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Dear Sir or Madam:

I wish to register a complaint against **Sinclair Broadcast Group** for mandating biased political programming without offering balanced and opposing views.

In 2014, Sinclair purchased WJAR-TV Channel 10 in the greater Providence, RI, market. This station is the state's most popular television outlet. Sinclair, a rapidly growing media corporation, has mandated that WJAR-TV, along with other 174 local stations under their control, air decidedly pro-Trump, ultra conservative and Republican biased video segments during daily news programs. These editorials are delivered by Boris Epshteyn, a former Trump aide, and Mark Hyman, a former executive of the company. The content, sometimes blatant and other times subtle, is markedly one-sided. No opposing view is ever offered.

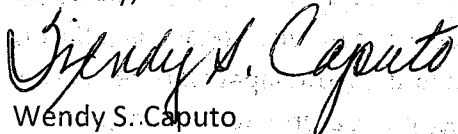
While, as owners, Sinclair, may have the right to publish and air their preferences, I feel that, in the public interest and to achieve what is fair and equally balanced, the corporation should be required to air editorials offering opposing views in conjunction with their mandate.

Numerous parties have vocalized similar complaints including Congressman David Cicilline, columnist Margaret Sullivan, HBO's John Oliver, and local actress Glória Crist. I, like many of my friends, have opted to boycott WJAR-TV. Fortunately, there are other local news outlets. However, this is hardly the solution. The better approach would be to demand that Sinclair either provide balanced political positions over the air or desist from forcing their one-sided opinions to the general public.

I do not know what the law permits in controlling television content, but would appreciate a response from the FCC.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Wendy S. Caputo