

U.S. Government Online

A Focused, Accessible Online Resource for Those Learning about Our Government

The new *U.S. Government Online* is a reference site designed to facilitate the study of the structure, function, and history of the U.S. government. Focused and thorough in its coverage, this informative resource provides students and researchers alike with the tools they need to understand how the U.S. government works, who the key players are, and what its role is in the everyday lives of citizens.

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