Research Sources for RHET 208
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Speeches & Public Statements

American Rhetoric: Online Speech Bank
http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speechbank.htm
Selective speeches on a broad range of topics both foreign and domestic

UVA Miller Center – The Presidency
https://millercenter.org/the-presidency
The Miller Center is a nonpartisan affiliate of the University of Virginia with an extensive collection of audio/video of presidential speeches

The American Presidency Project
http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/index.php
Hosted at UC Santa Barbara with a database of the Papers of the Presidents back to Washington, the Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents (Carter to G.W. Bush), and the Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents (2009-current). Also has party platforms back to 1840, convention speeches, candidates' remarks, election debates back to 1960, executive orders and proclamations, presidential approval back to 1941, vetoes, state of the union addresses, press briefings, and more.

Project VoteSmart: Public Statements
http://votesmart.org/public-statements/
Public statements and press releases from public officials and candidates, from national to state and local level
Political Advertising & Mass Media

Political TV Ad Archive
http://politicaladarchive.org/
Collection of political ads from the 2016 election. In addition to tracking airings across key primary states, the collection includes ads that may have aired elsewhere or exclusively on social media.

Open Secrets
http://www.opensecrets.org/
Data and analysis on campaign finance at the federal level. Now includes data on political ad buys with local stations reported to the FCC. 2015–present.

Photo & Video Journalism

Internet Archive TV News Project
https://archive.org/details/tv
Collects and preserves TV news from national U.S. networks and stations in San Francisco and Washington D.C.

C-SPAN Video Library
https://www.c-span.org/
Extensive archive of political video covering every C-SPAN program aired since 1987. Particularly valuable for coverage of Congress, including video of congressional hearings, but also lots of coverage of campaigns and elections.

News Databases

Current
- Ethnic NewsWatch
- Factiva
- LexisNexis Academic
- Newspaper Source

Historical
- 19th Century US Newspapers
- Access Newspaper Archive
- African American Newspapers (1827-1998)
- America’s Historical Newspapers (1690-1876)
- Hispanic American Newspapers (1808-1980)
- Los Angeles Times (1881-1992)
Other Databases

**Alternative Press Index**
References to journal, newspaper, and magazine articles from over 300 international alternative, radical, and left periodicals.

**Communication & Mass Media Complete**
Scholarly journal and trade magazine articles on all aspects of communication, rhetoric, journalism, film and television studies.

**Left Index**
Complete guide to the diverse literature of the left, with an emphasis on political, economic, social and culturally engaged scholarship inside and outside academia.

**Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts (LLBA)**
Covers all aspects of the study of language including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics. Includes descriptive, historical, comparative, theoretical and geographical linguistics.

**PAIS Index**
Covers all aspects of U.S. public policy and international affairs. Includes references to journal articles, books, government documents, grey literature, research reports and documents by NGOs, conference papers, and statistical reports.

**Worldwide Political Science Abstracts**
Articles, book chapters, dissertations, working papers, and conference proceedings in all fields of political science, including international relations, international law, and public administration and policy.