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The news media have become the central arena for political conflicts today. It is, therefore, not surprising that the role of the news media in political conflicts has received a good deal of public attention in recent years. *Media and political conflict* provides readers with an understanding of the ways in which news media do and do not become active participants in these conflicts. The author's "political contest" model provides a new approach to this important issue. The best way to understand the role of the news media in politics, he argues, is to view the competition over the news media as part of a larger and more significant contest for political control.

The book is divided into two parts. While the first is devoted to developing the theoretical model, the second employs this approach to analyze the role of the news media in three conflicts: the Gulf war, the Palestinian *intifada*, and the attempt by the Israeli right wing to derail the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord.

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