

CITING RESEARCH DATABASES MLA STYLE

EBSCOhost Databases

The guidelines in this handout are based on the *MLA Handbook* (9th ed.). Follow them when citing from an EBSCOhost database such as eBook Collection (EBSCOhost), Academic Search Complete, Business Source Elite, ERIC, Health Source, MasterFILE Complete, OmniFile Full Text Select (H.W. Wilson), Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection, Vocational and Career Collection, etc.

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DOIs and URLs

1. If a source has been assigned a **DOI (Digital Object Identifier)**, include it in the citation. Most scholarly journal articles have a DOI while other sources usually don't.
 - a. If the DOI isn't already in link format (meaning it doesn't begin with **http://** or **https://**), precede it in your citation with **https://doi.org**.
2. If the source doesn't include a DOI, provide the **Uniform Resource Locator (URL)** instead.
 - a. To generate the URL in an EBSCOhost database, click on **Permalink** on the far right side of the **Detailed Record**.
 - b. Don't copy the URL in your browser's address bar (it's often a temporary link).
 - c. Omit **https://** from the beginning of the URL.
 - d. If the URL takes up more than one line, don't insert spaces or hyphens to force a break. Use your computer's **Enter/Return** key instead. Don't worry about uneven line breaks.

EXAMPLE 1: eBook

Screenshot of Detailed Record:

eBook Title

Permalink

Publisher

Publication date

Permalink

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Mass Shootings in America: Understanding the Debates, Causes, and Responses

Author

Authors: Schildkraut, Jaclyn

Publication Information: Santa Barbara, California ABC-CLIO 2018

Resource Type: eBook

Description: This work examines mass shootings in the United States, focusing on events from 1966 to 2016. In addition to providing essential information about each shooting, it surveys underlying causes of such events and potential reforms to prevent future ones. • Helps readers to understand a controversial topic with overview essays written by subject experts on mass shootings and their underlying causes. • Breaks up the tragedy of mass shootings with individual entries on more than 300 that have taken place in the United States since 1966. • Provides perspective on various subjects of debate through contributions from experts and issue advocates. • Documents America's response to mass shootings, from the official investigative reports on the Columbine High School shooting to former President Barack Obama's response to the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, through careful selection of primary sources.

Subjects: Firearms and crime--United States
Mass murder--United States
Gun control--United States
Violent crimes--United States

Categories: TRUE CRIME / Murder / General
POLITICAL SCIENCE / Terrorism
SOCIAL SCIENCE / Violence in Society

Related ISBNs: 9781440856242, 9781440856259

OCLC: 1028583843

Accession Number: 1808605

Mass Shootings in America

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Permalink

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Click to generate permalink

The **Detailed Record** doesn't include the database title so you will need to look above the search box:

The screenshot shows a search interface. At the top, it says "Searching" followed by a purple box containing the text "eBook Collection (EBSCOhost)". To the right of this box is a blue link that says "Choose Databases". Below this, there is a large search box containing the text "gun control". To the right of the search box is a dropdown menu labeled "Select a Field (optional)" with a downward arrow. To the right of the dropdown menu is a green button labeled "Search". Below the search box, there is a purple box labeled "Database title" with an arrow pointing up to the "eBook Collection (EBSCOhost)" box.

MLA citation with URL:

Schildkraut, Jaclyn. *Mass Shootings in America: Understanding the Debates, Causes, and Responses*.

ABC-CLIO, 2018. *eBook Collection (EBSCOhost)*, login.ezproxy.mccneb.edu/login?url=
https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=1808605&site=ehost-
live&scope=site.

EXAMPLE 2: Magazine article without a DOI

Screenshot of Detailed Record:

The screenshot shows a detailed record for a magazine article. The record includes the following fields and annotations:

- Title of article:** An annotation box points to the article title, "From on High: A Discussion of Federal Law and State Court Decisions on Medical Marijuana and the Workplace."
- Publication date:** An annotation box points to the date, "Aug 2018".
- Permalink:** An annotation box points to the URL: <https://login.ezproxy.mccneb.edu/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=ofs&AN=130830278&site=ehost-live&scope=site>. A separate annotation box labeled "Click to generate permalink" points to a "Permalink" button in the sidebar.
- Author:** An annotation box points to the author's name, "Bardes, Diana M.¹".
- Source:** An annotation box points to the source information, "Benefits Magazine, Aug 2018, Vol. 55 Issue 8, p14-18, 5p".
- Page nos.:** An annotation box points to the page numbers, "p14-18, 5p".
- Magazine title:** An annotation box points to the magazine title, "Benefits Magazine".
- Volume, Issue:** An annotation box points to the volume and issue information, "Vol. 55 Issue 8".
- Database title:** An annotation box points to the database name, "OmniFile Full Text Select (H.W. Wilson)".

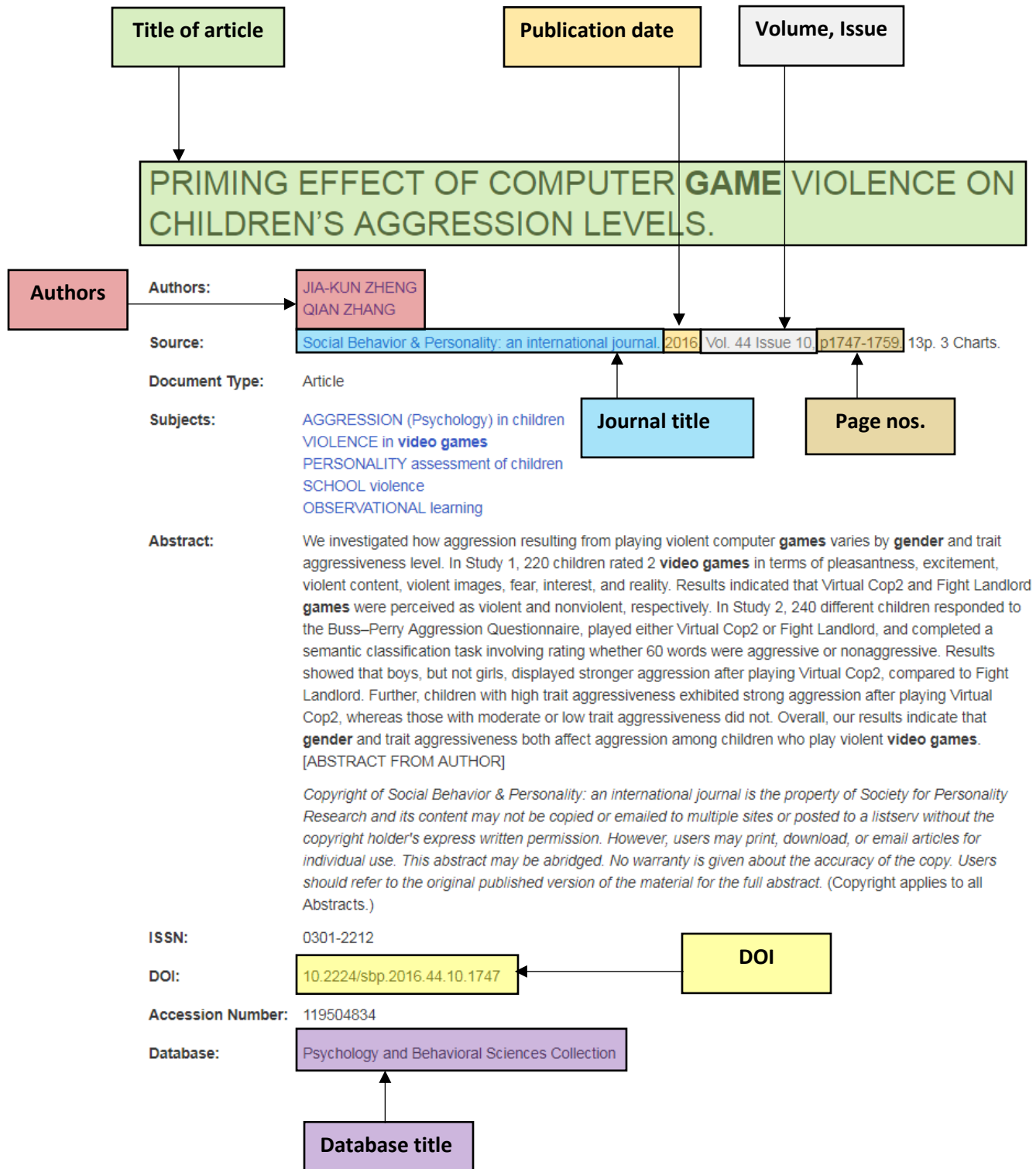
The sidebar on the right contains various sharing and utility options: Google Drive, Add to folder, Print, E-mail, Save, Cite, Export, Create Note, Permalink, and Share.

MLA citation with URL:

Bardes, Diana. "From on High: A Discussion of Federal Law and State Court Decisions on Medical Marijuana and the Workplace." *Benefits Magazine*, vol. 55, no. 8, Aug. 2018, pp. 14-18. *OmniFile Full Text Select (H.W. Wilson)*, login.ezproxy.mccneb.edu/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=ofs&AN=130830278&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

EXAMPLE 3: Journal article with a DOI

Screenshot of Detailed Record:

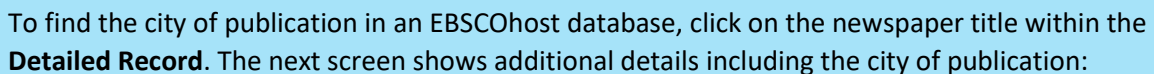


MLA citation with DOI:

Zheng, Jia-Kun and Qian Zhang. "Priming Effect of Computer Game Violence on Children's Aggression Levels." *Social Behavior & Personality: An international Journal*, vol. 44, no. 10, 2016, pp. 1747-1759. *Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection*, <https://doi.org/10.2224/sbp.2016.44.10>. 1747.

NOTE: Because the DOI didn't begin with **http://** or **https://** in the source, it was necessary to precede it with **https://doi.org/** in the citation.

Screenshot of Detailed Record:



Publication Details For "*Tennessee Tribune*"

Title: Tennessee Tribune

ISSN: 1067-5280

Publisher Information: Perry & Perry & Associates, Inc.

1501 Jefferson Street

City of
publication

Nashville TN 37208-3016

United States of America

Bibliographic Records: 03/04/2010 to present

Full Text: [03/04/2010 to present](#)

Publication Type: Newspaper

Subjects: News

Description: Contains local and regional news.

Publisher URL: <http://www.thetennesseetribune.com/>

Frequency: 52

Peer Reviewed: No

****PAGE NOS.**

According to the **Detailed Record** the article appeared on p.1A-12B and was two pages long, indicating the page numbers aren't consecutive. In that case MLA states your citation should include only the first page number followed by a plus sign (p. 1A+).

MLA citation with URL:

"Facts Show Voter ID Laws Limit Turnout." *Tennessee Tribune* [Nashville], 15 Feb. 2018, pp. 1A-12B.

MasterFILE Complete, login.ezproxy.mccneb.edu/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/

login.aspx?direct=true&db=f6h&AN=128027638&site=ehost-live&scope=site.