

## Politics and the Mass Media

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Politics and the Mass Media is one of the most important topics of our time. Politics and the Mass Media share a very important and symbiotic relationship in modern society. For example, a modern campaign would be quite difficult to run and win without the mass media. On the other hand, the mass media is compelled to cover campaigns (and politics) in the name of social responsibility.

In his new book *Media and Politics*, Lewis S. Ringel puts forward discussion and analysis of several of the important topics and sub-topics of this major subject. Ringel and his contributors examine the framers' arguments for the First Amendment, as well as, the relationship between the media and politicians. Ringel goes on to examine the role of the

media in elections and the interplay between news and entertainment. In addition, the reporting of foreign affairs and national security is discussed. Timely coverage of the new media, bloggers, and news show parodies, as well as, assessments of the media is also presented.

Coverage of the media and the Law is presented through commentary on Supreme Court rulings on issues such as libel and defamation, protection of journalists' sources, prior restraint on the media, the fairness doctrine, and media access to trials.

Overall, this is an excellent and comprehensive treatment of this important subject

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