Electronic Databases

PAIS (Public Affairs Information Services)
Coverage: 1972-present
Full Text: No
Description: PAIS is a leading database that offers citations to books, articles, conference proceedings, and more. It covers over 120 countries.

JSTOR
Coverage: Varies
Full Text: Yes
Description: This database offers full-text articles from journals spanning the 20th century. Coverage for most journals dates to the World War II era, with Political Science Quarterly going back to 1886.

Lexis Nexis Congressional
Coverage: Varies according to publication
Full Text: Varies
Description: This database provides access to U.S. legislative information, including bill tracking, information on members of Congress, and links to discourse of current issues.

Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science)
Coverage: 1956-present
Full Text: Some
Description: This database provides access to citations in a wide array of disciplines within the social sciences, including political science, policy studies, and many others.

Internet Resources

TEXAS

Texas State Legislature
URL: http://www.capitol.state.tx.us
Description: Keep abreast of state elected officials in the State House and Senate and pending and current legislation.

Texas Government A-Z
URL: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/government/texas.html
Description: This A-Z list is a quick way to access state agencies, departments, and more.

Welcome to Texas Politics
URL: http://texaspolitics.laits.utexas.edu
Description: This well written and well designed site, by the University of Texas at Austin, introduces the reader to Texas politics.

UNITED STATES

United States Senate and House
URL: www.senate.gov and www.house.gov
Description: Find your Congressional representatives and senators, information on legislation, and more.

FDsys
URL: www.fdsys.gov
Description: Access resources from all three branches of the U.S. government.

Think Tanks Directory
URL: http://guides.lib.umich.edu/content.php?pid=26817&hs=w
Description: United States domestic and foreign policy is studied and influenced by organizations known as think tanks. University of Michigan librarians have compiled this directory of think tanks covering all ranges of the political spectrum.
LATIN AMERICA

Political Database of the Americas (Georgetown University)
URL: http://pdba.georgetown.edu/
Description: This bilingual (Español y Ingles) database offers a wealth of governmental information on the countries of Central and South America. Historical and current electoral data and comparative analyses between countries are just two of the many resources available.

Oxford University Latin American Economic History Database
URL: http://oxlad.qeh.ox.ac.uk/index.php
Description: This free, UK-based database covers 1900-2000. Topics include population, trade, industry, labor, finance, and more. The chronological scope of and wealth of topics distinguishes this database over and above many other web-based resources.

LANIC's Political Science Resources
URL: http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/political/
Description: Organized by country, this is an extensive listing of political resources for Latin America. Most links are in Spanish; however, there is an area called “International Resource” with broad-based resources in English.

New Mexico State University Internet Resources for Latin America
URL: http://lib.nmsu.edu/subject/bord/laguia/
Description: Find the section called “Public Domain Databases—Latin America.” This provides access to a wealth of publicly available, free databases. Use CTRL+F to search.

Handbook of Latin American Studies (HLAS)
URL: http://memory.loc.gov/hlas/
Description: Search in Spanish, Portuguese, or English. This Library of Congress resource provides citations to the scholarship of many areas of Latin American studies. For access to citations from 2004 and onwards, see the FAQ entry about accessing the handbook via the Library of Congress website.

EUROPE

European Union
URL: http://europa.eu/index_en.htm
Description: This is a gateway to those countries that are members of the European Union. Available in an array of languages, including Spanish.

United Nations
URL: www.un.org
Description: This gateway to the U.N. is available in its 6 official languages, including Spanish.

Print Resources

Congressional Quarterly Almanac (REF JK1 .C66)
Description: This non-partisan chronicle of the U.S. government serves as a year-in-review and is organized by area (education, defense, etc.) Includes voting records.

Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics
(Main 2nd Floor F 1410. E56 2002)
Description: Arranged by country, this resource provides historical overviews and entries on key personnel in each country’s history. Bibliographies for entries include printed and internet resources.

Encyclopedia of American Foreign Policy
Description: This covers U.S. history from the American Revolution to the present day. Entries include countries, concepts, people, things, and organizations.

Encyclopedia of American Political History
(REF E183 .E48 2001)
Description: Published by Congressional Quarterly. Robust entries with citations. If you’ve always wondered what the Red Scare was, look here to find out.

The Encyclopedia of American Political History
(REF E183 .E48 2001)
Description: Concise entries explain people, terms, and seminal court cases.

Encyclopedia of International Relations and Global Politics (REF JZ1160.E53 2005)
Description: For those studying international relations and politics, this unique reference offers an excellent starting point.

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