

ROUND I

Section II: New/Digital Media and Its Impacts, Subpoint B: The role of local, state, and federal agencies in regulating digital communication

You are a newly formed caucus in the House focused on digital communication. Your caucus formed because its members were concerned that federal law was not keeping up with the rapid advancement of digital communications. As members of the U.S. House with a shared interest in digital communication, your job is to identify specific areas and situations where federal law has not kept pace with advances in digital communications. Determine where the biggest risks are to the American people and propose laws or changes to existing regulations to address the gaps. Of that list, assess where you feel you can gain bipartisan support and develop a strategy to either pass needed legislation or encourage agency rule changes.

ROUND II

Section II: New/Digital Media and Its Impacts, Subpoint C: Bridging cultural and language communication barriers

You are a global food and agriculture company with offices in over 80 countries around the world. In addition to serving customers, your company manages the plants that produce your products. Many of your professional employees work with colleagues, customers, and suppliers from around the world, which can cause frustration due to cultural differences. These include - but are not limited to - holding a short vs. long-term orientation, preferring individualism vs. collectivism, operating with a strict vs. liberal adherence to schedules and times, etc. Your company already conducts training on cultural differences for employees and encourages them to take assignments in different countries. As a leadership team of this company, you want to support new, innovative ways to address the challenge of cultural differences. Decide on one idea or project that you can fund and support in the next year that will be the biggest difference maker. This cannot be a laundry list of several ideas! As leaders, you are expected to direct your company's resources where you can gain the best return on investment (ROI).

ROUND III

Section II: New/Digital Media and Its Impacts, Subpoint D: The racial/ethnic challenges posed by AI usage

Social media has allowed us to keep in contact with people in an easier way than ever before. However, one of the dangers of social media has been the phenomena of echo chambers. When these occur, people only see content and ideas that closely align with their beliefs, while conflicting ideas and beliefs are filtered out by algorithms. The positive side of this is that people more easily find things that interest them. However, it has led to a dark side, where misinformation is spread quickly and accepted without verification.

You are a group of Homeland Security experts reviewing high profile examples where misinformation caused great harm, such as the aftermath of the Sandy Hook shooting, COVID-19, and the events of January 6th, 2021. Discuss what steps can be taken to prevent misinformation from becoming dangerous. You will use this information to publish a public report. Keep in mind that while your agency has no law making ability, your report and expert recommendations will be carefully considered by lawmakers.