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The Gendered Echo Chamber: Partisan Media and the Perpetuation of Misogyny

It is generally agreed upon by political and communications scholars alike that women in politics are held to a different standard than their male counterparts. However, there is a research gap when assessing the standards that democrats and republicans hold female officials to compared to men. Through baseline research I have found that there is a definite difference in the expectations that each party has for women. To assess the gap in the research as a potential area for further research, in this paper I will explore the way that bias expresses itself on party lines. Utilizing the confrontation between Representative Jasmine Crockett (D-TX) and Representative Marjorie Taylor Green (R-GA) as a case study I will explore the partisan divide within the media as it discusses these women. This will include news media and entertainment media (late night shows, etc.). My goal is to assess to what extent women are held to different standards based on party, the role of respectability politics and the language used when discussing a member of the opposition party. Within the paper I will also explore other potential sources of bias that women may be unfairly evaluated by such as experience, race and age. I also hope to be able to explore the way that the rhetoric used within the democratic party specifically undermines their agenda of inclusivity. If there is hypocrisy in how the parties assess women's behavior, does it matter and what can be done to change attitudes.