Zotero

📑 Bibliography Nightmares No More! 📚

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Why Are We Here?

So you are writing a paper for a class?

You've likely done something like this setup before.

> When voters determine who they want to represent them in government, they are quite egocentric in this decision making process (Christenson et al., 2020). That is, they use their most salient social identities to set the standard for what they want from their representatives and how they will evaluate them come time for re-election. Representatives are largely aware of this (Burden, 2015). Yet, in demanding representation, there are two general spheres of demands – those for dyadic representation and those for collective representation.
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> Collective representation is the notion that someone's core interests are represented by a group of people who share these identities and interests (Harden and Clark, 2016). Dyadic representation, on the other hand, is the idea that someone is represented by an elected official who shares their very specific interests. Collective representation provides more substantive and symbolic representation since the outcomes are achieved by someone in central control,

The Dreaded Bibliography

But when you came to this...

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You've likely googled...

https://owl.purdue.edu › cmos_formatting_and_style_guide

Chicago Manual of Style 17th Edition // Purdue Writing Lab

In a work with a bibliography, the first reference should use a shortened **citation** which includes the author's name, the source title, and the page number(s), ...

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And spent an entire weekend combing through ...

The Plot

You likely have hoped that the citations that you did by hand were correct.

Or you tried EasyBib which maybe made your life a bit easier.

Either way, there are still some issues to either approach for college writing.

1. It is a pain.

2. It involves keeping track of all your sources (somewhere) -- including where you got them, who wrote them.

3. You need to redo it for every style guide change because MLA, APA, Chicago are all different.

What if I told you there was a tool that can solve all of your Bibliography problems!

Introducing Citation Managers

Citation Managers are tools that can help you *search*, *read*, *organize* and *cite* a range of sources

These tools include **EndNote**, **Mendeley** and **Zotero**

Benefits of citation managers

1. You can store citation information for articles as soon as you find them

2. You can organize these sources in meaningful ways -- using folders, tags, or keywords

3. You can write and store notes.

4. You can automatically insert in-text citations and reference items as you write.

Zotero Walkthrough

Installation

Let's Install Zotero! https://www.zotero.org/download/

Once you install it, you should also get access to Google Docs and Microsoft Word Plugins
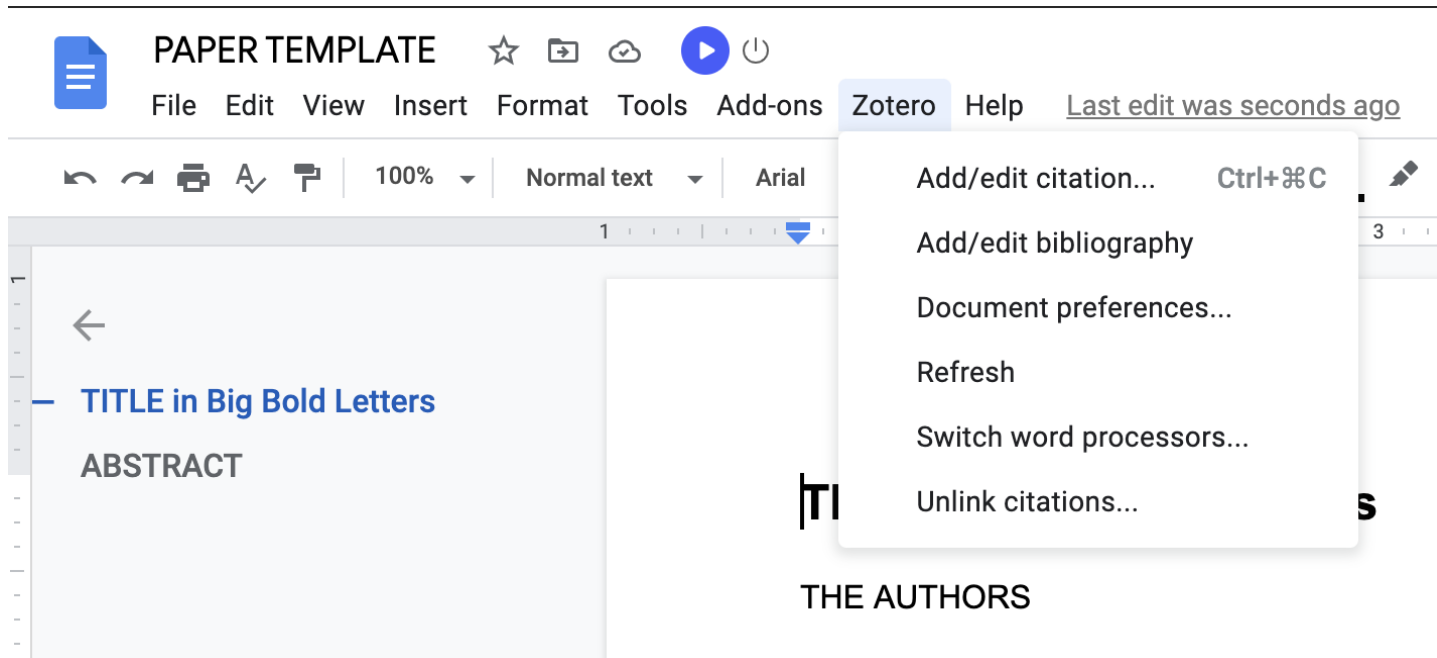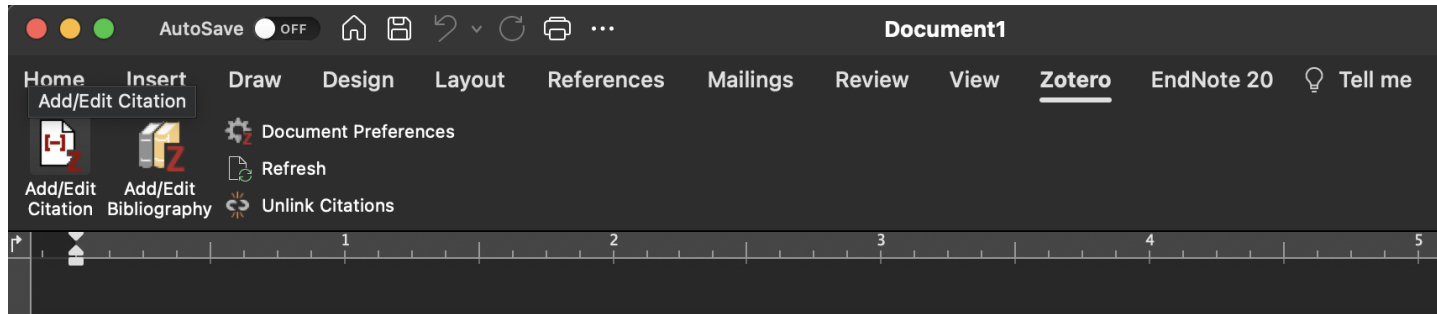
How to Use Zotero

Consider this research question

> **Do political behaviors for rural residents differ from urban residents?**

You will often want to break down research questions to find sources.

- What is political behavior?
- How does research distinguish between urban and rural?
- What does the research say about urban-rural political behavior differences?

Finding Sources

Good places to look for citations

1. Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/

2. NU Library: https://www.library.northwestern.edu/

3. Reference list of papers that you read that are relevant to your research topic

4. "Cited by" feature on Google Scholar

In this case, we will search for "rural urban political behavior" in Google Scholar

Let's look at "The Urban–Rural Gulf in American Political Behavior" written by James Gimpel and co-authors.

Springer Link

Search   Log in

Original Paper | Published: 05 March 2020

The Urban–Rural Gulf in American Political Behavior

James G. Gimpel, Nathan Lovin, Bryant Moy & Andrew Reeves ✉

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Abstract

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Partisanship, Urbanization and Within …

Multivariate Analyses

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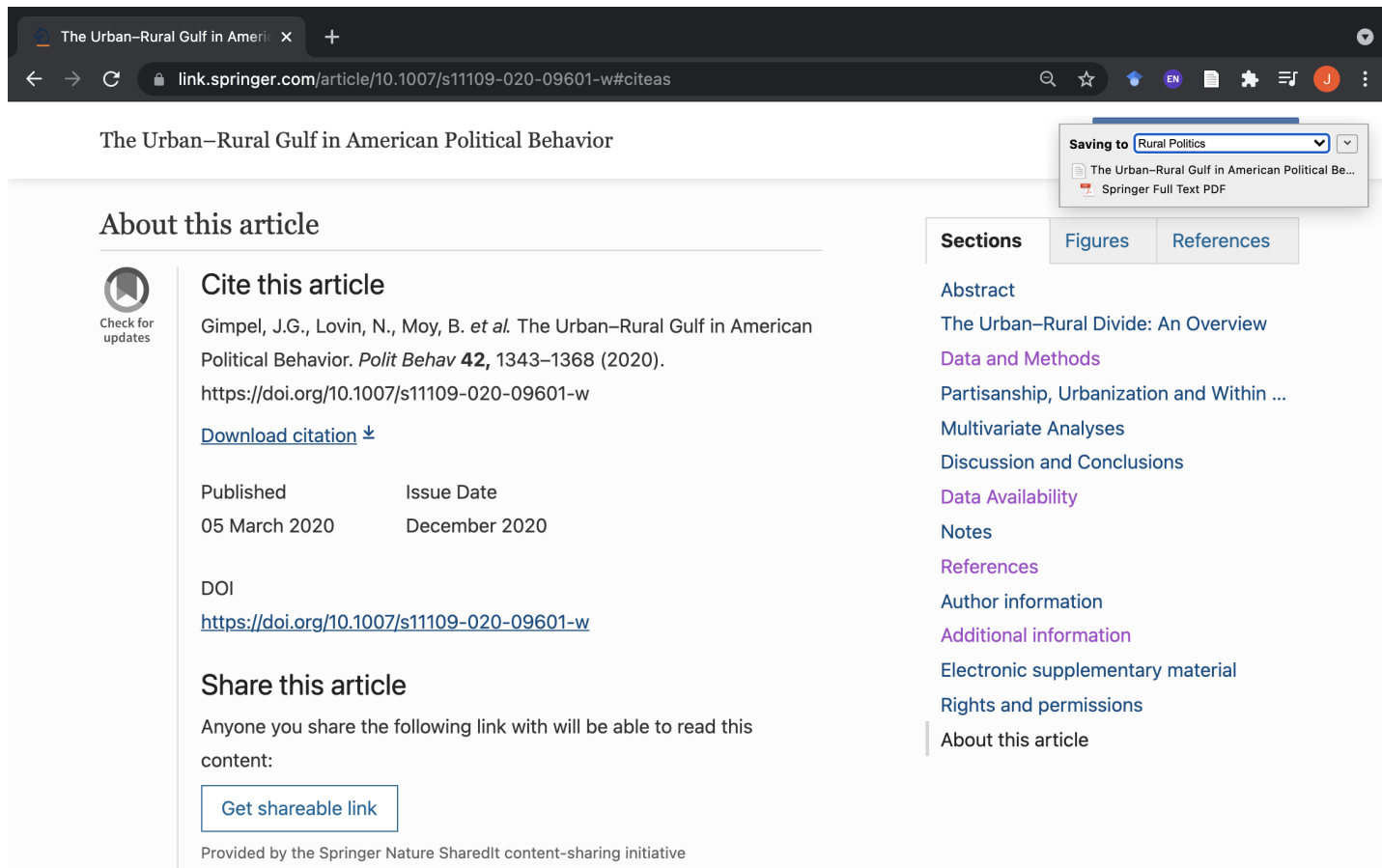
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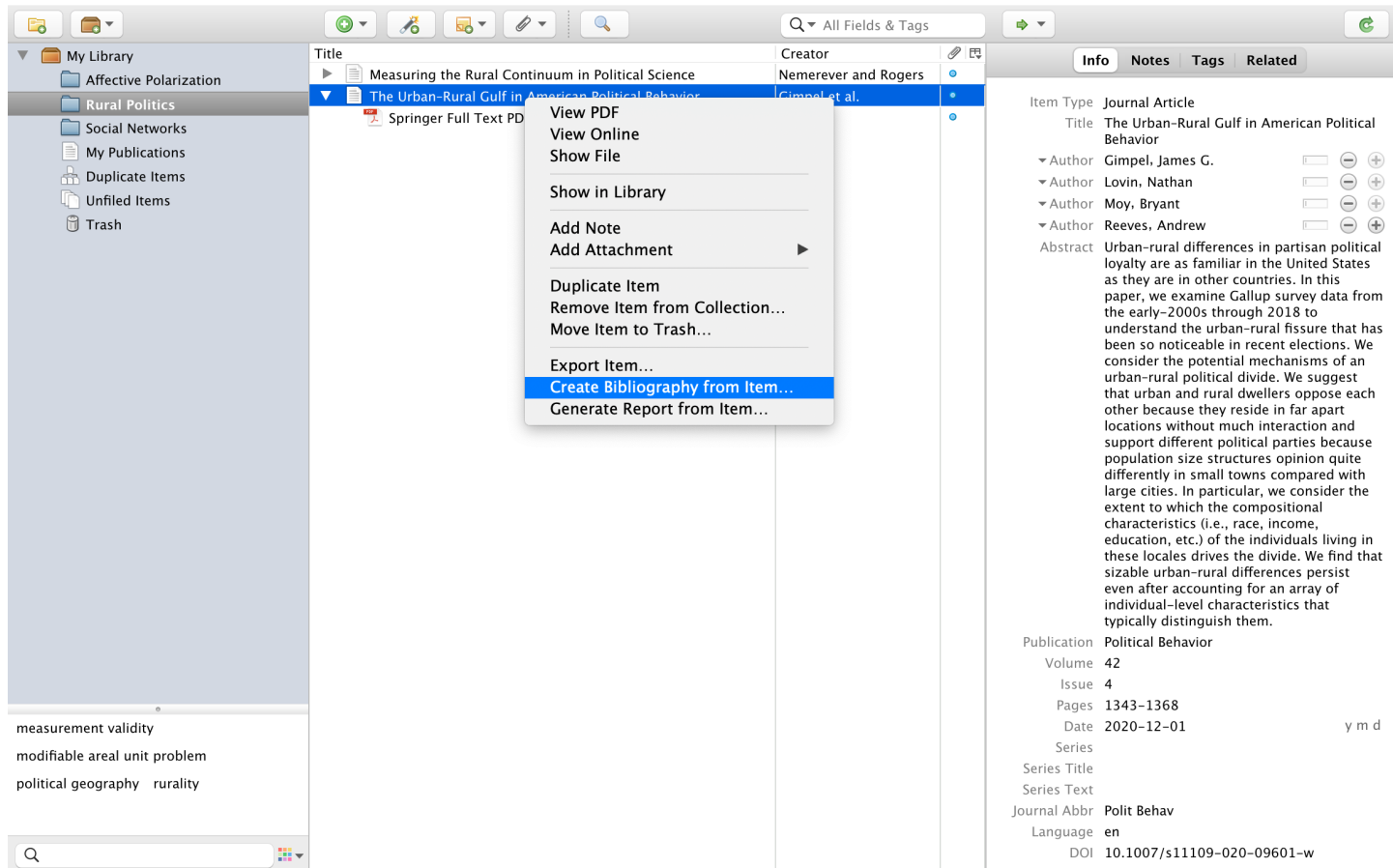
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About this article

Abstract

Urban–rural differences in partisan political loyalty are as familiar in the United States as they are in other countries. In this paper, we examine Gallup survey data from the early-2000s through 2018 to understand the urban–rural fissure that has been so noticeable in recent elections. We consider the potential mechanisms of an urban–rural political divide. We suggest that urban and rural dwellers oppose each other because they reside in far apart locations without much interaction and support different political parties because population size structures opinion quite differently

Let's look at the citation page. Be sure to **open Zotero** before you export!

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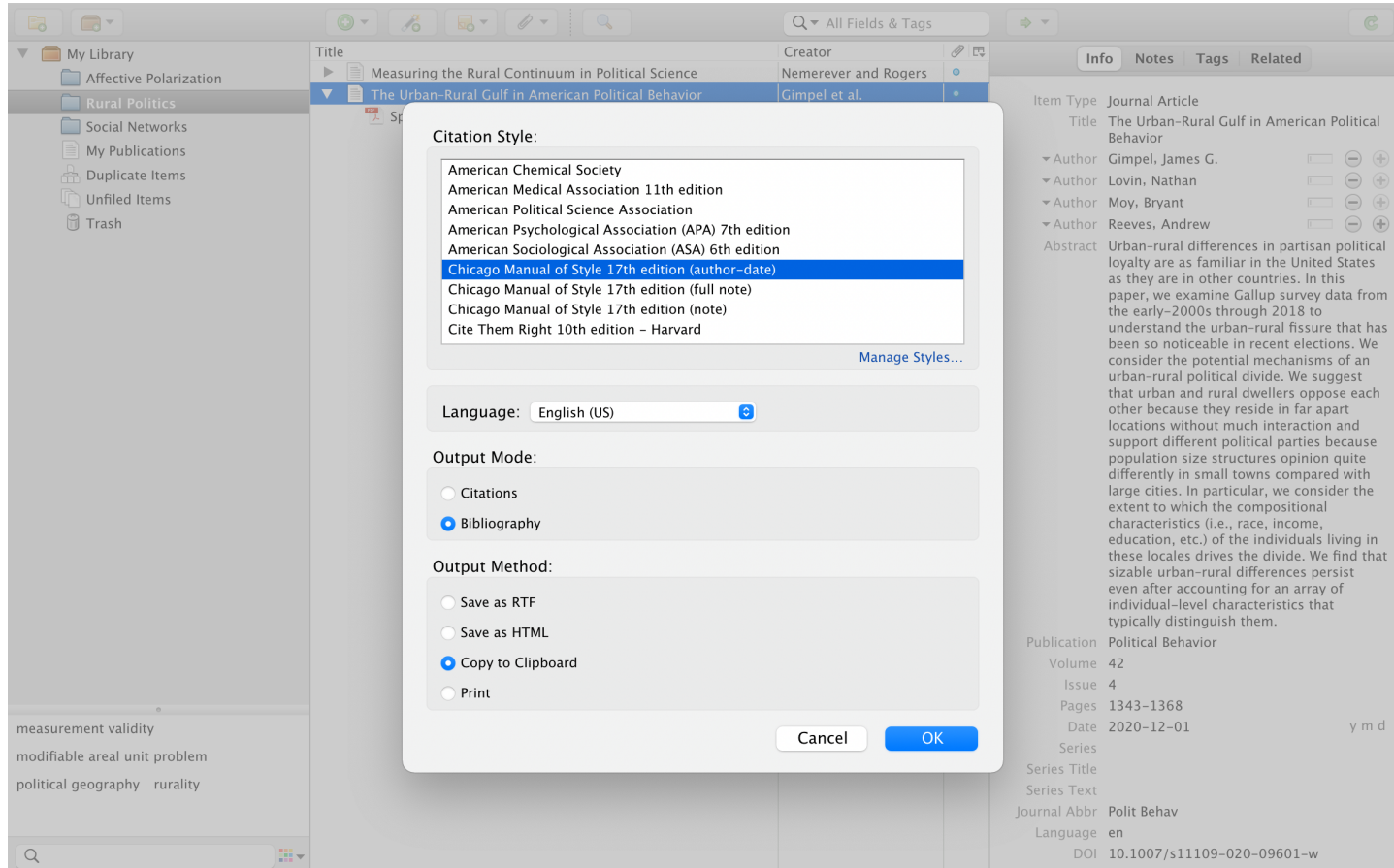
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How I use Zotero (or Citation Managers)

- Find, sort and keep literature for my various research interests into separate folders

- Helps me organize my projects such that I can keep all the articles I cite for one paper in one folder

- Saves me a lot of time and helps me generate citations quickly based on paper requirements

Let's Try it Together!

Exercise

1. Create a new folder in Zotero
2. Find 4-5 articles or books that suit a research area of interest and add them to the folder in Zotero
3. Open a Word document or Google Docs and type some words. Incorporate at least 3 of the citations that you found in Step 2. You can use the copy-paste method we explored or see Question 4
4. CHALLENGE: Use the Zotero Plugin to create your bibliography and insert in-text citations with the Chicago author-date format. Now, supposed you messed up and your instructor had asked for American Sociological Association (ASA) or American Psychological Association (APA) citation style. Change your document citation style.
5. EXTRA CHALLENGE: When you have the citations in Chicago author-date, do part 2 of Question 4 with only **three** clicks.