



DATA NUDGE

A monthly reminder to manage your data

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While the citation of textual resources is an established practice for researchers, the citation of datasets is often overlooked. The practice of citing data has grown as researchers recognize the importance of data as a product of scholarly pursuits. Many official manuals of style do not include guidelines on how to cite datasets, leaving professional organizations such as [IASSIST](#) and [DCC](#) to figure out a solution. In this Nudge, we discuss why and how to cite data.

1) Benefits of citing a dataset:

- assigns credit to the responsible parties
- allows readers to locate the data
- helps gauge the impact of the dataset in its field

2) Basic elements of a dataset citation that allow a dataset to be identified. Other elements and the order depend on the citation style and/or journal/publisher requirements.

Author. Title. Date. Distributor/Publisher. Identifier/Location. Version.

Note: Dataset citations should be located in a paper's bibliography or reference list.

🔪 Source: [Citing Data](#) from ICPSR.

3) Examples of dataset citation styles:

[APA](#) (7th edition)

Peyton, B., Bajjalieh, J., Shalmon, D., Martin, M., & Bonaguro, J. (2021). *Cline Center Coup D'état Project Dataset* (Version 3) [Data set]. Illinois Data Bank.
https://doi.org/10.13012/B2IDB-9651987_V3

Chicago (16th edition)

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| (author-date) | Peyton, Buddy, Joseph Bajjalieh, Dan Shalmon, Michael Martin, and Jonathan Bonaguro. 2021. <i>Cline Center Coup D'état Project Dataset</i> . v3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Distributed by Illinois Data Bank. https://doi.org/10.13012/B2IDB-9651987_V3 |
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