

Reports of U.S. Presidential Commissions and Other Advisory Bodies: A Bibliographic Listing

The first print and online resource of its kind.

- Includes current and extensive listing of publications created by presidential advisory bodies
- **Database will be updated regularly** with publications from current presidents and newly discovered documents from past administrations
- More than **6,300 database entries** are included from the administrations of Andrew Jackson to Donald Trump
- More than **1,600 entries** link to full text documents
- Includes related hearings, scholarly articles and more!



2018 LIST OF BEST HISTORICAL MATERIALS

Reports of U.S. Presidential Commissions and Other Advisory Bodies: A Bibliographic Listing has been named to the 2018 List of Best Historical Materials. The list recognizes effectiveness in coverage of historical resources in all fields of history and promotes enhanced availability of historical works and information, and is published in *Reference and User Services Quarterly*. These sources are selected by the Historical Materials committee that seeks to improve the usefulness of bibliographies, historical materials, and indexes in the field of history and shared among bibliographers, indexers, publishers, and professional associations.

"From the time of Andrew Jackson, presidents have appointed special commissions to deal with matters that fall outside of the purview of congressional committees or departments of the executive branch. Often, these commissions have an investigatory function and their reports prove to be of great value by gathering together information that would otherwise be scattered; in all cases, their reports are a primary source of use to historians, political scientists, economists, and other scholars. However, the reports are not necessarily included in the Public Papers of the Presidents, nor in the Weekly Compilation of the Presidential Documents. Bookheim has performed the valuable service of locating publication information for nearly all of the commissions' reports (some are classified), and plans to continue to add new entries to the online version of the book. Where reports are found in the Congressional Serial Set, Bookheim provides citations; otherwise, he offers full title entries, along with, as relevant, SuDoc numbers, OCLC record numbers, or archival locations. Researchers should, with a quick reference to the entry and access to WorldCat, be able to immediately identify a library or archive that holds a given report. The volume is indexed by presidential administration and by commission name. This volume is especially appropriate for law libraries and research libraries."

-Steven Knowlton | Princeton University

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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 aids 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 monthly.

This resource is a bibliographic listing of more than **6,300 reports** and other documents from the administrations of Andrew Jackson to Donald Trump, and an electronic database with reproductions of **more than 1,600 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.

Reports of U.S. Presidential Commissions and Other Advisory Bodies: A Bibliographic Listing is based in part on two pioneering works: Thomas R. Wolanin's *Presidential Advisory Commissions Truman to Nixon* (1975) and Steven D. Zink's *Presidential Advisory Commissions 1973–84* (1987). The author also cites Gale's *Encyclopedia of Governmental Advisory Organizations* as an additional influence.

Full-Text-Reports from the Most Well-Known Presidential Commissions

More than 1,600 full-text reports are included in the database, including those from more than ten of the most well-known presidential commissions:

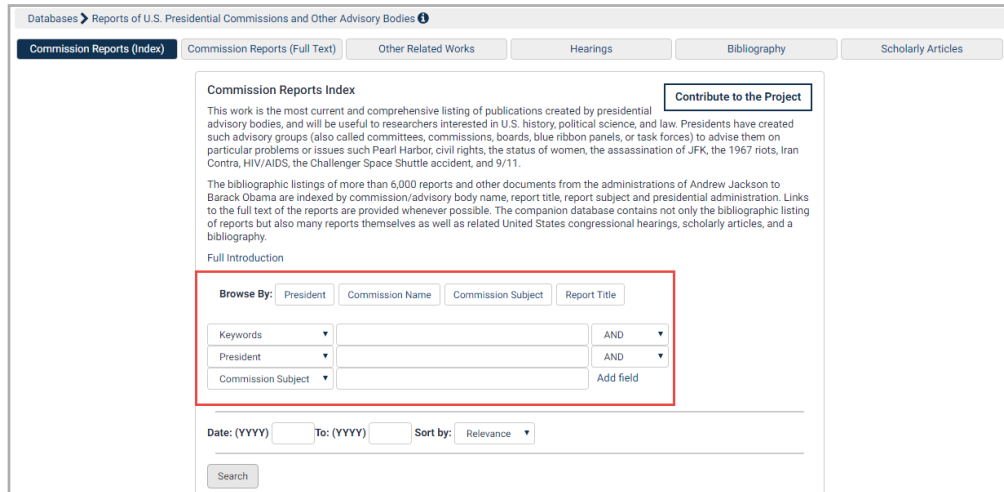
- Commission to Investigate and Report the Facts Relating to the Attack made by Japanese Armed Forces upon Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941 (Roberts Commission)
- President's Committee on Civil Rights
- President's Commission on the Status of Women
- President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy (Warren Commission)
- President's Commission on Campus Unrest
- President's Special Review Board (Iran Contra, Tower Commission)
- Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS
- Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (Iraq Intelligence Commission)
- National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission)
- National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling
- National Commission on Law Observance and Enforcement (Wickersham Commission)
- Commission on the Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, 1947-1949 and 1953-1955 (Hoover Commission)

Selected Commission Subjects

- Agriculture
- AIDS
- American Indians
- Biotechnology
- Censorship
- Challenger Space Shuttle
- Chemical Warfare
- Children
- Cybersecurity
- Domestic Violence
- Drug Abuse
- Education
- Elections
- Foreign Aid
- Gambling
- Global Warming
- Gun Control
- Health Care
- Identity Theft
- Immigration
- International Trade
- Labor Disputes
- Mental Health
- National Security
- Nuclear Weapons
- Organized Crime
- Prison
- Refugees
- Social Security
- Toxic Substances
- United Nations
- Veterans
- War Criminals
- Water
- World Hunger
- HUNDREDS MORE!

Using the Online Database

Search the **Commission Reports Index** using the search fields located on the database homepage. Available search fields include **Keywords, President, Commission Subject, Commission/Author, and Report Title**. The main search bar, located at the top of the page, will search both the index and all available full text reports. The Commission Reports Index can also be browsed by President, Commission Name, Commission Subject, and Report Title.



The screenshot shows the 'Commission Reports Index' search page. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Commission Reports (Index)', 'Commission Reports (Full Text)', 'Other Related Works', 'Hearings', 'Bibliography', and 'Scholarly Articles'. Below the tabs is a 'Contribute to the Project' button. The main content area contains an introduction and a search form. The search form has a 'Browse By:' section with buttons for 'President', 'Commission Name', 'Commission Subject', and 'Report Title'. Below this are three search fields: 'Keywords', 'President', and 'Commission Subject', each with a dropdown menu and an 'AND' dropdown. There is also an 'Add field' button. At the bottom of the search form, there are 'Date: (YYYY) To: (YYYY)' and 'Sort by: Relevance' dropdown menus, and a 'Search' button.

For example, to find presidential commission reports on the Challenger Space Shuttle accident, enter Challenger in a keyword field. The result displayed includes the five-volume report, its report number, and OCLC information. Clicking any volume's hyperlink will produce the full text of that volume.



The screenshot shows two parts of the database interface. On the left is the 'Commission Reports Index' search results page. It shows a search for 'Challenger' and lists results for the 'Presidential Commission on the Space Shuttle Challenger Accident'. The results include the President (Ronald Reagan), Subject (Challenger), and a report to the President with five volumes. A red arrow points from the 'Report to the President' link to the right-hand screenshot. The right-hand screenshot shows the full text of the report, titled 'Report to the President'. It includes a 'Table of Contents' with links to various sections: Title Page, Table of Contents, Preface, Introduction Chapter I, Events Leading up to the Challenger Mission Chapter II, The Accident Chapter III, The Cause of the Accident Chapter IV, and The Contributing Cause of the Accident Chapter V. The main text area displays the title 'By The PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION on the Space Shuttle Challenger Accident'.

Additional Database Content

In addition to the Commission Reports Index, the database contains:

- An A-Z list of available full text reports, which are also accessible through linking within the Commission Reports Index
- Books related to presidential commissions
- Congressional hearings on presidential commissions
- A bibliography of external resources with corresponding OCLC numbers
- Scholarly articles written about presidential commissions

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

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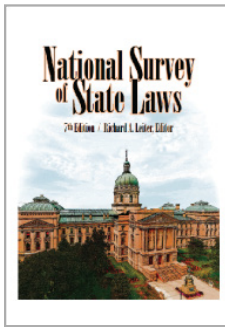
*New print edition expected every 3-5 years; database updated monthly. Customers will be billed upon release of new print edition.

Contribute to the Project

In an effort to make this database as comprehensive as possible, new reports and supporting documentation will be added regularly. If your organization has materials not yet found in this resource that you are willing to lend, please contact marketing@wshein.com for more information.

NOTE: Bill Bookheim has retired from California Western School of Law and Barbara Glennan has taken over the project. Glennan is continuing to use resources from California Western School of Law to provide content for this title.

Also Available from HeinOnline



National Survey of State Laws

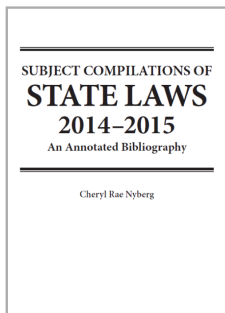
This database version of Rich Leiter's National Survey of State Laws provides an overall view of some of the most sought-after and controversial legal topics in the United States. Users are able to make basic state-by-state comparisons of current state laws.

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