

Guide to the Robert Alan Dahl Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1658

CREATOR: Dahl, Robert A., 1915-2014

TITLE: Robert Alan Dahl papers

DATES: 1910-1959

BULK DATES: 1957-1959

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of interview notes, transcripts, and survey responses used in Robert A. Dahl's book *Who Governs?*, and background research material about New Haven.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Robert A. Dahl, 1994.

Conditions Governing Access

Interview notes, transcripts, and survey responses are closed until January 1, 2020.

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Preferred Citation

Robert Alan Dahl Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

Robert Alan Dahl was born in Inwood, Iowa on December 17, 1915. He received an A.B. degree from the University of Washington in 1936, and his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1940. Dahl joined the faculty of Yale's political science department in 1946. He is the author of several books and has received numerous professional awards. Dahl died in Hamden, Connecticut, on February 5, 2014.

Scope and Contents

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Original accession

b. 1, f. 1	<i>Who Governs?</i> [background information]	1957, undated
	New Haven	
b. 1, f. 2 - 4	Background data	1910-1958
b. 1, f. 5	Charter election survey	1958
b. 1, f. 6	Education	1957-1958
b. 1, f. 7 - 8	Elections and officials [compiled data from various sources going back to 1800]	
b. 1, f. 9	Political Parties	1958, undated
b. 1, f. 10	Social and economic notables	undated
b. 1, f. 11	Redevelopment	1957, undated
b. 1, f. 12	Community leadership study	1958
b. 1, f. 13	Confidential report to Mayor Lee	1959
	Survey #1	
b. 1, f. 14	Methodology	1959
	Survey #2	1959
b. 1, f. 15 - 19	Background	
b. 1, f. 20	Analysis [by Dan Lewis]	
b. 1, f. 21	Figures: correlations, ethnicity, race, etc.	
b. 1, f. 22 - 23	Special tabulations	
b. 2-3	Interview notes, translations, survey responses These records are closed until January 1, 2020.	1959

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Minorities -- Education -- United States
Minority college students -- United States

Geographic Names

New Haven (Conn.) -- Politics and government

Names

Dahl, Robert A., 1915-2014

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Yale University -- Students