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Web Sites: <<http://www.france.diplomatie.fr>> is the official web site of the French government, maintained by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris. From this site, a variety of information is available, in French and English (as well as in other languages) about current French politics, economics, society, culture, tourism and history. Information includes the text of the constitution, biographical information about major French politicians and office-holders, descriptions of the political system and political parties, economic and social statistics, and historical overviews. Current French government policy statements are also available. See in particular the section "Profile of France" in the English language site.

Other useful sites include:

- <<http://www.info-france.org>> (French Embassy in Washington)
- <<http://www.info-france-usa.org>> (Press Service at French Embassy in Washington)

Some extra and suggested readings for you, as a beginning:

Ardagh, John. 1987. *France Today*. New York: Penguin. A general survey of French culture, politics, and society.

Baumgartner, Frank R. 1987. Parliament's Capacity to Expand Political Controversy in France. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 12: 33–54.

Baumgartner, Frank R. 1989. *Conflict and Rhetoric in French Policymaking*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press. Discusses how political controversies develop in France.

Bergmann, Barbara R. 1996. *Saving Our Children from Poverty: What the United States Can Learn From France*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. A discussion of how France has such an advanced system of child care and other benefits that keep children in school and out of poverty.

Birnbaum, Pierre. 1982. *The Heights of Power*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. A sociological study showing the powers of the elite state bureaucrats who rule France.

Boy, Daniel, and Nonna Mayer, eds. 1990. *L'Electeur français en questions*. Paris: Presses de la fondation nationale des sciences politiques. [Published in English as *The French Voter Decides*

(Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1993).] A quantitative study of voting behavior in France, based on a large survey.

Crozier, Michel. 1963. *Le Phénomène bureaucratique*. Paris: Seuil. [Published in English as *The Bureaucratic Phenomenon*. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1967).] A classic about French culture.

Crozier, Michel. 1970. *La Société bloquée*. Paris. Seuil. [Published in English as *The Blocked Society*. (New York: Viking, 1973).]

Hall, Peter. 1986. *Governing the Economy: The Politics of State Intervention in Britain and France*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Hoffman, Stanley, et al. 1963. *In Search of France*. New York: Harper and Row.

Hollifield, James F. 1991. Immigration and Modernization. In James F. Hollifield and George Ross, eds., *Searching for the New France*. New York: Routledge.

Horowitz, Donald L. and Gerard Noiriel, eds. 1992. *Immigrants in Two Democracies: The French and American Experience*. New York: New York University Press. Discusses how France and the United States have handled the question of rising immigration.

Kolodziej, Edward A. 1987. *Making and Marketing Arms*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Discusses the power of the French military-industrial complex.

Mazur, Amy. 1996. *Gender Bias and the State: Symbolic Reform at Work in Fifth Republic France*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press. A discussion of women's rights and equality of the sexes in the workplace in France.

Paxton, Robert. 1972. *Vichy France: Old Guard and New Order*. New York: Columbia University Press. A major historical study about the French experience in World War Two.

Pierce, Roy. 1995. *Choosing the Chief: Presidential Elections in France and the United States*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. A comparison of how we elect our Presidents.

Rohr, John A. 1995. *Founding Republics in France and America: A Study in Constitutional Governance*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas. An analysis of the differing philosophical foundations of the French and American constitutions.

Stone, Alec. 1992. *The Birth of Judicial Politics in France: The Constitutional Council in Comparative Perspective*. New York: Oxford University Press. A study of the role of the Constitutional Council in the 5th Republic.

Tilly, Charles. 1967. *The Vendée*. New York: Wiley.

Todd, Emmanuel. 1991. *The Making of Modern France*. Cambridge, MA: Basil Blackwell.

Wilson, Frank L. 1987. *Interest Group Politics in France*. New York: Cambridge University Press. A thorough study of the interest-group system in France.

Wylie, Lawrence. 1964. *Village in the Vaucluse*. New York: Harper and Row.