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PSCI219 – POLITICS OF MEXICO

Overviews

Market Research Library: Doing Business in Mexico: 2008 Country Commercial Guide for U.S. Companies (Country Commercial Guides) - U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (US&FCS). 124 pp.

(http://www.buyusainfo.net/docs/x_6663558.pdf); Access through

Market Research Library (Database: in Google, type in “Market Research Library” [include the quotes] and choose the one with this URL: http://www.buyusainfo.net/adsearch.cfm?search_type=int&loadnav=no)

Covers general economic trends and outlook, political environment, marketing U.S. products and services, leading sectors for U.S. exports and investments, and trade regulations and standards.

EIU Country Profiles and EIU Country Reports - The Economist Intelligence Unit (**Database**)

Profiles - Annual overviews of current situation in more than 30 countries, including basic data, recent developments, economic structure, economic policy, recent economic performance, and the external sector.

Reports - Monthly or quarterly reports (frequency varies); provides forecasts: political outlook, economic policy outlook, and economic forecast for more than 30 countries, including basic data.

LANIC: Latin American Network Information Center - Univ. of Texas at Austin (<http://lanic.utexas.edu/>)

Principal gateway for Latin American studies for economics, politics, society and culture, development, and recreation. Data are from online statistical offices and online national banks.

Mexico - U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs (<http://www.state.gov/p/wha/ci/mx/index.htm>)

Includes short background notes, a longer country study, and reports on human rights, terrorism, religious freedom and trafficking of humans.

Basic Databases - Periodical and Newspaper Articles

At the Vanderbilt Library home page (www.library.vanderbilt.edu), click on the “Articles and Databases” link. Enter the database name or acronym in the “Search for database by name” box and press [ENTER].

Proquest. (Database)

Provides citations and summaries of articles from over 4,000 publications, with many in full-text. Indexes a broad range of sources: general-interest magazines, political news magazines, scholarly social sciences journals, and major newspapers. Use the * (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: articles.**

Search Tip #1: Before you search, you can limit the number of databases you look at: click on the downward arrow to the right of “Databases:” and choose “Interdisciplinary: Proquest Research Library.”


Search Tip #2: Before you search, you can specify a “date range” in the box below the main search box.”

Search Tip #3: After entering your basic search, look at the “suggested topics” above the results you get. Those provide only the items that focus most on each topic listed.

Search Tip #4: After entering your basic search, look at the list of results. From the titles of the articles listed, you may see other words or terms that will focus your topic better.

Search Tip #5: After entering your basic search, click on “magazines” or “scholarly journals, including peer-reviewed.”

Some articles are available in full-text (the whole article is in ProQuest) **directly on Proquest. You must look up**

others by clicking on “Find a copy” and then on the  button. See if the article is available online through another database or in print in the library. Also, click on “Cite this” and choose the citation style you want from the pull-down list, to find out how to cite the article.

Latin American Newsletters

Two are particularly useful for Mexico: **Latin American Weekly Report** provides detailed information on recent Mexican political and economic issues. **Latin American Regional Report: Mexico & NAFTA** is a monthly news bulletin with articles on Mexico relating to governance, gangs, immigration, teachers’ strikes, police infighting, the banking crisis. These two publications are also available in print in Periodicals on the 6th floor.

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***LexisNexis Academic*, 1973-. (Database)**

Best source for full-text newspaper articles. Also indexes business, legal, and medical information and general reference sources. Access other Lexis-Nexis products from *Academic's* search page. **Search Tip:** Use the **!** (exclamation mark) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail:** articles.

Other Databases – Articles and Papers

***Columbia International Affairs Online: CIAO* (Database)**

Includes working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, conference proceedings, journal abstracts, books, policy briefs and economic indicators, and maps and country data. To search for more than one term, put a plus sign in front of each. Provides links to more than 160 related sites and to the home pages of contributing institutions.

***EconLit*, 1969-. (American Economic Association). (Database)**

The most important index of economics articles. Includes links to online versions of the articles. Use the ***** (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.

***HAPI [Hispanic American Periodicals Index] Online*, 1970-. (Database)**

Indexes and links to selected full-text articles in scholarly journals in the humanities and social sciences on Latin America and the Caribbean. Includes journals in English and Spanish. Automatically includes different word endings.

***Prisma [Publicaciones y Revistas Sociales y Humanísticas]*, 1996-. (Database)**

Full-text access to selected scholarly journals on Latin American topics. Includes English and Spanish language journals. Automatically includes different word endings.

***Worldwide Political Science Abstracts (WPSA)*, 1975-. (Database)**

The most important index of political science articles, including international relations, law, and public administration / policy. Use the ***** (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail:** citations.

You can expand your search to include two other databases:

***PAIS International*, 1972-. (Database)**

Covers current events, public policy issues, and the social sciences in general--including economic and social conditions, government and politics, and international relations. Indexes a broad range of materials--books, pamphlets, and publications of the U.S. government and of international organizations.

***International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS)*, 1951-. (Database)**

Lists articles and reviews on the social sciences. Also indexes books and selected chapters from multi-authored books.

Books

Acorn is the catalog for all nine libraries in the Heard Library system, as well as a few other libraries on campus (like the Women's Center and the Family Resource Center). It lists almost all books in all Vanderbilt libraries and most U.S. government publications distributed after July 1976. It lists which periodicals we subscribe to, but does not list individual articles. **Use the \$ (dollar sign) to substitute for word endings.**

At the Vanderbilt Library home page → "Find Books and Other Items" (upper left) → "Acorn"

Statistics

***EIU CountryData*, 1980 – current, and forecasts. The Economist Intelligence Unit. (Database)**

Annual, quarterly, and/or monthly economic indicators and forecasts: 278 series on 117 countries or 40 regional aggregates.

***Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI)*. (<http://www.inegi.gob.mx/inegi/default.aspx>)**

Mexico's national statistical agency.

***International Financial Statistics (IFS)*, 1948-. - International Monetary Fund (IMF) (Database)**

Provides time-series data covering approximately 26,000 economic concepts that show major economic aggregates used in the analysis of economic developments. Includes almost all series appearing on the IFS country pages and world tables. Data can be downloaded in comma-separated, Excel, HTML, and TAB Delimited formats.

***World Development Indicators (WDI)*, 1960-. - World Bank (Database)**

Access to more than 500 economic and social indicators, with time series for more than 200 countries and for 18 country groupings.

Internet Sites

Doing Business in Mexico. U.S. Commercial Service. (in Google, type in "**Doing Business in Mexico**" [include the quotes] and choose the one with this title: Doing Business with Mexico -- U.S. Commercial Service Mexico. URL: http://www.buyusa.gov/mexico/en/doing_business.html)

Up-to-date information on Mexico's best prospect industry sectors. Individual pages offer an overview of the sector, the latest market research, information on upcoming trade events and links to important information.

See also <http://www.buyusa.gov/harrisburg/mexico.html>

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (<http://www.eclac.cl/default.asp?idioma=IN>)

Mexico - Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) (http://www.ftaa-alca.org/busfac/ctyindex/MEX_e.asp)

Mexico - Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

(http://www.iadb.org/countries/home.cfm?id_country=ME&Language=English)

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) (U. S. Foreign Agricultural Service)

(<http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/Policy/nafta/nafta.asp>)

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) (Public Citizen [anti-NAFTA]) (<http://www.citizen.org/trade/nafta/>)

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) (Office of the United States Trade Representative [USTR])

(http://www.ustr.gov/Trade_Agreements/Regional/NAFTA/Section_Index.html)

Organization of American States (OAS) (<http://www.oas.org/>)

Searching

The library online catalog is called *Acorn*. It provides location and availability information for book and periodical titles owned by Vanderbilt's nine libraries.

KEYWORD SEARCH: To search for a word or phrase from the title, author, subject headings, or other parts of an entry in Acorn, keep the select '**WORDS anywhere**' or select '**SUBJECT keyword**' in BASIC SEARCH from the pull-down window. Search by keyword if you want to search by topic rather than for a particular author or book.

AND narrows a search by retrieving **only** records that contain all of your search terms. The computer displays only the parts of the sets that overlap.

EXAMPLE: **border AND mexic\$** will retrieve only records that contain both border and some form of Mexico or Mexican.

EXAMPLE: **free trade AND mexico**

OR broadens a search by retrieving **all** records that contain even one of your search terms. The computer adds together sets of records.

EXAMPLE: **canada or mexico** will retrieve all records that contain either Canada or Mexico - or both.

EXAMPLE: **myanmar or burma**

SUBJECT SEARCH: To find book by subject headings, select '**SUBJECT begins with**' in BASIC SEARCH from the pull-down window. Examples:

canada. treaties, etc. 1992 oct. 7 [heading used for NAFTA]

drug control mexico

drug traffic government policy

drug traffic mexico

free trade mexico

human rights mexican-american border region

mexican-american border region

mexico emigration and immigration

mexico politics and government

mexico relations united states

migrant labor mexico

return migration mexico

TIP: Click on the subject heading links in the *Acorn* records to find more books on your topic.