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## Abstract

Social media has become a part of everyday life for most Americans. It is continually updated and changed. It is a forum for news, ideas, politics and more. It is this idea of social media being used as a forum for news and ideas that this paper chooses to focus on. Specifically this paper examines the relationship between the presidency and the use of social media to report and communicate executive statements. The time frame of this comparison is pre-President Trump compared to post-President Trump. I analyze the use of presidential communication, specifically that of the executive statement in how it has changed over time, and the current format and use of it. This leads to examining the implications, legal as well as societal, that face the president by using Twitter as an official forum of communication through releasing executive statements.

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