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About *Reports of U.S. Presidential Commissions and Other Advisory Bodies*

*Reports of U.S. Presidential Commissions and Other Advisory Bodies: A Bibliographic Listing* by Louis W. Bookheim is a unique resource containing the most current and extensive listing of publications created by presidential advisory bodies. United States presidents have historically created such advisory groups—also called committees, commissions, boards, blue ribbon panels, or task forces—to advise them on particular problems or issues. In the past, these commissions have explained catastrophes such as the Gulf oil spill, Challenger Space Shuttle accident, Pearl Harbor, the AIDS epidemic, and more.

This collection will aid researchers interested in United States history, political science, and law in discovering and analyzing policies of U.S. Presidents. Presidential commission reports help determine administrative and political priorities of various administrations, as well as provide information on the development of contemporary laws and legislative history.

Both the print and online versions are indexed by commission/advisory body name, report title, report subject, and presidential administration. Whenever possible, links to the full text of reports are provided. Citations to published government documents and OCLC numbers are provided for publications when applicable. To maintain currency, the online portion will be updated at least twice annually.
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This project began as an index designed to help librarians locate presidential advisory commission reports by group name and OCLC location. It has evolved into a bibliographic listing of nearly 6,000 reports and other documents from the administrations of Andrew Jackson to Barack Obama, and an electronic database with reproductions of more than 1,200 reports. Also included are the names of some advisory groups that were proposed but never functioned. This database will continue to grow as new reports are located and added.


CONTAINS:
• MORE THAN 1,200 FULL TEXT REPORTS
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- Congressional hearings on presidential commissions
- A bibliography of external resources with corresponding OCLC numbers
- Scholarly articles written about presidential commissions

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