Tips for Searching Political Science Information

Use Boolean operators AND, OR NOT

public attitudes AND politics

Search for theoretical literature on your topic

♦ social control AND theory

Examine references cited in the literature

Search for names of prominent individuals

Consider using the term “history”

Consider using “definition” as a keyword

Consider using “literature review” or “review”

Consider using an exact phrase match

♦ “government bureaucracy”

Use truncation or wildcards *, !

♦ vot! (retrieves vote, voters, voting )

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