

Voting

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Voting –Juvenile

Voting / Sarah De Capua. J 324.63 DEC	Women's Suffrage / Brenda Stalcup. YA 305.42 WOM
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Biography

Elizabeth Cady Stanton / Lori D. Ginzberg. B STANTON, ELIZABETH CADY	Susan B. Anthony, a crusader for women's rights / Barbara Salsini. B ANTHONY, SUSAN B.
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Voting Rights Act of 1965

Bending toward justice: the Voting Rights Act and the transformation of American democracy / Gary May. 973.0496 MAY	Judgment days: Lyndon Baines Johnson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the laws that changed America / Nick Kotz. 973.923 KOT
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Reference - Reference books (REF) cannot be checked out.

International encyclopedia of women's suffrage. REF 324.623 HAN	Guide to political campaigns in America. REF 324.973 GUI
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Databases

The online **databases** are an excellent resource that can be used in the library or from home. Ask the **reference librarian** for assistance.

Websites

New Jersey Voter Information

NJ Division of Elections http://www.njelections.org/	NJ Voter Information Page https://voter.njsvrs.com/PublicAccess/jsp/Home.jsp
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National Voter Information

Can I Vote

<http://www.canivote.org/>

Can I Vote was created by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS). It helps people find information about elections in all 50 states, including registration deadlines and guidelines regarding absentee voting. Users can easily find their designated polling locations and advice on what to bring with them when they vote.

Campaign Finances, Lobbyists, Interest Groups, and Political Action Committees (PACs)

OpenSecrets

<http://www.opensecrets.org/>

OpenSecrets, a product of the nonpartisan research group Center for Responsive Politics, allows for searching and finding campaign finance data, reports, articles, and more. Background information on lobbying, interest groups, and political action committees (PACs) is also available.

Current News

Ballotpedia

https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page

Ballotpedia an online encyclopedia of American politics and elections. This site contains campaign and political information at the local and national level. It includes over 230,000 entries, primary sources, and a free weekly e-newsletter that compiles all of the latest political news and updates.

C-SPAN Video Library

<https://www.c-span.org/about/videoLibrary/>

The C-SPAN Video Library offers more than 230,000 hours of current and historical video and is updated on a daily basis. Historical content includes debates, speeches, rallies, and more. Users also have the ability to create custom video clips and share them with others.

Real Clear Politics

<http://www.realclearpolitics.com/>

Real Clear Politics, founded in 2000, combs the Internet for the most interesting political stories. It contains the most needed information on the need-to-know issues. It includes 13 areas of coverage, original reporting and video, live events, and the national poll results.

Electoral College

The Electoral College

<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/about.html>

The Electoral College was established by the founding fathers as a compromise between election of the president by Congress and election by popular vote. The people of the United States vote for the electors who then vote for the President.

Fact Checking

Center for Public Integrity

<https://www.publicintegrity.org/>

The Center for Public Integrity is one of the country's oldest and largest nonpartisan, nonprofit investigative news organizations. The group's mission is to reveal abuses of power, corruption and betrayal of public trust by powerful public and private institutions, using the tools of investigative journalism.

Duke Reporters' Lab

<http://reporterslab.org/>

The Duke Reporters' Lab has a listing of national and international fact-checking sites. Click Locate Fact-Checking Sites Around the World to find these resources. There is also information about Structured Journalism. Click Structured Journalism Sites to find these resources.

Fact Check: Annenberg Political Fact Checker

<http://www.factcheck.org/>

Based at the University of Pennsylvania, this is a "nonpartisan, nonprofit, 'consumer advocate' for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics. They monitor the factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews, and news releases."

The Fact Checker

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/>

The Fact Checker is a project of the Washington Post. Reporters fact-check statements made by political figures and government officials in the United States and abroad.

PolitiFact

<http://www.politifact.com/>

PolitiFact is a project of the *Tampa Bay Times* and its partners to help you find the truth in politics. Reporters and researchers from PolitiFact and its partner news organization examine statements made by political figures, government officials and anyone else who speaks up in American politics. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

SciCheck

<http://www.factcheck.org/scicheck/>

FactCheck.org's SciCheck feature focuses exclusively on false and misleading scientific claims that are made by partisans to influence public policy. It was launched in January 2015 with a grant from the Stanton Foundation. A project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center.

Snopes

<http://www.snopes.com/>

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Sunlight Foundation

<http://sunlightfoundation.com/tools/>

The Sunlight Foundation is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that uses the tools of civic tech, open data, policy analysis and journalism to make government and politics more accountable and transparent. The following are some of the tools that are available on their site:

Capitol Words

<http://capitolwords.org/>

Capitol Words explores the most popular words and phrases used by legislators in the U.S. Congress. Search the data from 1996 to today by state, date, or politician.

Foreign Influence Explorer

<http://foreign.influenceexplorer.com/>

Foreign Lobbying Influence Tracker digitizes information that representatives of foreign governments, political parties and government-controlled entities must disclose to the U.S. Justice Department when they seek to influence U.S. policy.

Open States

<http://openstates.org/>

Open States allows anyone to discover more about lawmaking in their state. With Open States, you can track state bills, get campaign and contact information for legislators and follow all the action across 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

Opening Parliament

<http://www.openingparliament.org/>

Opening Parliament is a global initiative to, make legislatures transparent. It is a forum intended to help connect the world's civic organizations engaged in monitoring, supporting and opening up their countries' parliaments and legislative institutions.

Party Time

<http://politicalpartytime.org/>

Party Time documents the political fundraising circuit. From the early morning hours until late at night, there are opportunities for members of Congress, presidential and congressional candidates to meet with supporters behind closed doors, press them for money and party. Breakfasts, luncheons, barbecues, golfing outings, receptions, concerts, basketball, baseball, football—the social whirl is endless.

Politiwoops

<http://politwoops.sunlightfoundation.com/>

Politiwoops is the only comprehensive collection of deleted tweets by U.S. politicians. From minor messaging changes to major gaffes, Politiwoops offers a window into what they hoped you didn't see.

Government Agencies

Commission on Presidential Debates

<http://www.debates.org/>

"The Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) was established in 1987 to ensure that debates, as a permanent part of every general election, provide the best possible information to viewers and listeners." Look for a link to Debate History for facts about historical presidential debates.

Federal Election Commission

<http://www.fec.gov/>

In 1975, Congress created the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to administer and enforce the Federal Election Campaign Act. This site includes data on campaign contributions to all candidates, along with maps that show where contributions originated.

U.S. Election Assistance Commission

<http://www.eac.gov/>

One of the Election Assistance Commission's primary mandates under the Help America Vote Act is to serve as a central resource for information about elections. This site includes information about registering to vote and serving as a poll worker, along with studies on how, where and when we vote.

History of Politics, Voting, and Presidential Elections

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The American Presidency Project

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/>

A source of everything you ever wanted to know about the Presidency from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Includes audio and video clips going back to the Hoover Administration, Executive Orders and Proclamations, Transcripts of Debates, and much more.

The History of Televised Presidential Debates

<http://www.museum.tv/debateweb/html/index.htm>

Essays, interviews, and guides to the role of debates in presidential races, including video of debates since 1960.

The Living Room Candidate: Presidential Campaign Commercials from 1952-2012

<http://www.livingroomcandidate.org/>

An archive of presidential campaign commercials.

Political TV Ad Archive

<http://www.politicaladarchive.org>

Launched in early 2016 by the founders of the Internet Archive, the Political TV Ad Archive allows for browsing and viewing TV advertisements by specific candidates. Included are video ads only available via social media. A resources section links to several respected fact-checking organizations.

Vote: the Machinery of Democracy

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/vote/>

The Smithsonian Institution has put together this website on the history of the technical and mechanical aspects of voting in the US.

Resources for Kids

Ben's Guide to Government for Kids

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/>

A guide for children on how our government works, divided by age range.

Kids Voting USA

<https://www.kidsvotingusa.org>

Kids Voting USA is a nonpartisan, grassroots-driven voter education program committed to creating lifelong voting habits in children, increasing family communication about citizenship, and encouraging greater adult voter turnout.

Social Media

Politwoops

<http://politwoops.sunlightfoundation.com/>

Politwoops displays tweets that have been published and since deleted by local and national U.S. politicians and presidential candidates. A product of the nonpartisan Sunlight Foundation, Politwoops follows members of the House and Senate.

Voting Records

MegaVote

<http://www.congress.org/congressorg/megavote/>

Track the voting record of your elected officials via email.

Pro Publica Represent

<https://projects.propublica.org/represent/>

Represent provides information on lawmakers, the bills they consider and the votes they take (and miss). You can browse the latest votes and bills, see how often lawmakers vote against their parties and compare voting records.

Vote Smart

<http://votesmart.org/>

Vote Smart is a non-partisan organization that provides information about voting, voting records, issue positions, interest group ratings, public statements, campaign finances, and biographical information.

U.S. Congress Votes Database - Washington Post

<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/113>

Voter Information

League of Women Voters

<http://www.lwv.org/>

The League of Women Voters provides a one-stop portal for non-partisan information on voting, election information, civic education, and civic participation.

USA.gov – Voting and Elections

<http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Voting.shtml>

Youth Voting

Rock the Vote

<http://www.rockthevote.org/>

Rock the Vote is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization that works to register young voters. Rock the Vote revolutionized the way we use pop culture, music, art and technology to inspire political activity.

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