

**APSU Writing Center**  
APA Style 7<sup>th</sup> Edition - Citing Websites

## 1. Citing Webpage on a Website

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

### Instructions

- Italicize the webpage title
- Use the most specific date available (publication or last updated date)
- Omit “last reviewed” dates
- Include a retrieval date only if the page content changes over time
- Do not include the site name if it is the same as the author

### 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](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)

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## 2. Comment on a News Website

- **Basic Format:** Commenter's Last Name, Initial(s). or Username. (Year, Month Day). Title of comment or first 20 words of comment [Comment on the webpage *Title of webpage* in sentence case]. News Website Name. URL

### Example

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

### In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format**
  - (Author, Publication Year)
- **Example**
  - (Owens, 2020)
- **Narrative Format**
  - Author (Publication Year)
- **Example**
  - Owens (2020)

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### 3. Government Agency Webpage

- **Basic Format:** Government Agency Name. (Year, Month Day). *Title of webpage*. Parent Agency Name. URL

#### Example

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. Organization as Author

- **Basic Format:** Organization Name. (Year, Month Day). *Title of webpage*. URL

#### Instructions

- Use when a group (WHO, APA, CDC, etc.) is listed as the author.
- Do not repeat the website name if it's the same as the author

#### Example

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. Individual Author on a Website

- **Basic Format:** Author's Last Name, Initial(s). (Year, Month Day). *Title of webpage*. Site Name.  
URL.

### Examples

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 That Requires a Retrieval Date

- **Basic Format:** Author. (n.d.). *Title of webpage*. Website Name. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from  
URL

### Instructions

- Use only for content that changes and is not archived.

### Example

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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**In-Text Citations**

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- **Narrative Citation Format:** Author (Publication Year)

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**In-Text Citations**

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**In-Text Citations**

- **Narrative Citation Format:** Commenter Name (Publication Year)

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**Government Agency Webpage**

- **Basic Format**

- Government Agency Name. (Year, Month Day). *Title of webpage*. Parent Agency Name.  
URL

**In-Text Citations**

- **Paranthetical Format:** (Government Agency Name, Publication Year)

**In-Text Citations**

- **Narrative Citation Format:** Government Agency Name (Publication Year)

**Organization as Author**

- **Basic Format**

- Organization Name. (Year, Month Day). Title of webpage. URL

**In-Text Citations**

- **Paranthetical Format:** (Organization Name, Publication Year)

**In-Text Citations**

- **Narrative Citation Format:** Organization Name (Publication Year)



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