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APA Style 7th Edition - Citing Webpages

Webpage on a Website

- **Basic Format:**

- Author(s). (Year, if available). *Title of the webpage*. Website Name. URL

This resource contains examples for:

1. Webpage on a news website
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1. Webpage on a news website

- For articles from news websites like BBC News, Bloomberg, etc., use the writer as the author, include the publication date title of the news story in italic sentence case, mention the news website in the source element, and end with the URL.
- Use the newspaper article category for articles from websites like The New York Times or The Washington Post.

Examples

Bologna, C. (2019, October 31). *Why some people with anxiety love watching horror movies*. HuffPost. https://www.huffpost.com/entry/anxiety-love-watching-horror-movies_1_5d277587e4b02a5a5d57b59e

Roberts, N. (2020, June 10). *Trayvon Martin's mother, Sybrina Fulton, qualifies to run for elected office*. BET News. <https://www.bet.com/news/national/2020/06/10/trayvon-martin-mother-sybrina-fulton-qualifies-for-office-florid.html>

Toner, K. (2020, September 24). *When Covid-19 hit, he turned his newspaper route into a lifeline for senior citizens*. CNN. <https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/04/us/coronavirus-newspaper-deliveryman-groceries-senior-citizens-cnnheroes-trnd/index.html>

- **Parenthetical citations:** (Bologna, 2019; Roberts, 2020; Toner, 2020)
- **Narrative citations:** Bologna (2019), Roberts (2020), and Toner (2020)

2. Comment on a webpage on a news website

- Credit the commenter as the author, using their real name and/or username as presented. Include the specific publication date of the comment.
- Provide the comment title or up to the first 20 words in standard font, followed by "[Comment on the webpage]" and the title of the webpage in sentence case and italics.
- Include the news website's name in the reference's source element.
- Link to the comment directly if possible; otherwise, link to the webpage containing the comment, using either a full URL or a short URL.

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2. Comment on a webpage on a news website

Owens, L. (2020, October 7). *I propose a bicycle race between Biden and Trump* [Comment on the webpage *Here's what voters make of President Trump's COVID-19 diagnosis*]. HuffPost. <https://www.spot.im/s/00QeiyApEIFa>

- **Parenthetical citation:** (Owens, 2020)
- **Narrative citation:** Owens (2020)

3. Webpage on a website with a government agency group author

- For government webpages without individual authors, attribute the specific agency responsible as the author.
- Include parent agency names in the source element for clarity.
- Provide a specific publication date, preferably the webpage's last update date if available.
- Avoid including the date of the last review.
- Italicize the webpage title and end the reference with the URL.

National Institute of Mental Health. (2018, July). *Anxiety disorders*. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/anxiety-disorders/index.shtml>

- **Parenthetical citation:** (National Institute of Mental Health, 2018)
- **Narrative citation:** National Institute of Mental Health (2018)

4. Webpage on a website with an organizational group author

- For organization webpages lacking individual authors, use the organization's name as the author.
- Include a specific publication date, preferably the last update date. Use the updated date if it refers to the cited content.
- Omit the date of the last review. Italicize the webpage title. Exclude the site name from the source element to avoid redundancy. End the reference with the URL.

World Health Organization. (2018, May 24). *The top 10 causes of death*. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/the-top-10-causes-of-death>

- **Parenthetical citation:** (World Health Organization, 2018)
- **Narrative citation:** World Health Organization (2018)

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5. Webpage on a website with an individual author

- When individual authors are credited on the webpage, list them as the authors in the reference.
- Provide a specific publication date, preferably the last update date. Use the updated date if it refers to the cited content.
- Omit the date of the last review. Italicize the webpage title. Include the site name in the source element. End the reference with the URL.

Horovitz, B. (2021, October 19). *Are you ready to move your aging parent into your home?* AARP. <https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/home-care/info-2021/caregiving-questions.html>

Schaeffer, K. (2021, October 1). *What we know about online learning and the homework gap amid the pandemic.* Pew Research Center. <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/10/01/what-we-know-about-online-learning-and-the-homework-gap-amid-the-pandemic/>

- **Parenthetical citations:** (Horovitz, 2021; Schaeffer, 2021)
- **Narrative citations:** Horovitz (2021) and Schaeffer (2021)

6. Webpage on a website with a retrieval date

- Include a retrieval date in the reference for pages with changing content that is not archived.

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *U.S. and world population clock.* U.S. Department of Commerce. Retrieved January 9, 2020, from <https://www.census.gov/popclock/>

- **Parenthetical citation:** (U.S. Census Bureau, n.d.)
- **Narrative citation:** U.S. Census Bureau (n.d.)



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