

Worldwide political science abstracts

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Worldwide political science abstracts contains:

- citations, abstracts and linking to full text of political science journals literature
- 1,690 international journals are monitored
- 50% of journals originate in Western Europe, 33% from North America
- academic research on all aspects of political science as taught at Monash University with a lesser focus on Australian politics.

Use Worldwide political science abstracts to find:

- journal articles on political science, international relations and public policy
- list of references included in record display
- cited reference linking for recent articles
- some books, chapters, conference papers,
- peer reviewed journals
- search results link to Scholars profile with research interests and publications
- research from 1975.

Tips:

- Use the thesaurus to help identify appropriate subject terms
- **Advanced search** assumes a phrase if 2 words are entered in a search box
- **Browse indexes** of authors, descriptors, journal titles or publication types
- Limit searches by date, language as appropriate
- Set up alerts to receive regular updates to your research topic
- Use (*) for wildcard searching, for example “politic*” will search for politics, political; and behav*r will retrieve behavior and behaviour.

Look for similar information in:

- IBSS : international bibliography of the social sciences
- CSA Illumina
- Australian public affairs full text.

Worldwide political science abstract looks like this:

The screenshot shows the Monash University Library search interface. At the top, there is a logo for CSA ILLUMINA with the tagline "Natural Miracles: What Functional Foods Can Do for You?". To the right, it says "Provided by Monash University Library". Below the logo, there are navigation buttons: "Logout", "Quick Search", "Advanced Search", "Search Tools", and "Browse". On the right side, there are links for "Please log in to My Research", "XML", "0 Marked Records", and "Search History". A "Help & Support" link is also present.

The search query is displayed in a table-like format:

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	(president*)	Keywords, KW=
and	(election*		political campaign*)	Keywords, KW=
and	(united states		usa)	Keywords, KW=

Below the search query, there are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. Underneath, it says "Now Selected: Worldwide Political Science Abstracts". There are options to "Change" the search by "Subject Area" or "Specific Databases". The "Date Range" is set to "Earliest" to "2008". There are checkboxes for "Limited to: Latest Update", "Journal Articles Only", and "English Only". The "Show" options are "Short format" and "Results per page: 10". At the bottom, there are links for "Search Tools: History/Combine Searches | Command Search | Thesaurus | Indexes" and a link to "Create Desktop Shortcut to Advanced Search".

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