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IN TEXT (parenthetical citations)

• Follow author-date citation method (i.e., author's last name and publication year). If including page numbers, they are preceded by a comma, but no *p.* or *pp.*

- Taylor (2000) analyzed polling data . . .
- In a recent study of polling data (Taylor 2000) . . .
- In 2000, Taylor evaluated polling data . . .
- Several studies (Taylor 2000; Juarez 2002; Peters & Lester 2004) show that...
- According to Taylor (2000, 24), "as society continues to undergo..."

NOTES

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- • Cite electronic journals, web sites and other electronic publications.

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See also:

APSA's Web site <http://www.apsanet.org> for additional help and updates.