Selected Reference Sources

**General Sources:** The following sources are print sources. Several print sources formerly included on this list have migrated to electronic format including *Politics in America, Congress and the Nation, Congressional Almanac, Vital Statistics on American Politics, Supreme Court Yearbook* and *Washington Information Directory*. To access these sources from the Library homepage ([http://www.hofstra.edu/libraries](http://www.hofstra.edu/libraries)) click on the Research Databases page and proceed to *CQ Electronic Library*.

A comprehensive guide to federal political representation.

Ref. JK1 .C14a (Spring and Fall 1970 to date)  
Contains current reporting and analysis of issues in the areas of elections, public institutions, public policy, and foundations of American government.

*Encyclopedia of American Political History.* CQ Press.  
Ref. E183 .E48 2001  
Single volume that contains articles on the people, parties, political movements, and events that have shaped America' political history.

Ref. JK511 .E53 1994  
Detailed articles cover every aspect of the office of the President from its beginnings through 1994.

Ref. JK2352 .K87 1997  
Describes the origins and evolution of the two major political parties in the United States.

Ref. E176.1 .R6

Organized into two sections; the first section offers detailed accounts of every presidential campaign and election from Washington to George W. Bush while the second section contains alphabetically arranged entries on slogans, events, ideas, important figures and terms and concepts.

Ref. JK516 .C57 2008

Provides information about past presidents and their administrations as well as information on the institution of the presidency.

Ref. E176.1 .V65

Contains speeches, interviews, letters, diary entries, public statements as well as newspaper and journal excerpts that describe candidates reactions to victory and defeat.

Ref. JK518 .R34 1998

Compilation of statistics that describe the impact the presidency has had on the American public. Chapters cover areas such as selection, election, public opinion, policy making and begin with an introduction that explains the tables that follow.

Government Documents

Messages and Papers of the President
Gov. Docs. Y4.P93/1
Covers the administrations of Washington through the first term of Calvin Coolidge. Contains statements, addresses, messages, letters, memoranda, etc.

Public Papers of the President
Gov. Docs. AE 2.114:
Official series compiled and published by the Office of the Federal Register of the National Archives; contains statements, messages, remarks, appointments, nominations, bill signings, executive orders, letters, memoranda, etc. Print series covers Presidents Hoover, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton, and George W. Bush. The administrations of Presidents George H.W. Bush, Clinton, and George W. Bush are also available online at GPO Access (http://www.gpoaccess.gov/pubpapers/index.html). Please note: Public papers of earlier administrations were often privately compiled and published. Use the Library Catalog (http://www.hofstra.edu/libraries) to locate these.

Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents
Gov. Docs. AE2:109
Official publication of presidential statements, messages, remarks, and other materials released by the White House Press Secretary. The series began in 1965 and is available on GPO Access (http://www.gpoaccess.gov/wcomp/index.html) from 1993 forward.

Code of Federal Regulations: Title 3; President
Gov. Docs. AE2.106/3
Part of the Code of Federal Regulations, contains a compilation of Presidential documents, executive orders and regulations issued by the Executive Office of the President.
Foreign Relations of the United States
Gov. Docs. S1.1
This series is considered the official documentary historical record of U.S. foreign policy. Compiled by the State Department’s Office of the Historian, the series numbers over 350 volumes from 1861 (Lincoln) to 1975 (Nixon). Many of the more recent volumes are available online at http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/history/frusonline.html.

Books

Library Catalog (http://libweb.hofstra.edu/search/Y)
Use the online Library Catalog (http://libweb.hofstra.edu/search/Y) to locate books, government documents, audiovisual sources and other materials located in the Hofstra University Library system.

Research Databases (http://www.hofstra.edu/libraries)

Ebrary: Database of over 23,000 electronic books.
WorldCat: WorldCat lists holdings for books, manuscripts, sound recordings, videotapes, etc. located in libraries around the world.

Articles

Suggested Research Databases (http://www.hofstra.edu/libraries) for Newspaper and Magazine Articles

Academic Search Premier: Full text, multi-disciplinary database containing newspaper, magazine, and scholarly, peer-reviewed publications. Also contains indexing and abstracting for all journals in the collection.

CQ Weekly: In depth reports on issues looming on the congressional horizon. Includes bill status, committee and floor activity, debates, and roll-call votes.

Factiva: Full text of newspapers, newswires, and journal articles. International in coverage.


Suggested Research Databases (http://www.hofstra.edu/libraries) for Scholarly Journal Articles

Academic Search Premier: Full text, multi-disciplinary database containing scholarly, peer-reviewed publications. Also contains indexing and abstracting for all journals in the collection.

America: History and Life: Contains citations to articles about the history of the U.S. and Canada.

JStor: Full text collection of scholarly, peer-reviewed journals in the arts and sciences.
Public Affairs Information Service (PAIS): Index to periodicals, books, hearings, reports, gray literature, government publications on public policy and social issues. International in coverage.

PAIS Archive: International index to periodicals, books, hearings, reports, gray literature, government publications on public policy and social issues for the period 1915-1976.

Worldwide Political Science Abstracts: 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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Research Reports and Tools for Analysis

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Suggested Research Databases (http://www.hofstra.edu/libraries) and Websites

CQ Electronic Library: Provides access to a variety of databases that can be searched individually or simultaneously. Included are CQ Researcher (reports on hot issues), CQ Weekly (coverage of U.S. Congress), Congress and the Nation (legislative actions and events related to public policy issues by presidential administration), Congressional Almanac (analysis and data on major legislation).

Congressional Universe: Bills, testimony, documents and reports, and hearings of U.S. Congress. Contains Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports written by experts on a wide range of issues to assist Congress in their legislative functions. More recent reports at:

- CRS Reports http://digital.library.unt.edu/govdocs/crs/
- Open CRS http://www.opencrs.net/


Public Affairs Information Service (PAIS): Index to periodicals, books, hearings, reports, gray literature, government publications on public policy and social issues. International in coverage.
Selected Websites

General Political Science Sites

Virtual Library and Gateway Sites

PolyCy: Internet Resources for Political Science
http://www.polsci.wvu.edu/polycy/

Politics Navigator

Political Science Resources
http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/psusp.html

Ultimate Political Science Links Page
http://upslinks.net/linkers.htm

National Political Index
http://www.politicalindex.com/

Search Engines

Frequently Used Sites Related to U.S. Federal Government Information
http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/ftdf/

GoogleGovernment
http://www.google.com/ig/usgov

InfoMine Government Information
http://infomine.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/search?govpub

Academic Study Centers

Presidents of the United States (POTUS)
http://www.ipl.org/div/potus/
A starting point for research on the U.S. presidency. Indexed by president or searchable by topic. Contains biographical information, election results, notable events, cabinet members and related links.

American President.org
http://millercenter.org/academic/americanpresident/
Sponsored by the Miller Center of Public Affairs (University of Virginia) the site is “a comprehensive collection of material about the Presidents of the United States and the history of the presidency.

Center for the Study of the Presidency
http://www.thepresidency.org/
Non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in 1965 whose mission is to “systematically examine past successes and failures of the Presidency and relate its findings to present challenges and opportunities.” Click on Publications for access to various reports and documents. Please note: some of these publications require a fee; access to articles appearing in Presidential Studies Quarterly are available to the Hofstra academic community via the Factiva database listed under the heading “Articles” in this guide.

Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies
http://www.gvsu.edu/hauenstein/
The mission of the center is to "provide a foundation for influencing present and future leaders through the study of the presidency."

Peter S. Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency (Hofstra University)
http://www.hofstra.edu/Academics/Colleges/HCLAS/PRSSTY/prssty_about.html
Established in 2006, the Center’s focuses on "promoting a program of continuing research on important issues relating to the American presidency, holding annual conferences and symposia devoted to analyzing critical issues regarding the American presidency by bringing together, from around the nation and the world, leading scholars, political practitioners, and journalists and sponsoring a lecture series bringing to Hofstra the most distinguished scholars on the American presidency."

American Presidency Project
http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/index.php
Archive of over 76,000 documents related to the study of the Presidency. Contains Public Papers of the President, Weekly Compilation, and Messages and Speeches in one searchable database as well as State of the Union addresses, inaugural addresses, election statistics, party platforms and debates.

Presidential Libraries and Museums
http://www.presidentsusa.net/libraries.html
Provides links to Presidential libraries and museums as well as additional resources.

Presidential Election Results and Procedures
http://www.presidentsusa.net/election.html
Provides links to sites covering laws and legislation, Electoral College information, atlas of U.S. Presidential elections and election results.