

APSR Style References Using Bibl_{at}ex

This guide will help you begin to familiarize yourself with `Biblatex`. This package is designed to give you greater control over, and make it easier to customize, your bibliography. Since `Biblatex` has so many *MANY* options this guide will only cover some basics. If you want more information I invite you to read the 253 page document that runs through all there is to know about the package. You can find the documentation at:

<http://mirror.ox.ac.uk/sites/ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/bibl_{at}ex/doc/bibl_{at}ex.pdf>

Since `Biblatex` has many more features and customizable aspects you should take a look at the annotation in the code for this guide sheet. Now, let's make some pretty citations.

This command produces citations with author, year, and page all at the end of the sentence (example):

- This leads us to ask, “why would Congress first deliver narrowly concentrated benefits to some groups in society and then suddenly switch sides, imposing costs on the previously favored group and delivering benefits to those whom it had long neglected?” (Arnold 1990, 33).

This command creates a string of citations (example):

- At the state-level, legislatures implement policies adopted by neighboring states (Arnold 1990; Bailey and Maltzman 2011; Bartels 2009).

Let's say you want to cite the same author but from different articles. In the code you'll notice that part of the bibliography setup there is a command “`icomp`” this allows you to cite the same author multiple times with repeating the authors name. To illustrate this I have two examples below:

- Without “`icomp`” it would look like: The institutional legitimacy of the courts is imperative for a democratic society (Bartels 2009, Bartels 2010).
- With “`icomp`” it would look like: The institutional legitimacy of the courts is imperative for a democratic society (Bartels 2009, 2010).

This command produces citations with author in text and then year in parenthesis (example):

- According to Bartels, “The legitimacy of the Supreme Court may not be as robust as some might suggest” (2009, 667).

You can also mention authors in text and then place the year in parenthesis, for example:

- Voeten (2010) finds that transjudicial communication is about perceptions of prestige.

Finally, you can place something before your citation but inside the parenthesis. Here are two examples:

- It has been claimed that the Supreme Court’s reservoir of support is robust, however scholars have shown that this may not be the case (e.g., Bartels 2009, 667).
- Looking at institutional designs (see e.g., Arnold 1990; Voeten 2010)

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