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The screenshot shows the home page of the Political Handbook of the World. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Online Editions', 'Home', 'About', 'Help', 'Log Out', and 'CQ PRESS LIBRARY'. The main header reads 'POLITICAL HANDBOOK OF THE WORLD' with a '2015 Edition' badge. A search bar is prominently displayed with a 'Go' button and an 'Advanced Search' link. Below the search bar, there are three main navigation columns: 'BROWSE BY TABLE OF CONTENTS', 'BROWSE BY REGION' (featuring a world map), and 'BROWSE BY POLITICAL SYSTEM'. A left sidebar contains links for 'Your Profile', 'Favorite Documents', 'Saved Searches', 'Document History', and 'Browse All Editions'. At the bottom, a copyright notice for CQ Press is visible.

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Brief History

The roots of the current *Political Handbook of the World* extend back to *A Political Handbook of Europe: 1927*, published by the Council of Foreign Relations. A year later the European volume was expanded into *A Political Handbook of the World: 1928* and published for the Council by Harvard University Press and Yale University Press. At the time, the Council sought to challenge isolationist sentiments in the U.S. government and the populace as a whole, believing that a more international outlook was needed to best serve long-term U.S. interests. One goal of the original *Handbook* was to combat what the anti-isolationists believed was an information gap in the United States about the internal affairs of foreign countries. The 1928 *Handbook* quickly established its reputation as a standard reference source in government, media, and business circles by presenting strictly informational work designed to permit readers to make their own informed judgments on overseas developments. This same unbiased editorial tradition continues today under the editorial direction of CQ Press. From 1929 through 1962, the *Handbook* was published as *A Political Handbook of the World*. After the introduction of full color maps, the *Handbook* was published as *Political Handbook and Atlas of the World* from 1963 to 1970. The *Handbook* was then updated with annual supplements titled *The World This Year* in 1971, 1972, and 1973. The *Handbook* then returned to *Political Handbook of the World*.

Scope and Coverage

The Political Handbook of the World provides timely, thorough and accurate political information, with more in-depth coverage of current political controversies than any other reference guide and will continue to be the most authoritative source for finding complete facts and analysis on each country's governmental and political makeup. Compiling in one place more than 200 entries on countries and territories throughout the world, this volume is renowned for its extensive coverage of all major and minor political parties and groups in each political system. It also provides names of key ambassadors and international memberships of each country, plus detailed profiles of more than 30 intergovernmental organizations and UN agencies. And this annual update will aim to include coverage of current events, issues, crises, and controversies from the course of this year.

Kind of Information

Political Handbook of the World provides thorough and accurate information on the major aspects of each country's government and political party system. For each country the included information are **Key facts**, under which political status, area, population, major urban centers, official language, monetary unit, heads of government, heads of state, ambassadors, and U.S. and U.N. representation are represented; the **Government and political history** of each country includes the historical trends, regime changes, constitutional history, and regional and global policy issues of concern; the current issues like headline-making events, trends, controversies, and challenges are included; for each country the **Political parties and organizations**, leading and minor parties, quasi-partisan and extra-systemic organizations, alliances, party histories, ideology, and leadership are represented; the **Legislatures and cabinets** and recent national election results, legislative leaders, cabinet ministers and the **communication** medias names, circulation, and

political affiliation of major national media; news agencies; television coverage and Internet usage are also mentioned in this handbook.

Special Features

- In addition to the United Nations and its specialized agencies, the *Handbook* profiles a number of intergovernmental organizations, such as the African Union, OPEC, NATO, the WTO, regional banks, and the International Criminal Court.
- User-friendly database that organizes the content with a number of browses. Users can quickly access content from the *Handbook* by navigating a virtual table of contents, performing a keyword search, or browsing for country profiles by Regime Type, Party System, Electoral System, System of Government, and Region.
- Major political events that have occurred since the publication of the print volume have been included as notes at the beginning of affected entries.

Arrangement Pattern

The country name and governments are arranged alphabetically. The intergovernmental organizations are also arranged alphabetically. User can browse country to access detail information by using the world map where the broad regions like South Asia, East Asia, North America, South America, Africa, and Middle East are hyperlinked with the entries related to the undergoing countries. Users can browse and select regions by the drop down menu at the home page.

Remarks

For eighty years, researchers seeking government and political information on countries around the globe have turned to *Political Handbook of the World* for the most authoritative and complete presentation of facts and analysis. The *Political Handbook of the World* is the standard reference that serious researchers turn to for this type of information. It is authoritative and exhaustive offering unique in-depth coverage of the topics treated. Both academic libraries supporting political science curricula as well as larger public libraries where there are patrons interested in international affairs will want it in their collection

Comparable Tools

- The Oxford Handbook of Political Science
(<http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199604456.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780199604456>)
- A New Handbook of Political Science
(<http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0198294719.001.0001/acprof-9780198294719>)

➤ Graduate Handbook
(<https://polisci.osu.edu/graduate-handbook>)

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