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Table 5.2. Example of diversity of discussion: when discussion of a policy topic debate expands, diversity increases

Example: Health	April 2003 Diversity = 0.28		May 2003 Diversity = 0.75		June 2003 Diversity = 0.60	
	<i>Stories</i>	<i>% of Debate</i>	<i>Stories</i>	<i>% of Debate</i>	<i>Stories</i>	<i>% of Debate</i>
Prevention & Communicable Diseases	9	75%	7	26%	3	12%
Insurance Reform	1	8%	2	7%	3	12%
Prescription Drug Coverage and Costs	1	8%	1	4%	9	35%
Infants and Children	1	8%	0	0%	0	0%
Medical Liability, Fraud and Abuse	0	0%	4	15%	2	8%
Health Research and Development	0	0%	3	11%	4	15%
Regulation	0	0%	3	11%	3	12%
Other Health	0	0%	2	7%	0	0%
Mental Health	0	0%	1	4%	2	8%
Long-term Care	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%
Tobacco Abuse and Treatment	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%
Alcohol Abuse and Treatment	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%
Illegal Drug Abuse and Treatment	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%
Total	12	100%	27	100%	26	100%

Due to rounding, individual percentage values do not reflect the 100% total.