Background & Context Information - Online

**Europa World**
A leading source of political and economic information on over 250 countries.

Read the “Country Profile” for every country you’re interested in, especially the “Contemporary Political History” section. See also the selected statistics for easy country comparisons.

**International Studies Online**
Comprehensive reference for international studies and international relations.

Peer reviewed essays on regions, hot topics, key IR concepts, and more.

Background & Context Information - Print Resources

*Historical dictionary of U.S. diplomacy from the Revolution to secession*
Main Reference E183.7 .A445 2012

*Historical dictionary of U.S. diplomacy from World War I through World War II*
Main Reference E784 .F65 2010

Chronological history of United States foreign relations. 

*Encyclopedia of U.S. foreign relations* 
Main Reference E183.7 .E53 1997 vols. 1 - 4

*Encyclopedia of American foreign policy* 
Main Reference E183.7 .E52 2002 vols. 1 - 3
Politics Databases

**Worldwide Political Science Abstracts**
References to articles in political science and related fields, including international relations, law, and public administration & policy

**PAIS International** (Public Affairs Information Service)
References to periodicals, books, governmental and NGO publications, research reports from think tanks in all areas of public policy

**Peace Research Abstracts**
References to articles on all aspects of peace, war and conflict, international relations, arms control, the military, diplomacy, international law and international organizations

Databases in Allied Fields

- Academic Search Complete
- America: History & Life (U.S. and Canada)
- EconLit
- Gender Studies Database
- Historical Abstracts (all the world except Canada and the U.S.)
- SocIndex
- **Social Science Citation Index via Web of Knowledge**

Databases for Regions

- ABSEES: American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies
- EBSEES: European Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies
- Bibliography of Asian Studies
- Black Studies Center (for Africa & the Caribbean)
- Handbook of Latin American Studies
- HAPI: Hispanic American Periodicals Index
- Index Islamicus (for the Middle East, North Africa, and other modern Islamic nations)
- Middle Eastern & Central Asian Studies
News Databases

Academic Search Complete
Indexes popular U.S. news magazines in addition to scholarly journals

Factiva
Full text access to selected U.S. and international news sources – includes Wall Street Journal

LexisNexis Academic
Full text access to selected U.S. and international news sources

World News Connection, 1995 – 2013
Full text translation and English-language news and information from local media sources around the world (includes e.g. newspapers, periodicals, TV and radio broadcasts). Produced by the Open Source Center, a U.S. Government agency

FBIS Daily Reports, 1941-1996 (Foreign Broadcast Information Service)
Full text translations of news reports from foreign newspapers and television and radio broadcasts, interviews, speeches, editorial commentary and other materials; compiled by the U.S. Intelligence community

Public Opinion

iPoll databank @ the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research
One-stop shopping for all major US commercial, media, and academic polls, with coverage back to 1935

Polling the Nations
A database of polls on a variety of subjects from all over the world. Each record in the database consists of one poll question and the participants' responses.

Global Barometer Surveys
http://www.globalbarometer.net/
Attempts to measure, at a mass level, the current social, political, and economic atmosphere Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Arab world

Think Tanks

Think Tank Listing and Customized Google Search by the Harvard Kennedy School of Government
http://www.hks.harvard.edu/library/research/guides/think-tanks-directory.htm

Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, U Pennsylvania
http://www.gotothinktank.com/directory/

NIRA's World Directory of Think Tanks (NWDTT)
http://www.nira.or.jp/english/nwdtt/nwdtt.html
U.S. Government Information

ProQuest Congressional
Includes information about bills, public laws, hearings (searchable full text through 2003), committee reports and documents, and the Congressional Record.

Other Sources of U.S. Congressional Hearings
- OBIS and OhioLINK catalogs – links to full text
- Committee Web Sites
  - http://www.house.gov/committees/
  - http://www.senate.gov/

Digital National Security Archive

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Most important series of American government publications providing primary source material on the people, issues and events of American history and politics.

Thomas: Legislative information from the Library of Congress (includes treaties since 1967)
http://thomas.loc.gov/

FdSys: GPO's Federal Digital System (searchable full text of selected key publications)
http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/

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