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Today, the vast exchange of political ideas occurs on forums like Twitter and Facebook. When scrolling on social media, the public has become ?entitled to believe [] that they are viewing something of a representative cross-section? between the public's reactions and the government's reaction to their pronouncements. A government official's social media account is used as a means to communicate with the public, thereby creating an appearance of a public forum. Electronic communication of this nature is so popular because it is ?inexpensive,? ?fast,? and ?reaches a wide audience.? However, this new way to communicate comes with increased constitutional responsibilities.

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