I am writing to ask that the FCC deny the request of Sinclair Broadcasting to take over local news outlets. They appear to be forcing the local stations to disseminate dishonest statements. A recent case in point is that 200 stations have said that the children being separated from their parents at the Mexican border are not being housed in cages; there is lots of documentation of this, and the local stations are being forced to lie.

The two-minute spot that Sinclair was pushing on the stations concluded falsely that President Donald Trump;s executive order to end zero tolerance was “working to show that it is possible to balance humanity with security for our borders” . His administration unilaterally decided to implement this policy and caused all the commotion and horrors to the families, especially the children, but Sinclair pushes its stations to lie and say it is the fault of the Democrats. This segment is now part of the “must-run” lineup and only demonstrates the political nature of this organization that purports to be a news outlet. It has already aired in 18 states.

According to Media Matters and other sources I have seen, Sinclair is known for its history of [**injecting right-wing spin into local newscasts**](https://www.mediamatters.org/blog/2017/07/18/don-t-be-fooled-sinclair-trying-bring-fox-news-model-your-local-news-station/217296), most notably with these “must-run” segments. The segments have included blatant (and sometimes embarrassing) pro-Trump propaganda stories for more than a year now.

I keep up to the conventional news channels and newspapers, e.g. CNN, MSNBC, NY Times, Washington Post, Philadelphia Inquirer, and various on-line news organizations, and their reporting provides lots of documentation that things are not the way Sinclair is telling them.

I implore you to stop this blatant politicization and propaganda by limiting the control that Sinclair has over broadcasting. If we cannot keep the media honest, this country is doomed. It is the job of the FCC to promote honesty and integrity in the media that you control.

Thank you for your attention.

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