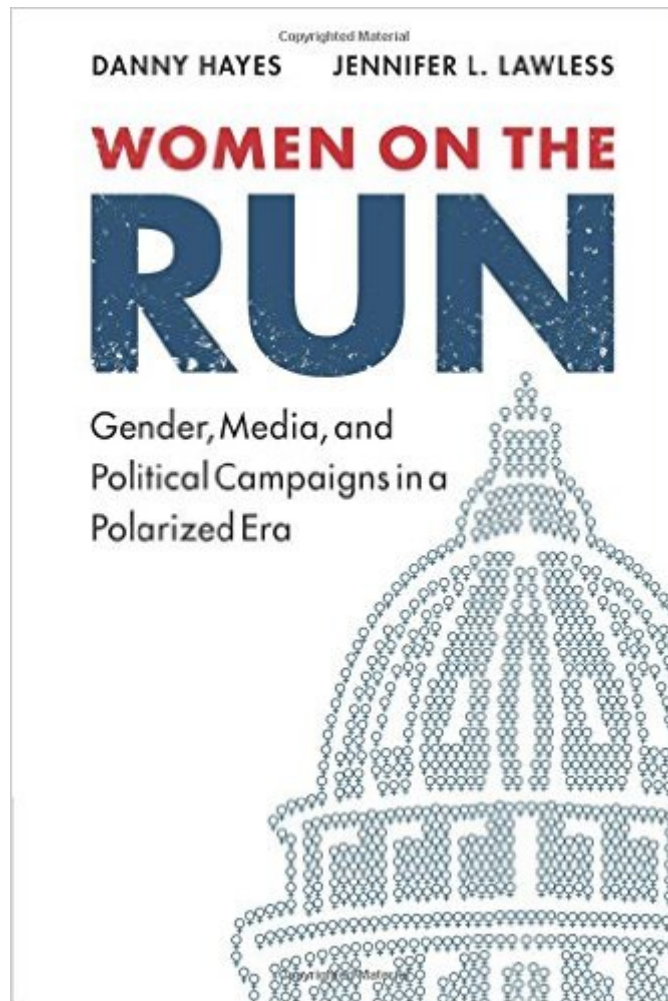


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# Women On The Run: Gender, Media, And Political Campaigns In A Polarized Era



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