

Watergate

Effect of Watergate on Press Coverage

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Reflections on changes to committee press coverage following the Watergate hearings.

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After Watergate, and after Nixon resigned, you had the Watergate Babies come in, and that class, and they all ran on clean government and changing the system. And you did begin to see changes, where the chairmanships were not the fiefdoms that they had been before. You began to see younger Members demand more attention and demand more of the power structure. So as the power dissipated from just the chairman, there were more angles for stories to come. So members of the press would need to know more about what was going on in a committee than just to talk to the chairman.