Sinclair Media produces “must-run” segments and distributes them to their news outlets. They are frequently far right propaganda pieces. During the election campaign last year, it sent out a package that suggested in part that voters should not support Hillary Clinton because the Democratic Party [was historically pro-slavery](http://circa.com/politics/election-2016/conservative-pastor-hopes-provocative-video-will-create-more-black-republicans)(1). More recently, Sinclair asked stations to run a short segment in which Scott Livingston, the company’s vice president for news,[accused the national news media](http://cwbaltimore.com/content-concerns) of publishing “fake news stories.”(2)

Propaganda, no matter the direction from which it comes, is bad for all of us. This takeover is a bad idea, and one that will result in a very small set of ideas being a majority of those heard by a very large number of people.

(1) <https://www.circa.com/story/2016/10/05/politics/this-bishop-is-challenging-the-notion-that-democrats-are-good-for-black-americans>

(2) <http://cwbaltimore.com/content-concerns>