

# RESOURCES LIST

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### **General description:**

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A simple definition of Public policy is whatever government chooses to do or not to do. The main purpose of studying public policy is to describe and explain the causes and consequences of government activity. This focus involves a description of the content of public policy; an analysis of the impact of social, economic, and political forces on the content of public policy; an inquiry into the effect of various institutional arrangements and political processes on public policy; and an evaluation of the consequences of public policies on society, both expected and unexpected.

In this resource list, information will cover the topics including government-related official database, international political and economic data, online resources of policy-related academic journals, publications(newspapers, magazines)

### **Online specific databases (public policy):**

### **Government-related documents:**

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#### **1) American Presidency Project**

- <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/>
- Comprehensive resources on the US presidency; more than 67,000 documents to date, covering all 43 presidencies and including public papers, executive orders, proclamations, addresses, and press conferences from many of the presidencies. Users will also find summary data for presidential elections, approval ratings, public

appearances, executive branch growth, and congressional activity.

**2) Catalog of U.S. Government Publications**

- <http://catalog.gpo.gov/F>
- Provides citations for historical and current U.S. government publications with hot-links to online full text whenever available.(coverage: 1976-present updated daily)

**3) CongressDaily (Use GMU ID to login)**

- <http://www.nationaljournal.com.mutex.gmu.edu/member/daily>
- Twice-daily news service for definitive analysis of Congress and legislation. Includes Markup Reports; Poll Track; Almanac of American Politics.

**4) CenStats**

- <http://censtats.census.gov/>
- Provides access to several popular Census Department databases, among them: Annual Survey of Manufacturers; Building Permits; Census Tract Street Locator; County Business Patterns; Zip Business Patterns; Occupation by Race and Sex; and others.

**5) Earmarks Database**

- <http://earmarks.omb.gov/earmarks-public/>
- Provides information on Congressional earmarks as part of an effort to bring greater accountability to federal spending.

**6) Historic document**

- <http://library.cqpress.com.mutex.gmu.edu/historicdocuments/>
- Issued annually since 1972, the Historic Document series provides full-text primary sources covering each year's most significant events. Presidential speeches, international agreements, and Supreme Court decisions are among the sources included.

**7) ProQuest congressional**

- <http://web.lexis-nexis.com.mutex.gmu.edu/congcomp>
- The world's most comprehensive source of U.S. government information:

Congressional publications, Bills, Hearings, Testimony, Legislative research information, access to LexisNexis and much more.

#### **8) ProQuest Statistical Insight**

- <http://www.lnstatistical.com.mutex.gmu.edu/Main.jsp;jsessionid=D8DA6854BB9970275E9CC06E5D7DA7F7#search1&terms=<Enter Search Term>&start=1&limit=10&sort=relevance&facets=&searchtype=basic>
- Find all statistics issued by the US government since 1973; 1000 of the best statistical publications of private and state government sources and approximately 2000 titles from international agencies. Includes Statistical Abstract of the US

### **International activities**

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#### **1) EIU ViewsWire**

- <http://portal.eiu.com.mutex.gmu.edu/>
- Timely analysis on key economic, political and business developments around the world. Each day, the EIU ViewsWire supplies 100–150 analytical articles on any of 195 countries.

#### **2) Global Trade Atlas**

- <http://www.gtis.com.mutex.gmu.edu/gta/default.cfm?msg=-1>
- This resource is best accessed via Internet Explorer. Select George1 for annual data and George2 for quarterly data. Provides detailed country trade (import and export) information and is organized by the Harmonized Schedule Code. Annual import/export trade data is available for Canada, China, EU27, Japan Mexico, and the US. Quarterly import/export trade data is available for China, EU 27, and the US.

#### **3) Global Statistical Data Sources (globalEDGE)**

- <http://globaledge.msu.edu/global-resources/statistical-data-sources/>
- Resources providing statistical data, such as demographic information,

economic indicators and consumption trends at the global, regional and country level.

#### 4) UNData

- <http://data.un.org/>
- More than 450 statistical time series for countries from around the world covering a wide range of economic and socio-demographic topics. Descriptions of the international sources and definitions used in compiling the data are included.

#### 5) International organizations

- <http://www.uia.be/international-organizations>
- Include: Important work the UIA undertakes on the theme of international associations include classifying and documenting organizations, the legal status in which these organizations work, documenting and reflecting on trends in international civil society, recording organizations' executives' biographies, and sustainable community and transformative conferencing.

### Academic Journal:

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#### 1) Urban Affairs Review

- <http://uar.sagepub.com/>
- **Topics**<sup>i</sup>: urban policy; urban economic development; residential and community development; governance and service delivery; comparative/international urban research; and social, spatial, and cultural dynamics.

#### 2) Journal of Urban Economics

- <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-urban-economics/>
- **Topics**: any topics about urban economics
- **Types**: theoretical analysis, empirical analysis, positive or normative papers.

### 3) **Economic Journal**<sup>ii</sup>

- <http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0013-0133>
- **Topics:** Symposia, special articles and regular features on data and technology covering topical, policy-relevant questions in contemporary economics.
- **Types:** theoretical, applied, empirical research papers across the entire field of economics

### 4) **American Political Science Review**

- <http://www.apsanet.org/>
- **Topics:** political theory, American politics, public policy, public administration, comparative politics, and international relations<sup>iii</sup>.

### 5) **Journal of Political Economy**<sup>iv</sup>

- <http://www.jstor.org/page/journal/jpoliecon/about.html>
- **Topic:** analytical, interpretive, and empirical studies
- **Types:** monetary theory, fiscal policy, labor economics, development, micro- and macroeconomic theory, international trade and finance, industrial organization, and social economics

### 6) **Public Administration Review**<sup>v</sup>

- <http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=0033-3352>
- **Features:** PAR is the only journal in public administration that serves both academics and practitioners interested in the public sector and public sector management.

### 7) **Perspective on Political Science**

- <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/10457097.asp>
- **Features:** book reviews (60%) and articles (40%)<sup>vi</sup>
- **Topics:** government, politics, international affairs, public policy, and political theory

### 8) **Public Works Management and Policy**

- <http://pwm.sagepub.com/>
- **Features:** Articles convey research results, evaluate management

innovations, suggest methods of analysis and evaluation, and examine policy issues. <sup>vii</sup>

- **Topics:** public infrastructure and the economy, public works institutions, functions and history, infrastructure development and financing infrastructure, engineering and project management, environmental planning and policy, public works service operations, performance and risk infrastructure, system maintenance and renewal, public works legal issues and risk management for infrastructure systems. <sup>viii</sup>

#### 9) **Public Choice**

- <http://www.springerlink.com/content/100332/>
- **Aim and features:** This journal studies the intersection between economics and political science. The journal plays a central role in fostering exchange between economists and political scientists, enabling both communities to explain and learn from each other's perspectives<sup>ix</sup>.
- **Types:** analysis with economic methods, currently it also addresses newly developed, effective techniques that are not within the domain of economists

#### 10) **Social Sciences Citation Index(from e-journals to access)**

- [http://thomsonreuters.com/products\\_services/science/science\\_products/a-z/social\\_sciences\\_citation\\_index/](http://thomsonreuters.com/products_services/science/science_products/a-z/social_sciences_citation_index/)
- A multidisciplinary database, with searchable author abstracts for over 60% of the articles, covering the journal literature of the social sciences.

### **Publications**

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#### 1) **All-Press Database (Use GMU ID to login)**

- <http://proquest.umi.com.mutex.gmu.edu/login?COPT=REJTPTM4M2MmSU5UPTAmVkVSPTI=&clientId=31810>
- Full text database of the newspapers, magazines and journals of the

alternative and independent press. Gives readers alternative perspectives on politics, government, policy, and culture (Coverage: 1995-present).

**2) Current research@Mason**

- <http://proquest.umi.com.mutex.gmu.edu/pqdweb?RQT=302&COPT=REJTPTU0ZTYmSU5UPTAmVkvSPTI=&clientId=31810&cfc=1>
- Access to full text of George Mason University dissertations and theses (pdf form) and 24 page preview (online) submitted by Mason and published in Dissertation Abstracts.

**3) LexisNexis Academic**

- <http://www.lexisnexis.com.mutex.gmu.edu/hottopics/lnacademic/>
- LexisNexis Academic provides access to a wide range of news (includes New York Times, Washington Post, LA Times), business (company news, industry forecasts), government (legislative news, tax information), legal (news, case law) and reference information.

**Comprehensive source**

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**1) Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research**

- <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu.mutex.gmu.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/>
- ICPSR maintains and provides access to a vast archive of social science data for research and instruction.

**2) Policy Archive**

- <http://www.policyarchive.org/>
- Digital archive of global, non-partisan public policy research includes summaries and full texts, videos, reports, briefs, and multimedia material of think tank, university, government, and foundation-funded policy research.

**3) Public Affairs Information Service**

- [http://csaweb112v.csa.com.mutex.gmu.edu/ids70/quick\\_search.php?SID](http://csaweb112v.csa.com.mutex.gmu.edu/ids70/quick_search.php?SID)

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- Formerly PAIS Decade, this database consists of articles, books, conference proceedings, government documents, book chapters, and statistical directories.

#### 4) **Public Affairs Information Service Archives**

- [http://csaweb112v.csa.com.mutex.gmu.edu/ids70/quick\\_search.php?SID=5kadpfula75ao9le8d46r45qi0](http://csaweb112v.csa.com.mutex.gmu.edu/ids70/quick_search.php?SID=5kadpfula75ao9le8d46r45qi0)
- Provides selective subject and bibliographical access to periodicals, books, hearings, reports, gray literature, government publications, and other English-language materials published around the world.

#### 5) **Roper Center for Public Opinion Research**

- <http://www.ropercenter.uconn.edu.mutex.gmu.edu/>
- The Roper Center for Public Opinion Research is the leading educational facility in the field of public opinion. Access data using iPOLL, a full-text database of 500,000 questions from national public opinion surveys since 1935. iPoll provides results from survey organizations such as Gallup, Harris Interactive, Pew Research Associates, ABC, CBS, etc. Use RoperExpress to download the Center's dataset collection in ASCII or SPSS formats.

#### 6) **Social Sciences Citation Index**

- [http://apps.webofknowledge.com.mutex.gmu.edu/UA\\_GeneralSearch\\_input.do?product=UA&search\\_mode=GeneralSearch&SID=1BjBDa4ApG5igj2g8P2&preferencesSaved=](http://apps.webofknowledge.com.mutex.gmu.edu/UA_GeneralSearch_input.do?product=UA&search_mode=GeneralSearch&SID=1BjBDa4ApG5igj2g8P2&preferencesSaved=)
- A multidisciplinary database, with searchable author abstracts for over 60% of the articles, covering the journal literature of the social sciences.

### **Citation reference**

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- Citation style in policy research circle : **APA**



- Reference:

[http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/RES5e\\_ch09\\_s1-0002.html](http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/RES5e_ch09_s1-0002.html)

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<sup>i</sup> From UAR website: <http://uar.sagepub.com/>

<sup>ii</sup> All the relative information can be found under  
<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/aims.asp?ref=0013-0133&site=1>

<sup>iii</sup> All the relative information can be found under  
<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=PSR>

<sup>iv</sup> All the relative information can be found under  
<http://www.jstor.org/page/journal/jpoliecon/about.html>

<sup>v</sup> All the relative information can be found under  
<http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=0033-3352> not complete

<sup>vi</sup> <http://journalseek.net/cgi-bin/journalseek/journalsearch.cgi?field=issn&query=1045-7097>

<sup>vii</sup> <http://pwm.sagepub.com/>

<sup>viii</sup> <http://www.sagepub.com/journals/Journal200885>

<sup>ix</sup> <http://www.springer.com/economics/public+finance/journal/11127>