

# GPRM 230 – Social Science Research Essentials

Government Information

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# How to find government information

- Initial questions:
- **1. When was it published?**
  - Post 1996/1997 documents will likely be online
- **2. What government published it? Who is the author?**
- Federal, provincial, municipal, international, or departmental
- **3. What language is required/what languages are available?**
- Federal documents are in English and French, Quebec documents may only be available in French, documents from foreign governments may not be translated
- Time period and who is in government will also come into play

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- If you have a title, or at least partial citation information:
- **Step 1:** Check CLUES, some government documents are catalogued or available through an e-book package
- **Step 2:** Government Information search box, you can narrow by jurisdiction or level of government
- **Step 3:** Check a specialized government information database
- **Step 4:** Check our print collection

# Digitization

- **Internet Archive/University of Toronto Libraries**
  - Canada Sessional Papers 1901-1925
  - Historical Census 1871-1996
  - Canadian Statistical Review 1927-1987
  - Public Accounts 1878-1993
  - Expenditure Estimates 1873-1980
  - Report to the Auditor General 1880-1981
- Future projects include:
  - Annual Statutes of Canada 1901-2000

# Digitization

- **Library of Parliament & Canadiana**
  - Canadian Parliamentary Historical Resources Database:
    - Debates - House of Commons 1875-1994
    - Debates - Senate 1871-1996
    - Journals – House of Commons 1867-1996
    - Journals – Senate 1867-1993
  - ECO: Debates of the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada 1875-1900
  - ECO: House of Commons Debates 1867-1871
  - ECO: Senate Debates 1867-1871
- Future Projects:
  - Committee materials, and Bills

# Digitization

- Quebec & BAnQ
  - Gazette Officielle du Québec 1869-1995 (BAnQ)
  - Journal des débats 1867-current (Assemblée Nationale)

# Additional Help

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