**Concept Application**

“This morning (Homeland Security) Secretary Napolitano announced new actions my administration will take to mend our nation’s immigration policy to make it more fair, more efficient, and more just, specifically for young people. These young people study in our schools, they play in our neighborhoods, they’re friends with our kids, they pledge allegiance to our flag. They are Americans in their heart, in their minds, in every single way but one: on paper. They were brought to this country by their parents… and often have no idea that they’re undocumented… Over the next few months, eligible individuals who do not present a risk to national security or public safety will be able to request temporary relief from deportation proceedings and apply for work authorization.” – President Barack Obama, June 15, 2012

After reading the above passage, respond to A, B, and C below:

1. Describe the presidential power exhibited in the announced policy.
2. In the context of the scenario, explain how the use of the power described in A can be affected by interactions between the president and Congress
3. In the context of the scenario, explain how the media can affect interaction between the president and Congress.

Key:

1. Executive Order
2. President could use the bully pulpit or state of the union message to promote the executive order. Congress could enact legislation supporting or opposing the action.
3. The media could be sympathetic to the cause pushing voters to support the legislation or vice versa.