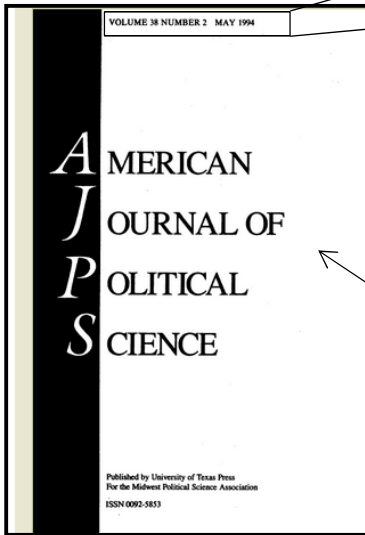


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The purpose of this paper is to examine the nature, sources, and implications of citizens' attitudes toward government spending. This is an important topic for several reasons. First, government spending is clearly a significant policy issue. It appears frequently on the agenda of United States electoral politics, and candidates for public office routinely address this concern in their campaign rhetoric. More generally, questions about the government's ability and/or willingness to fund social programs cut to the heart of the basic distinction between liberal and conservative ideologies. Second, there appear to be serious disjunctions or inconsistencies between elites and the mass public with respect to government spending. During the past decade, most political candidates and incumbent officeholders have called for reductions in public expenditures. However, public opinion on this issue seems to point in the oppo-

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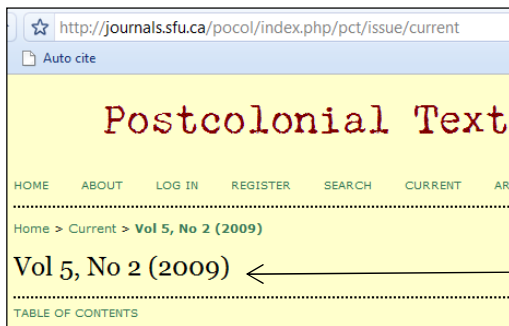
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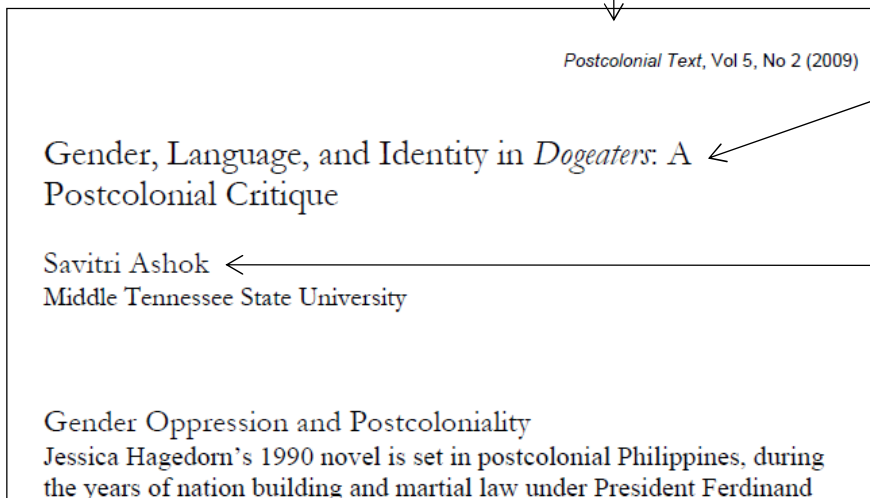
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