
Center for Responsive Politics
Citing Sources Properly

❖ Citing sources that you:
  - Directly quote
  - Paraphrase
  - Summarize

❖ What style to use?
  - *Turabian style*

❖ How to cite sources and format papers?
  - Style manual – library has copies
  - Online guides
Turabian Style

- Similar to **Chicago style**, but geared for students writing papers

- Uses **two** formats:
  - Notes/Bibliography style
  - Author/Date style

**Examples:**

**Notes/Bibliography style**


**Author/Date style**

P: (Doniger 1999, 65)
Endnotes (instead of in-text citations)

Bibliography – of all sources used


What sources to use?
- Books/eBooks
- Articles (scholarly journal articles)**
- Online sources

Where to look? => Poli Sci Guide
- DuCat
- Databases/Google Scholar
- Recommended sites on Poli Sci LibGuide

How to search?
- Pick good search terms
- Use Boolean operators (AND/OR)
Summary

**When to cite?**
- Cite whenever you use a direct quote, paraphrase or summarize text (Notes)
- List all the sources you use (Bibliography)

**How to cite?**
- Use Turabian style (Notes/Bibliography)
- Online guide/style manual in library
Stuck? Still Confused?

- Ask a Librarian
- Contact the Library Liaison to Political Science
Questions?

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