

The People's Rights

Today, America stands as a shining example of freedom among all the oppression and despair in the world. We have certain rights that are unalienable. One of these rights, that is under question, is the First Amendment. The First Amendment makes it illegal for anyone to infringe on your right of speech and your right of press. If Congress were to pass a bill that forced the media to show equal coverage of all presidential candidates, then it would be a blatant infraction to the First Amendment.

I would disapprove of the idea that all media should show equal coverage. I was raised believing that if we tried our hardest we would be rewarded. If these third-party candidates equally deserve the media's attention, then they should not need a special law. Also, this would infringe on everyone's right of press, because it would force the media to show coverage that they otherwise would not have shown. Congress has no right to force the media to do this.

There are certain things that are good about making a law that makes the media give equal coverage to all candidates. For one thing, the people of the United States would have a more well rounded opinion for whom to vote. They would be able to see the beliefs of all of the candidates instead of the main two. Another good point of equal media coverage is that, because all the people of the United States understand the view points of all of the candidates, there will be less biased opinion on a candidate would exist that would otherwise be unfairly stereotyped.

Even though there are pros to making such a law, it does not outweigh the cons. Such a law would be an infringement on the Constitution. It would also be a very difficult law to uphold. We would have to decide how much coverage is equal coverage. We would also have to hire groups of people to monitor all types of media in order to decide if the law is being upheld.

The rights instilled by previous leaders were for the better. Even if those leaders were not given equal coverage. The people of the United States will always choose who they think is best to lead us, whether that person is a third party candidate or a Republican or a Democrat. In short, we as Americans will never be fully informed, but we will try our best whether the information is there or not.