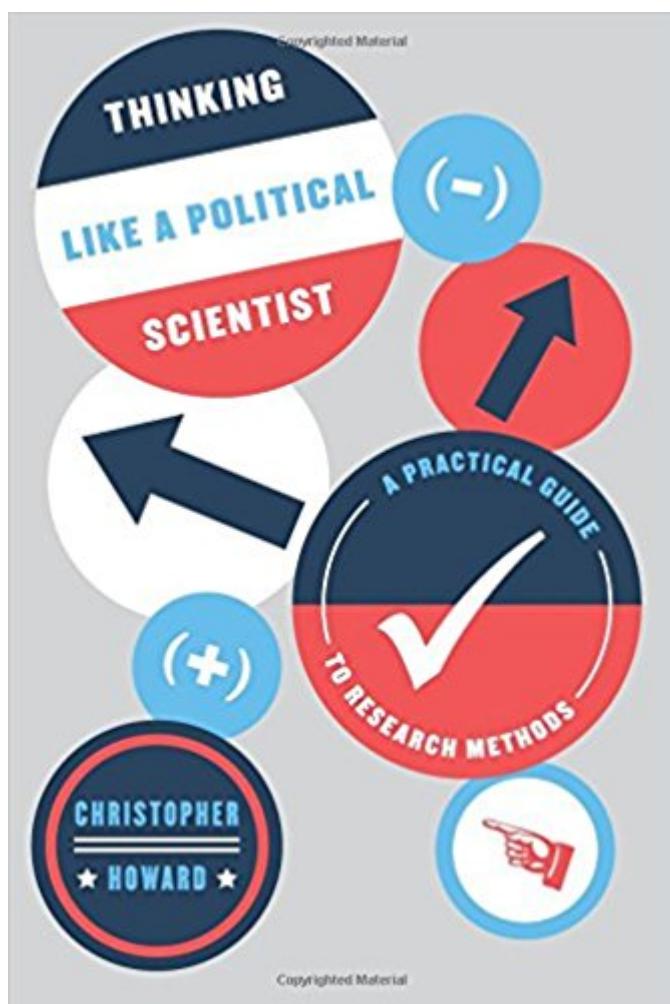


The book was found

Thinking Like A Political Scientist: A Practical Guide To Research Methods (Chicago Guides To Writing, Editing, And Publishing)



Synopsis

Each year, tens of thousands of students who are interested in politics go through a rite of passage: they take a course in research methods. Many find the subject to be boring or confusing, and with good reason. Most of the standard books on research methods fail to highlight the most important concepts and questions. Instead, they brim with dry technical definitions and focus heavily on statistical analysis, slighting other valuable methods. This approach not only dulls potential enjoyment of the course, but prevents students from mastering the skills they need to engage more directly and meaningfully with a wide variety of research.

With wit and practical wisdom, Christopher Howard draws on more than a decade of experience teaching research methods to transform a typically dreary subject and teach budding political scientists the critical skills they need to read published research more effectively and produce better research of their own. The first part of the book is devoted to asking three fundamental questions in political science: What happened? Why? Who cares? In the second section, Howard demonstrates how to answer these questions by choosing an appropriate research design, selecting cases, and working with numbers and written documents as evidence. Drawing on examples from American and comparative politics, international relations, and public policy, *Thinking Like a Political Scientist* highlights the most common challenges that political scientists routinely face, and each chapter concludes with exercises so that students can practice dealing with those challenges.

Book Information

Series: Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing

Paperback: 248 pages

Publisher: University Of Chicago Press (March 6, 2017)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 022632754X

ISBN-13: 978-0226327549

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.6 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 13.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #39,482 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #26 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Political Science > Reference #49 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Methodology #115 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences

Customer Reviews

Ã¢ “Howard pulls back the curtain on conducting political science researchÃ¢ â• actually social research generallyÃ¢ â• and provides real tools for students to use when evaluating scholarly research and conducting competent empirical investigations of their own. It is eminently readable, communicating the basic principles with wit and even a sense of humor. This book takes what is often considered an abstract and dry topic and makes it come alive. It will serve students well for years to come.” (Sanford F. Schram, Hunter College, CUNY)Ã¢ “Thinking Like a Political Scientist is a remarkably clear and well-written book. Drawing on more than a decade of experience teaching research methods, Howard moves seamlessly from one lesson to the next, developing the basic components of political science research in a compelling and intuitive way. Among the bookÃ¢ â„¢s many virtues are its extraordinarily rich and wide-ranging examples that enliven the lessons.” (Daniel Galvin, Northwestern University)Ã¢ “Howard has filled an important void in the discipline with this valuable alternative to the traditional approach to teaching undergraduate research methods. Thinking Like a Political Scientist is engaging and relevant, as it takes students through what political scientists actually doÃ¢ â• develop and test theories that explain political phenomena. This book will be immensely helpful for studentsÃ¢ â• and their instructorsÃ¢ â• who want to emphasize research.” (Sarah Poggione, Ohio University)

Christopher Howard is the Pamela C. Harriman Professor of Government and Public Policy at the College of William and Mary. He is the author of two books, *The Welfare State Nobody Knows* and *The Hidden Welfare State*, and the coeditor of *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Social Policy*.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Thinking Like a Political Scientist: A Practical Guide to Research Methods (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, Eighth Edition: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, Seventh Edition: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) The Chicago Guide to Writing about Multivariate Analysis, Second Edition (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) Developmental Editing: A Handbook for Freelancers, Authors, and Publishers (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) What Editors Do: The Art, Craft, and Business of Book Editing (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing)

Publishing) Digital Paper: A Manual for Research and Writing with Library and Internet Materials (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) Cite Right, Second Edition: A Quick Guide to Citation Styles--MLA, APA, Chicago, the Sciences, Professions, and More (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) The Chicago Guide to Communicating Science: Second Edition (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) But Can I Start a Sentence with "But"?: Advice from the Chicago Style Q&A (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) Student's Guide to Writing College Papers: Fourth Edition (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) Storycraft: The Complete Guide to Writing Narrative Nonfiction (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) The Craft of Research, Fourth Edition (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) The Craft of Research, Third Edition (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) The Craft of Research, 2nd edition (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) The Craft of Research (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) Writing for Social Scientists: How to Start and Finish Your Thesis, Book, or Article: Second Edition (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) Writing for Social Scientists: How to Start and Finish Your Thesis, Book, or Article (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) How to Write a BA Thesis: A Practical Guide from Your First Ideas to Your Finished Paper (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) Legal Writing in Plain English, Second Edition: A Text with Exercises (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)