### Sources for U.S. Foreign Policy and National Security Research

Academic Peer-reviewed Research:

*Journal of Conflict Resolution*

*Conflict Management & Peace Science*

*Foreign Policy Analysis*

*American Journal of Political Science*

*Annual Review of Political Science*

*International Studies Quarterly*

*Journal of Politics*

*Journal of Peace Research*

*Security Studies*

*International Security*

*American Political Science Review*

*International Organizations*

*World Politics*

To find relevant articles in these journals you can use Advanced Scholar search on Google scholar: <http://scholar.google.com/advanced_scholar_search?hl=en&lr=>

**-OR –**

The advanced article search function from the UNC library

<http://unc.summon.serialssolutions.com/advanced>

Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO) <http://www.ciaonet.org/>

… comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs. …working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, proceedings from conferences, books, journals and policy briefs.

Government Sources

Lexis Nexis/ ProQuest Congressional Publications

Congressional hearings and reports available at <http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp>.

Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports are likely to be particularly useful. The CRS was established to provide members, committees, and congressional staff with nonpartisan and objective research and analysis on all public policy issues. Currently, the CRS research divisions are: American Law; Domestic Social Policy; Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade; Government and Finance; Knowledge Services; and Resources, Science and Industry. Many CRS reports are updated at varying intervals, so it is always important to note the exact date of issuance rather than just the title and the year of publication. Use the advanced search function to restrict your search to CRS reports.

U.S. Department of State: <http://www.state.gov/>

United States Institute of Peace: <http://www.usip.org/>

an independent, nonpartisan, national institution established and funded by Congress. Its goals are to help prevent and resolve violent international conflicts, promote post-conflict stability and democratic transformations, and increase peacebuilding capacity, tools, and intellectual capital worldwide.

Department of Justice

<http://www.justice.gov/archive/ll/archive.htm>

Department of Homeland Security

<http://www.dhs.gov/index.shtm>

The Strategic Studies Institute (SSI)

The U.S. Army's institute for geostrategic and national security research and analysis. SSI conducts strategic research and analysis to support the U.S. Army War College curricula, provides direct analysis for Army and Department of Defense leadership, and serves as a bridge to the wider strategic community. SSI is composed of civilian research professors, uniformed military officers, and a professional support staff.

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/>

The US Army War College Quarterly journal, *Parameters*

<http://strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/parameters/>

National Defense University Digital Collections

NDU, the premier center for joint professional military education, is under the direction of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

<http://www.ndu.edu/Library/index.cfm?secID=210&pageID=126&type=section>

Statistical Resources on the Web: Military and Defense

University of Michigan Documents Center

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stmil.html>

The Digital National Security Archive: <http://nsarchive.chadwyck.com/home.do>

… contains the most comprehensive collection of primary documents available. The database includes more than 60,000 of the most important declassified documents regarding critical U.S. policy decisions. There are 27 complete collections, each offering specialized insights. Integrated, they allow you to explore policy across several different areas at once.

The National Security Archive: <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/>

An independent non-governmental research institute and library located at The George Washington University, the Archive collects and publishes declassified documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. The Archive also serves as a repository of government records on a wide range of topics pertaining to the national security, foreign, intelligence, and economic policies of the United States.

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/torture_archive/index_ig.htm>

Think Tank and Interest Group Sources

The Council on Foreign Relations: [http://www.cfr.org](http://www.cfr.org/)

Founded in 1921, the Council on Foreign Relations is an independent, national membership organization and a nonpartisan center for scholars dedicated to producing and disseminating ideas so that individual and corporate members, as well as policymakers, journalists, students, and interested citizens in the United States and other countries, can better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other governments.

The Brookings Institute: [http://www.brookings.edu](http://www.brookings.edu/)

One of Washington's oldest think tanks. An independent, nonpartisan organization devoted to research, analysis, and public education with an emphasis on economics, foreign policy, governance, and metropolitan policy.

The RAND Corporation: [http://www.rand.org](http://www.rand.org/)

May 14, 1948, Project RAND — an outgrowth of World War II — separated from the Douglas Aircraft Company of Santa Monica, California, and became an independent, nonprofit organization. Adopting its name from a contraction of the term *research and development*, the newly formed entity was dedicated to furthering and promoting scientific, educational, and charitable purposes for the public welfare and security of the United States.

The Federation of American Scientists: [http://www.fas.org](http://www.fas.org/)

…formed in 1945 by atomic scientists from the Manhattan Project. Endorsed by nearly 60 Nobel Laureates in biology, chemistry, economics, medicine and physics as sponsors, the Federation has addressed a broad spectrum of national security issues of the nuclear age in carrying out its mission to promote humanitarian uses of science and technology.

<http://www.fas.org/terrorism/index.html> (war on terrorism)

<http://www.fas.org/terrorism/wmd/index.html> (terrorism and WMD)

The Heritage Foundation [http://www.heritage.org](http://www.heritage.org/)

Founded in 1973, The Heritage Foundation is a research and educational institute - a think tank - whose mission is to formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.

The Center for Defense Information <http://www.cdi.org/>

…dedicated to strengthening security through: international cooperation; reduced reliance on unilateral military power to resolve conflict; reduced reliance on nuclear weapons; a transformed and reformed military establishment; and, prudent oversight of, and spending on, defense programs.

Global Security.org: <http://www.globalsecurity.org/>  
source of background information and developing news stories in the fields of defense, space, intelligence, WMD, and homeland security. Launched in 2000, GlobalSecurity.org is the most comprehensive and authoritative online destination for those in need of both reliable background information and breaking news.

Chatham House <http://www.chathamhouse.org.uk/>  
Founded in 1920, and based at Chatham House in London, the Institute works to stimulate debate and research on political, business, security and other key issues in the international arena. Due to external support Chatham House is able to remain free of all government and political interests.

World Affairs Council: <http://www.world-affairs.org/resources>

Global Affairs Research Library, a customized database of foreign affairs online resources. (Provided by the Foreign Policy Association)

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: [http://www.carnegieendowment.org](http://www.carnegieendowment.org/)

A private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cooperation between nations and promoting active international engagement by the United States. Founded in 1910, its work is nonpartisan and dedicated to achieving practical results.

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) <http://www.csis.org/>

Dedicated to providing world leaders with strategic insights on — and policy solutions to — current and emerging global issues.

The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research

…dedicated to preserving and strengthening the foundations of freedom--limited government, private enterprise, vital cultural and political institutions, and a strong foreign policy and national defense--through scholarly research, open debate, and publications.

[http://www.aei.org](http://www.aei.org/)

The New America Foundation: [http://newamerica.net](http://newamerica.net/)

a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy institute that invests in new thinkers and new ideas to address the next generation of challenges facing the United States. The foundation's mission is animated by the American ideal that each generation will live better than the last.

Center for American Progress: <http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/security>

…dedicated to improving the lives of Americans through progressive ideas and action.

The Open Society Foundations

…. seek to investigate and combat human rights violations linked to national security and counterterrorism operations around the world. In the United States, we support work to promote national security policies that respect human rights, civil liberties, and the rule of law.

<http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/topics/national-security-counterterrorism>

Amnesty International: <http://www.amnesty.org/>

a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights

Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS): <http://cns.miis.edu/>

Information and analysis to combat the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

The Commonwealth Institute: <http://www.comw.org/>

An independent, non-profit, non-governmental public policy research center doing critical studies in the fields of international security, inequality and poverty. The Institute is located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

American Civil Liberties Union: [http://www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org/)

The ACLU was founded…in 1920. We are nonprofit and nonpartisan and have grown from a roomful of civil liberties activists to an organization of more than 500,000 members and supporters. We handle nearly 6,000 court cases annually from our offices in almost every state. The ACLU has maintained the position that civil liberties must be respected, even in times of national emergency.

Electronic Privacy Information Center: <http://www.epic.org/>

EPIC is a public interest research center in Washington, D.C. It was established in 1994 to focus public attention on emerging civil liberties issues and to protect privacy, the First Amendment, and constitutional values.

American Academy of Arts and Sciences: <http://www.amacad.org/>

Founded in 1780, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences is an independent policy research center that conducts multidisciplinary studies of complex and emerging problems.

<http://www.amacad.org/publications/monographs/War_with_Iraq.pdf>

Human Rights Watch

…dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world. We stand with victims and activists to prevent discrimination, to uphold political freedom, to protect people from inhumane conduct in wartime, and to bring offenders to justice. We investigate and expose human rights violations and hold abusers accountable. We challenge governments and those who hold power to end abusive practices and respect international human rights law. We enlist the public and the international community to support the cause of human rights for all.

Human Rights Watch is an independent, nongovernmental organization, supported by contributions from private individuals and foundations worldwide. It accepts no government funds, directly or indirectly.

<http://www.hrw.org/>

The CATO Institute

The Cato Institute seeks to broaden the parameters of public policy debate to allow consideration of the traditional American principles of limited government, individual liberty, free markets and peace. Toward that goal, the Institute strives to achieve greater involvement of the intelligent, concerned lay public in questions of policy and the proper role of government.

<http://www.cato.org/>

**Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)**

A public interest lobby founded in 1943 by members of the Religious Society of Friends.  FCNL seeks to bring the concerns, experiences and testimonies of Friends (called Quakers) to bear on policy decisions in the nation's capital.  People of many religious backgrounds participate in this work.  FCNL's staff and volunteers work with a nationwide network of thousands of people to advocate social and economic justice, peace, and good government.

<http://www.fcnl.org/index.htm>

The Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, Stanford University  
A public policy research center devoted to advanced study of politics, economics, and political economy—both domestic and foreign—as well as international affairs.  
<http://www.hoover.org/taskforces/national-security>

Arms Control Association  
… a national nonpartisan membership organization dedicated to promoting public understanding of and support for effective arms control policies. Through its public education and media programs and its magazine, *Arms Control Today (ACT),* ACA provides policy-makers, the press and the interested public with authoritative information, analysis and commentary on arms control proposals, negotiations and agreements, and related national security issues. In addition to the regular press briefings ACA holds on major arms control developments, the Association's staff provides commentary and analysis on a broad spectrum of issues for journalists and scholars both in the United States and abroad.  
<http://armscontrol.org/>

The Center for a New American Security (CNAS)

…develops strong, pragmatic and principled national security and defense policies. Building on the deep expertise and broad experience of its staff and advisors, CNAS engages policymakers, experts and the public with innovative fact-based research, ideas and analysis to shape and elevate the national security debate.  
 As an independent and nonpartisan research institution, CNAS leads efforts to help inform and prepare the national security leaders of today and tomorrow.

<http://www.cnas.org/>

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

The task of our Institute is to conduct research on questions of conflict and cooperation of importance for international peace and security, with the aim of contributing to an understanding of the conditions for peaceful solutions of international conflicts and for a stable peace.

<http://www.sipri.org/research>

Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs Online

The purpose of the Pugwash Conferences is to bring together, from around the world, influential scholars and public figures concerned with reducing the danger of armed conflict and seeking cooperative solutions for global problems.

<http://www.pugwash.org/index.htm>

News, Information, and Analysis Sources

Foreign Policy Magazine: <http://www.foreignpolicy.com>

Website covering global defense, intelligence, cyber and tech issues: <http://nationalsecurity.foreignpolicy.com/>

ProPublica: “an independent, non-profit newsroom that produces investigative journalism in the public interest.” Has series on national security surveillance programs, Pakistan, Syria, and defense contractors in Iraq & Afghanistan.

<http://www.propublica.org/investigations/>

Orbis: <http://www.fpri.org/orbis/articles.html>

The Foreign Policy Research Institute's quarterly journal of world affairs was founded in 1957 as a forum for policymakers, scholars, and the informed public …. discourse on the full range of topics relating to American foreign policy and national security, as well as in-depth analysis on important international developments.

Jane’s Information Group

… a world leading provider of intelligence and analysis on national and international defence, security and risk developments. Jane’s is an independent organisation with an unrivalled reputation of accuracy, authority and impartiality.

<http://www.janes.com/>

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists: [http://www.thebulletin.org](http://www.thebulletin.org/)

The magazine of global security news and analysis