The full implications of 17-108 are more ominous than what is generally stated here. At a time of extreme income inequality and political polarization 17-108 is an assault on our democratic values and institutions. As information flow becomes controlled by fewer corporations controlled by a powerful political and socioeconomic elite, 17-108 will bring our political, social, and economic "reality" increasingly in line with how the 1% wants us to understand that reality. 17-108 will mark yet another downward step towards complete oligarchy and hasten the decline of American democracy.