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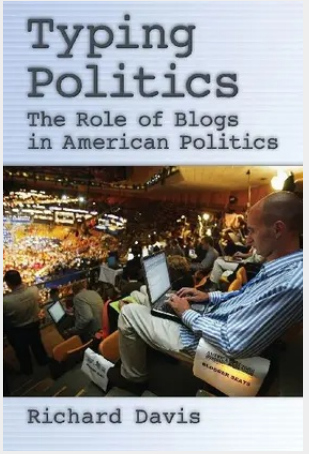
Typing Politics

The Role of Blogs in American Politics



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