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Activity 1

The article “To Woo A Skeptical Trump, Intelligence Chiefs Talk Economics Instead of Spies” implicitly criticizes the president and makes him appear to be incompetent. The article “Rand Paul Opposes Trump’s Emergency Declaration, Likely Providing Decision Vote” is an article implies there is internal problems within the Republican Party of which the president is affiliated and responsible for.

It is very likely that the framers feared that information would be limited and therefore decisions would not be made. Since the framers were writers and journalist they found it imperative that their ideas be shared and not opposed.

Activity 2

The president is discrediting the media by claiming they are biased and want to undermine his presidency. The article “With False Claims, Trump Attacks Media On Turnout and Intelligence Rift” goes against the presidents claims that his inauguration was the largest ever.

The presidents rationale is that the media misstated his inauguration in order to undermine him and his goal to unify the country. He claims it is his duty to expose the medias plans to divide the country.

The article explains that statements the president has made contradict his own claims, for example he claims to have the largest inauguration crowd when images contradict his claims, and such images were provided by his own administration.

Trump's statements are not surprising since he feels he needs to defend his message and narrative. As a person in power his direct explicit attacks are unlike every other president in that he relies on labels and conspiracies. The relationship the president has with the media is toxic because in the age of internet there is an archive of evidence that opposes the claims of the president, for example he compared the intelligence community to the Nazis and ignored this fact when going to an event. Freedom of the press is in jeopardy because unlike every other president Trump claims to never be wrong or apologize for his mistakes.