

Online Resources for the Study of International History
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U.S. Government Documents

[CIA Library](#)

CIA website with a selection of documents, along with other publications such as the Agency's World Factbook.

[Department of State Electronic Reading Room](#)

Freedom of Information Act documents from the State Department and related agencies.

Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS): The State Department's official collection of historical records, compiled by the Department's Office of the Historian. [The University of Wisconsin](#) has digitized the volumes dating from 1861 to 1960. [The State Department website](#) has online volumes that cover the presidencies of Harry Truman through Jimmy Carter. Earlier volumes contain documents produced primarily by the State Department, though later volumes include documents produced by all government agencies and interagency groups responsible for the conduct of foreign affairs.

[Government Attic](#)

Collection of government documents acquired through the Freedom of Information Act.

[National Archives and Records Administration, Access to Archival Databases](#)

Selected government records on all periods of American history since 1800. Central Foreign Policy Files will be of particular interest to students of international history.

[National Security Archive, Electronic Briefing Books](#)

Hundreds of collections of declassified government documents on major national security issues. Housed at George Washington University.

[Peace Corps Digital Library](#)

Records from the official website of the Peace Corps.

Presidential Material

* Most presidential libraries have documents and oral histories available online.

[American Presidency Project](#)

One-stop shopping for all things presidential, including the Papers of the President. Established in 1999 by John T. Woolley and Gerhard Peters of UC Santa Barbara.

[The Miller Center's Presidential Recording Program](#)

White House taping system recordings transcribed by scholars with the University of Virginia's Miller Center. The tapes span the presidencies of Franklin Roosevelt through Richard Nixon, but are especially useful for understanding the Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon years.

State Records from Outside of the United States

[National Archives of the United Kingdom online documents](#)

Located in Kew, the UK's official archive has made documents available online. They are organized by category and government agency.

[Parallel History Project on Cooperative Security](#)

Multiple browsable and searchable collections on European security and Cold War issues from around the world, put together by the Center for Security Studies in Zurich Switzerland.

[Wilson Center Digital Archive: International History Declassified](#)

An online database of internal government records from around the world, made available by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a reputable think tank in Washington, D.C.

[Windows on War: Soviet Posters, 1943-1945](#)

The University of Nottingham's collection of posters produced by the Soviet government during the Second World War.

Nongovernmental and Intergovernmental Organizations

[Amnesty International library](#)

Selected documents and publications of one of the most well-known human rights organizations.

[Berman Jewish Policy Archive](#)

Part of the Tamiment Library and Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives at NYU, this archive includes online resources relating to many NGOs involved in the Middle East.

[Migration Policy Institute](#)

An independent, non-profit think tank founded in 2001 and based in Washington D.C. that produces studies on global flows of human migration.

[NATO e-Library](#)

Online documents relating to the history of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

[Swarthmore College Peace Collection: Online Resources on Peace Research and History](#)

Material on pacifists and peace organizations, including antiwar and antinuclear groups.

[United Nations History Project, Online Archival Collections](#)

Includes primary source collections on the League of Nations, the United Nations, and related specialized agencies. Compiled with the assistance of the United Nations Foundation, the Harvard Asia Center, and the Joint Center for History and Economics.

[United Nations Official Documents System Search](#)

The official source for UN-related documents.

[United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization](#)

Selected online documents of the Paris-based organization.

Oral Histories and Newspapers

[Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training, The Foreign Affairs Oral History Collections](#)

Interviews with retired senior U.S. Foreign Service officers, completed with the help of Georgetown University.

[Google News Archive](#)

A full-text searchable database, powered by Google, that includes local, regional, and national newspapers from the United States and around the world.

Assorted Collections of Primary Sources

[Cold War International History Project resources](#)

A collection of resources from the CWIHP, an affiliate of the Wilson Center.

[Council on Foreign Relations primary sources](#)

Documents on U.S. foreign policy searchable by region, issue, and year dating back to the colonial period.

[Documents compiled by Vincent Ferraro of Mount Holyoke College](#)

A wide range of topics on the history of U.S. foreign policy arranged chronologically from the colonial period to the present, and by eras, presidencies, events, issues, and regions.

[The Avalon Project: Documents in Law, History, and Diplomacy](#)

A website administered by Yale University with primary source documents from the ancient period to the present.

Bibliographies and Writing Resources

[Marc Trachtenberg's Practical Guide to Doing Cold War History](#)

Step-by-step writing guide.

["A Far from Inclusive but Still Rather Intimidating Bibliography on U.S. Diplomatic History from 1918 to 1975, Give or Take a Few Years."](#) compiled by Richard Immerman.