

## Politics and Government H 1942

**BACKGROUND:** *The subject heading **Political science**, the free-floating subdivision **-Politics and government**, and headings and subdivisions for special political topics are assigned to works that discuss the theory, practice, and history of politics and government and citizen participation in the political process. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning subject headings to works on politics and government and other political topics.*

**1. Political science.** Assign the heading **Political science** (*May Subd Geog*) to works on the discipline or theory of politics. Subdivide the heading by place for works on the discipline as practiced in a particular place.

Do not use this heading for works on the history of political events or institutions.

### **2. Political history.**

**a. General.** Assign the heading **World politics** to works on political history worldwide.

Do not assign this heading to theoretical works. For these works, use the heading **International relations**.

Assign the heading **World politics** with established period subdivisions to works on world political history limited to a particular time period. If an appropriate period subdivision does not exist, establish it for use under this heading. Because of the size of the files, subdivisions covering ten year periods have been established routinely, beginning with 1945-1955. *Example:*

*Title: Prospects for East-West relations.*  
650 #0 \$a World politics \$y 1975-1985.  
651 #0 \$a United States \$x Foreign relations  
    \$z Soviet Union.  
651 #0 \$a Soviet Union \$x Foreign relations  
    \$z United States.

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### 2. Political history. (Continued)

*b. By place.* Assign the free-floating subdivision **–Politics and government** under names of countries, cities, etc., to works on the history of political events and/or the history, description, or critical analysis of governmental and political institutions, parties, organizations, etc., treated collectively.

Further subdivide headings of the type **[place]–Politics and government** by established chronological subdivisions or by the free-floating century subdivisions listed under **–Politics and government** in H 1140: **–16th, [17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, or 21st] century**. Assign century subdivisions only when they do not conflict with established subdivisions for specific time periods. Establish new chronological subdivisions under headings of the type **[place]–Politics and government** to correspond to important events in the history of the place, such as the reign or term of office of a ruler or president of a country. For places smaller than countries, establish subdivisions for significant time periods where there is sufficient material to warrant it.

Generally chronological subdivisions established under **[place]–Politics and government** should be the same as those used under the subdivision **–History** for that place but without any intervening descriptive terms. *Example:*

Great Britain–Politics and government–1558-1603  
[*not* Great Britain–Politics and government–Elizabeth, 1558-1603]

### *c. By ethnic group.*

(1) **–Politics and government.** Assign the free-floating subdivision **–Politics and government** under individual ethnic groups for works on the group's self-government and/or the political activity of the group or its individual members. Further subdivide headings of the type **[ethnic group]–Politics and government** by the free-floating century subdivisions listed under **–Politics and government** in H 1103: **–16th, [17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, or 21st] century**.

(2) **–Government relations.** Assign the free-floating subdivision **–Government relations** under individual ethnic groups for works on the relations between the group as a whole and the government of the place in which they reside.

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3. **Practical politics.** Assign the heading **Politics, Practical** (*May Subd Geog*) to works on practical methods used in political campaigns, political party work, etc.

To works discussing the use of practical political methods in a particular place, assign a heading to bring out the place. Usually this will be a heading of the type **[place]-Politics and government**.

### 4. **Political participation.**

a. **General.** Assign the heading **Political participation** (*May Subd Geog*) to general works on the participation of citizens in the political process.

b. **Classes of persons, organizations, etc.** Assign the free-floating subdivision **-Political activity** (*May Subd Geog*) under classes of persons, types of corporate bodies, names of individual corporate bodies, persons, families, individual military services, and Christian denominations for works on the political participation of these persons or organizations. *Example:*

*Title: Banners unfurled : higher education in Pakistan.*  
650 #0 \$a Education, Higher \$z Pakistan.  
650 #0 \$a College students \$x Political activity  
\$z Pakistan.

c. **By subject.** Assign the free-floating subdivision **-Citizen participation** under topical headings for works on the participation of citizens in carrying out an activity.

Do not assign this subdivision under headings for broad disciplines. Use the subdivision under headings for the specific activity in which citizens participate and share in policy decisions.

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**5. Political aspects of nonpolitical topics.** Assign the free-floating subdivision **–Political aspects** (*May Subd Geog*) under topical headings for works on the political dimensions or implications of nonpolitical topics. *Example:*

*Title: Political dynamics of direct foreign investment.*  
650 #0 \$a Investments, Foreign \$x Political aspects.

**6. Special topics.** Assign appropriate specific headings to works on special political topics. *Examples:*

Campaign funds  
Lobbying  
Local government  
Political parties  
Pressure groups  
Right and left (Political science)  
Voter registration

**7. Assigning additional headings.** Works on political topics are usually multifaceted, requiring an array of headings to bring out the important aspects of the material. Assign several headings, if appropriate, to cover major topics discussed in a work. In most instances, one of these should be a heading of the type **[place]–Politics and government**. *Examples:*

*Title: Who's running America?*  
650 #0 \$a Elite (Social sciences) \$z United States.  
650 #0 \$a Power (Social sciences)  
650 #0 \$a Leadership.  
651 #0 \$a United States \$x Politics and government  
\$y 1993-2001.

*Title: Global collective security in the 1980s.*  
650 #0 \$a National security.  
650 #0 \$a World politics \$y 1975-1985.

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### 7. Assigning additional headings. Examples: (Continued)

*Title: Burke and the nature of politics.*

600 10 \$a Burke, Edmund, \$d 1729-1797.  
651 #0 \$a Great Britain \$x Politics and government \$y 1760-1820.

*Title: Running for office : how women can win.*

650 #0 \$a Political campaigns \$z United States.  
650 #0 \$a Politics, Practical \$z United States.  
650 #0 \$a Women \$x Political activity \$z United States.  
651 #0 \$a United States \$x Politics and government \$y 1989-

*Title: Democracy and empire : Britain, 1865-1914.*

651 #0 \$a Great Britain \$x Politics and government \$y 1837-1901.  
651 #0 \$a Great Britain \$x Politics and government \$y 1901-1936.

*Title: Drama in the People's Republic of China.*

650 #0 \$a Theater \$z China \$x History \$y 20th century.  
650 #0 \$a Chinese drama \$y 20th century \$x History and criticism.  
650 #0 \$a Theater \$x Political aspects \$z China.  
650 #0 \$a Theater and society \$z China.

*Title: Priests, sisters, and political office in the United States.*

610 20 \$a Catholic Church \$x Clergy \$x Political activity \$z United States \$x History \$y 20th century.  
650 #0 \$a Nuns \$x Political activity \$z United States \$x History \$y 20th century.  
650 #0 \$a Church and state \$z United States \$x History \$y 20th century.  
650 #0 \$a Church and state \$x Catholic Church \$x History \$y 20th century.  
651 #0 \$a United States \$x Politics and government \$y 1989-

*Title: Wake us when it's over : presidential politics of 1984.*

650 #0 \$a Presidents \$z United States \$x Election \$y 1984.  
651 #0 \$a United States \$x Politics and government \$y 1981-1989.