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IN YOUR FACE POLITICS

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Abstract: Political television in the United States regularly puts politicians "in your face" in two different respects. First, through tight camera angles, we often experience the impression of close physical proximity to politicians we dislike as well as those we like. Second, the norm for televised political discourse tends to be more uncivil and impolite than ordinary face-to-face discourse. I find the combination of these two characteristics to have important implications for how people respond to politics and politicians. This larger project explores the social psychological and historical consequences of having politicians "in our face" on a regular basis.