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# Notes from the Editor: *PS: Political Science and Politics*

## PS: What You Are Reading (online)

Our publisher's report for *PS: Political Science & Politics* for 2011 gives us *some* insight into what you, our readers, are reading here in the pages of *PS*. In total, more than 101,000 readers completed full-text downloads of online articles in 2011, up nearly 30% from 2010 and 26% compared to 2009 figures. This figure only represents electronic downloads; we know that print is very important too and we hope to report on that readership in the future.

Overall, *PS* still ranks very well against our publishers' other political science and international relations titles.

Among the organizations and institutions that downloaded the most *PS* articles over the last year were

University of California, Riverside Libraries; Georgia State University; University of California, San Diego Libraries; University of Oxford; Balfour Library (Pitt Rivers Museum)

### **MOST DOWN-LOADED ARTICLES IN 2011**

The five most-downloaded articles, published in any year, for *PS* in 2011 were:

Diascro, Jennifer Segal. 2011. "The Job Market and Placement in Political Science in 2009-10." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44 (3).

Giles, Michael W., and James C. Garand. 2007. "Ranking Political Science Journals: Reputational and Citational Approaches." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 40 (4).

Jacobs, Lawrence R. 2010. "What Health Reform Teaches Us about American Politics." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 43 (4).

Leech, Beth L. 2002. "Asking Questions: Techniques for Semistructured Interviews." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 35 (4).

Knopf, Jeffrey W. 2006. "Doing a Literature Review." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 39 (1).

### **THE FIVE MOST DOWNLOADED ARTICLES FOR VOLUME 44 (2011 VOLUME)**

From our volume year recently completed in 2011, the five most downloaded articles for volume 44 are as follows:

Diascro, Jennifer Segal. 2011. "The Job Market and Placement in Political Science in 2009-10." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44 (3).

Monroe, Kristen Renwick. 2011. "Ethics in an Age of Terror and Genocide: Identity and Moral Choice." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44 (3).

Karpowitz, Christopher F., J. Quin Monson, Kelly D. Patterson, and Jeremy C. Pope. 2011. "Tea Time in America? The Impact of the Tea Party Movement on the 2010 Midterm Elections." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44 (2).

Sides, John. 2011. "The Political Scientist as a Blogger." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44 (2).

Perliger, Arie, and Ami Pedahzur. 2011. "Social Network Analysis in the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44 (1).

We look forward to learning more about what you are reading in 2012.

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## Submissions and Decisions

Unsolicited submissions to *PS* (in the Features, The Profession, and The Teacher categories) have increased over the past several years (table 1). Acceptance rates over the past several years remain fairly constant. Recently, *PS* eliminated its decision or action of “major revision” with decisions only as “accept,” “revise and resubmit,” and “reject.”

In 2011, *PS* witnessed an increase in submissions in the teaching category, increasing from around 29% to 39% (table 3). *PS* continues to include symposia in nearly every issue. As seen in table 4, published symposia average about seven per year (averaging 50 additional “articles.”)

Plans for a readership survey and other evaluation of the submission process are scheduled for 2012. ■

Table 1.

### Submissions per Year 2009-11

YEAR	NEW
2011	113
2010	93
2009	90

excludes symposia

Table 2.

### Outcome of the Review Process 2009-11(%)

OUTCOME	2011	2010	2009
Accept	30	27	24
Revise and Resubmit	31	29	24
Reject or Major Revision	39	44	52

Table 3

### Distribution of Papers Submitted, 2009–2011(%)

	THE		
	FEATURES	PROFESSION	THE TEACHER
2011	39	22	39
2010	55	19	26
2009	51	17	32

Table 4

### Symposia Published, 2009–2011

	NUMBER OF	
	SYMPOSIA	PAPERS
2011	6	41
2010	10	69
2009	6	49