

As Thomas Jefferson once said, "A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned- this is the sum of a good government."

Media plays a very large factor in our society. We rely on it for information and entertainment, including our political beliefs. The press is responsible for swaying society left or right. So why would we allow our government to have control of such a huge factor in our daily lives? People are frustrated that all the political parties don't get equal coverage and believe that Congress should pass a law stating journalists should be required to cover all political parties equally. But the concern would be where would it stop? Do you think they would only stop with just stories covered only about politics?

Journalists today follow celebrities and politicians with hawk like attention. Every little thing anyone famous does or says both positive and negative, is snatched in and posted all around the world. During elections, journalists play an essential role in swaying the public's opinion. Democrat and Republican candidates create logos for themselves, give speeches, run campaigns, and have to make sure that they don't say anything to shoot their chances down of winning. Occasionally, third party candidates make their voices heard but never win. However, journalists rarely follow these third parties and they're quickly forgotten.

If these so called "professional" journalists are so great at their job, why do they ignore a good majority of citizens? In a recent survey, 32.8 percent of Americans are

registered as third party voters. 58 percent of Americans voted that they wanted a third party system because they believe Republican and Democrat candidates poorly represent Americans. So why does the media choose to ignore a good chunk of people in America?

Yes, I believe that Congress shouldn't pass a law requiring the media to follow all political parties. That would totally violate our right to freedom of the press and many people would be infuriated with the law. It would cause more hassle than it's worth. I do argue, however, that if our journalists were actually doing their job, they would follow the third parties. Times have changed and third parties and their voters are making up a good percentage of our country. We cannot castoff what they have to say.

Too much governmental influence is never the answer. Allowing our government to pass the law would go against the Constitution. Who knows, maybe if they passed the law they would think, "Hmm, well why don't we try to create and pass new laws bordering on the edge of violating the Constitution." The cycle would just continue. Sooner or later, news stations and the government will have to realize that they must give in and cover all political parties because the number of third party voters has increased significantly. American citizens have already complained that they believe Democrat and Republican officials aren't doing their job and representing them. It is time for a change but without governmental influence.