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First Page	
• Abstract	Your professor may require an abstract with keywords.

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Reference Page:	Beissinger, M. R. (2017, April). Conventional and virtual civil societies in autocratic regimes. <i>Comparative Politics</i> , 351-371. https://scholar.princeton.edu/sites/

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