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All (good) abstracts have a very similar format that can be mapped out sentence by sentence.

Here is the roadmap, sentence by sentence.

1. What is the question you are asking? It can be written as a question. (1 question)
2. The answer to this question is important because... [describe the the larger implications of your findings for political science]. (1 sentence)
3. However, it has been difficult to answer because... [describe what has limited prior work that you are able to solve]. (1-2 sentences – likely 1)
4. In this paper I argue that... [describe the argument/conclusion of your paper]. (1-2 sentences)
5. To make this argument I... [describe briefly what you do in terms of data and research design]. (1-2 sentences)
6. So doing improves our understanding because... [how does what you do improve upon the existing literature in terms of filling holes].

You can also find abstracts of recently published papers in the journals you are thinking of to get a good sense of what might be appropriate.