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Federal Government

Legislation and Laws

Thomas: U.S. Congress current and past session legislation. All things “Congress.”
http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php

Federal (and State) Laws and related resources from usa.gov:
http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Reference-Shelf/Laws.shtml

100 United States Milestone Documents: Includes Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and other famous documents.
http://www.ourdocuments.gov/content.php?flash=true&page=milestone

U.S. Government Departments and Agencies from USA.gov:
http://www.usa.gov/directory/federal/index.shtml

U.S. Supreme Court:  
http://www.supremecourt.gov/

Open Congress: Non-profit, nonpartisan information on Congress and legislation.  
http://www.opencongress.org/

Political Parties

Democratic Party: Traditionally liberal and wins what are now called “blue states” in elections. Traditionally represented as the donkey.  
http://www.democrats.org/

Libertarian Party: this party stands for individual freedom and minimal government involvement.  
http://www.lp.org/

Republican Party: Also known as the G.O.P. Traditionally represented by an elephant and traditionally Conservative. Wins what are now called “red states” in elections  
http://www.gop.com/

Tea Party: A new, grass roots organization that influences local, state and national elections. They stand by their “15 non-negotiable core beliefs.”
http://www.teaparty.org/

Influence, Lobbying and Think Tanks

Think Tanks: List of major “think tanks” that influence policy making in the United States and elsewhere. Some are very partisan others nonpartisan.  
http://www.hks.harvard.edu/library/research/guides/think-tanks-directory.htm

Guidestar: Search for non-profits. Part of this site is free, part requires a subscription.  
http://www.guidestar.org

OpenSecrets.org lobbyist search  
http://www.opensecrets.org/lobby/
**Akin Gump**: A premier lobbying law firm in the United States—see the Washington D.C. office for specific professionals.


**Patton Boggs, LLP**: The premier lobbying law firm in the United States—see the Washington D.C. office for specific professionals.

http://www.pattonboggs.com/

**Government Finance:**

*Federal budget term glossary:*


*United States Budget (with links to previous years back to 1996):*


*Federal Reserve “Beige Book”:* Summary of Commentary on Current Economic Conditions by Federal Reserve District

http://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/beigebook/

*Bureau of Economic Analysis:* Includes Gross Domestic Product (GDP), U.S. Balance of Payments and other financial reports.

http://www.bea.gov/

*USA Spending:* Government spending at your fingertips.

http://www.usaspending.gov/

**Other:**

*Data.gov:* Provides access to U.S. Government data sets.

http://www.data.gov/home

*Policy Archive:*

http://www.policyarchive.org/

*USA.gov:* Is the official portal of the U.S. Government.

http://www.usa.gov/

**State Governments**

*Center for World Indigenous Studies:*

http://cwis.org/

*Governing: The States and Localities:* News from the state and local level.

http://www.governing.com/

*Thomas.gov:* Links to all 50 states and territories via Thomas.

http://thomas.loc.gov/home/state-legislatures.html

*State (and Federal) Laws and related resources from usa.gov:*

http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Reference-Shelf/Laws.shtml
State and Local Government on the Net: The Official State, County & City Government Website Locator

http://www.statelocalgov.net/

National Governor’s Association: All 50 state governors as well as territorial governors.
http://www.nga.org/cms/governors

National Association of State Budget Officers:
http://www.nasbo.org/

Cities and Counties

International City County Management Association: Develops and enhances professional local government worldwide.
http://icma.org/en/icma/home

Major Cities Chiefs Association Police organizations.
https://www.majorcitieschiefs.com/

National Association of Counties
http://www.naco.org/Pages/default.aspx

State and Local Government on the Net: The Official State, County & City Government Website Locator
http://www.statelocalgov.net/

United States Conference of Mayors
http://usmayors.org/

Public Administration

Public Administration Associations

American Political Science Association:
http://www.apsanet.org/

American Society for Public Administration:
http://www.aspanet.org/public/

International Public Affairs Association
http://ipaa.tumblr.com/

National Academy of Public Administration:
http://www.napawash.org/

National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
http://www.naspaa.org/

Public Management Research Association:
http://www.pmranet.org/index.html
Public Affairs

Program on International Policy Attitudes: Studies public opinion on international issues.
http://www.pipa.org/

Public Affairs Council: Leading association for public affairs professionals
http://pac.org/membership/faq

Public Affairs Policy Archive: Comprehensive digital library of public policy research.
http://www.policyarchive.org/

The WWW Virtual Library: International Affairs Resources: Information and analysis on international affairs, international relations, international studies, global studies and global education.
http://www2.etown.edu/vl/

Public Policy

Almanac of Policy Issues: Background information, archived documents, and links on major U.S. public policy issues.
http://www.policyalmanac.org/

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: A policy organizations working at the federal and state levels on fiscal policy and public programs that affect low- and moderate-income families and individuals.
http://www.cbpp.org/

Institute for Policy Research: Is an interdisciplinary public policy research institute established by Northwestern University.
http://www.ipr.northwestern.edu/

Policy Agendas Project: Provides historical data sets to track changes in public policy and national policy agenda since World War II.
http://www.policyagendas.org/

PolicyLink: PolicyLink is a national research and action institute advancing economic and social equity.
http://www.policylink.org

Public Sector Job Boards

International City/County Management Association

Public Service Careers:
http://www.publicservicecareers.org/

Strategic Partnerships: Public Sector Job Board
http://www.spartnerships.com/job_board.html

Public Service Job Directory:
http://www.psjd.org/