ABSTRACT

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This paper has presented an overview and analysis of the impact the media has on Congressional deliberation. Deliberation in policymaking and the use of media have been important influences in the United States even before its founding as a country. Both have helped to shape and mold the policies that impact the citizenry and their views in numerous ways. The evidence suggests that as media coverage has expanded and evolved it has had a negative impact on Congress’s ability to have authentic deliberation regarding policy. Specifically, this paper concludes that increased and new media coverage has made it harder for the United States government to function in the way the founding fathers desired and designed it work.