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Brian Wilcox (bwilcox@unl.edu) writes:

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Chairman Hundt,

Keeping fighting the good fight. I'll keep trying to persuade some of you Commission colleagues to join your effort to require a modest recognition of the public interest obligation broadcasters, as public trustees, have towards children.

Brian

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James P. Jackson (camt@sfsu.edu) writes:

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Chairman Hundt:

As an educator at San Francisco State University, I clear see the results of hours upon hours of television watching by students from all walks of life. Mores, attitudes, behavior, knowledge of current events, and much more is shaped by television programming. I have seen students entering into the University who can recite who the lead singer is for some rock group and they haven't the foggiest idea who either their Senator or Congressperson may be. If you ask them anything about the enterainment environment, they have that down in spades. Ask them current events and you can "forget it".

As you comments clear state, "Educational Television" can be a very strong and positive influence on today's youth. We clear see the influence both the film and the commerical television industry has by the continual increase in crime. It's sad when a movie star can make + 40 million dollars for film glorifying violence and "big bird" has to walk around with a begging bowl.

You ten myths clearly hit the nail right on "ye ole head". Keep it up.

Jim Jackson

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Kevin J. Wild (kwild@denitqm.mnet.uswest.com) writes:

As a father of four children, I am in total agreement with your position regarding educational programs over broadcast TV. I "expect" you and the commission to ensure that broadcast television does their part. I am apalled at the lack of educational TV available today and with the low quality of regular broadcast TV programs. Please help to communicate my thoughts to the broadcast TV industry. Thank-You.

Sincerely,
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Todd Kauffman (stoxrus@aol.com) writes:

Dear Sir:

It is up to the parents to have 'their' children watch educational TV, NOT government. When government gets involved in deciding what programs children should watch, we are falling down the 'slippery slope' of communism and socialism which have been proven not to work.

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Larry D. Sumner (lsumner@interserf.net) writes:

The education effects of TV are those of the short attention span and the entertaining. "Real" education is the result of many hours of hard work. The process is rarely fun but the benefits, results, and rewards make the process worthwhile. We have bought into the idea that education must be fun (i.e. entertaining). Much of what passes for education today is superficial at best. Universities are more interested in "training" people for jobs than in educating them for life. Training produces money, education produces uncertainty and questioning of authority in the business world as well as most of our other institutions. Exposure of large numbers of people to other experiences and cultures that would probably not be experienced otherwise is definitely an accomplishment of TV but on the whole I think that TV is largely irrelevant to education.

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Robert F. Goldman (bgoldman@microsys.net) writes:

I heartily concur in everything yur column said. All I want to know is why is it taking so long and what can be done about it. Commercial TV really is a "wasteland". Maybe a tradeoff of partial license fees against educational hours would attract some attention?
Regards from K6BD

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Mike Konshak (konshak@moore.mcae.stortek.com) writes:

I feel that the current trend in TV broadcasting is full of mindless drivel and becoming more pornographic each year. It's not that I am a prude but I am tired of the sitcom norm of oversexed single kids living together. Responsible adults are always shown to be stupid, too restrictive or too fuddy-duddy. Religion and preachers are always laughed at or are the villains in some plot. The big three liberal news media never give us what is really going on, just sensationalizes non-important issues or whinning self-proclaimed victims. I do not know who they are polling for their pat-me-on-the-back coverages, but it sure is not any of my associates. Of course, what are guys going to do, knowing that your boss (Hillary) can pull your pension at any time.

It's all crap, promotes socialism, and does not encourage anybody to take responsibility for themselves. I cannot let any children watch a "family" special because the ads and promo for other shows are filled with smut and violence. Who wants their kids to hear about safe sex during a Xmas story.

The first ammendment wasn't about sexual diversity and immoral perversion. It about freedom of religion and free speech for political immunity.

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Anyway, you asked... Merry CHRISTmas.

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Rebecca R Riston (riston@udel.edu) writes:

Mr. Chairman,

I think that your page on Myths was very interesting. I never thought about the idea that broadcasters are using the air-ways for free in exchange for serving the public. Maybe you should think about charging them money instead, since they aren't doing a very good job!

Becky

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Patricia M. Masciantoni (masciap@sy2000.ocps.k12.fl.us) writes:

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I agree wholeheartedly with the myths described above and wish there were more programs such as "Wishbone" and "Carmen Sandiego." Of course, "Sesame Street" has been a favorite for years. There is so much garbage on television, and it seems to continually proliferate. I don't find sassy children to be amusing (such as on "The Simpsons"), nor do I wish to watch the voyeuristic shows such as "COPS" and "Hard Copy." We usually just rent movies that we want to watch. Other than that, we tune into "Jeopardy," and my husband and son are "Star Trek" fans.

I certainly support your efforts for more QUALITY educational programming for children and teens. In addition, I would love to see these quality shows aired after school hours and in the early evenings.

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Susan R. Warren (suwarren@indiana.edu) writes:

I am writing a paper for my final. I chose the topic of violence on television and how it affects children. I will probably use you as a source. I think it is an important issue.

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M Elaine Briggs (cstbrigg@biddeford.com) writes:

I don't watch a lot of TV because of the poor quality of programming which is available. Our Public Station has some *excellent* educational programming but I haven't read about anything close to educational on the commercial stations. In fact, on the few times when I have observed what type of programming is on during the day, I am appalled.

Even the advertising is often demeaning - to women, to minorities, to the entire human race.

I don't understand the uproar about what *can* be found on the Internet when I see so much questionable material presented at all hours of the day on widely available commercial television.

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Dugal Easton (deaston@is.ssd.k12.wa.us) writes:

I agree wholeheartedly with your "top ten myths..."; the bandwidth allocated to television is much too valuable to let advertising revenues determine the content, especially when our children are a part of the population which doesn't have significant influence on product purchases.

Access to children's television must be mandated, as a percentage of total programming time and provided in a time-frame realistic for the anticipated viewing population.

If one measures the available violence, hatred, and negative influences shown on television against the positive influences, the result is an unfortunate comment on broadcaster's (if not viewers) values. Children need a more than equal amount of access to positive programming, and I hope you will initiate and support the very strongest regulations to bring about that opportunity.

My only regret is that there are so few "Jim Hensons" with the creativity to truly stimulate the very young viewer.

thank you for soliciting comments.

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Dominique Ravelo (DRAVELO) writes:

I support your efforts 100% and praise your determination in getting the job done! People should really understand the way t.v. poison our children minds. There is not enough time on t.v. dedicated to good children programming. The contents/quality of much of the programs is poor;kids get bored and change channels looking for more interesting things to see; that's when they learn things they should not.

I am sure my 6 yrs old daughter Alexandra will appreciate your efforts; and will make her a better child.

Thanks for your efforts Mr. Chairman, and count with my support!

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Bob Heise (bheise@mn.interact.net) writes:

I believe that TV is a great teaching tool that has not been used to a fraction of its potential. More educational matter could and should be presented to all age levels. My personal favorite television is the Discovery Channel and The Learning Channel. The programming found there is educational across a wide spectrum of interests and ages.

A note on you home page -- If pictures were excluded, it would take less time to access.

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Raymond C. Church (ae321@osfn.rhinet.gov) writes:

I fully agree that broadcasters should provide quality educational programming for children.

Broadcaster should also indicate on TV listings which programs are educational and which are violent.

Thank you.

Raymond C.I Church
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David Perrin (D_PERRIN@CONKNET.COM) writes:

We should protect the publics right NOT to be bombarded with smut, sex, and crude behavior on broadcast television.

Taking from the Communications act of '34 (or so) which proclaimed that the air waves were free for anyone to listen to; broadcasters who use the air waves might face a different, higher standard than cable viewers.

On the Amateur Radio front, I continue to feel that a knowledge of Morse code should continue to be a requirement for the higher classes of Amateur licenses allowing for world wide communication.

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Daryl Long (daryl.long@pko.mts.dec.com) writes:

I absolutely agree that television stations need oversight. The shifting of risque shows such as "Friends" to early time slots is sufficient evidence that these stations value sponsors' revenue over what proper values and ethics would indicate. ("Friends" is a fine show, but not for children.)

My own experience with a local station gives me additional cause for alarm. I reported a case of children's safety and welfare being compromised in the care of a major airline. The story was well-documented (by me) and verified by the station. Yet they chose not to air it, because the airline is a major sponsor. Does money buy the news? Who blows the whistle on the whistle blowers?????

TV stations have a public trust to support the values of the community and a responsibly report issues that relate to the public's safety and well-being. However, we see stations routinely ignoring their responsibilities in favor of profit.

I'm interested in how I can support your efforts. I'd also be interested in your views on how I should proceed with my story.

Thanx for listening,

Daryl Long

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Laurel Bowman (laurel_bowman@iqj.com) writes:

Dear Sir,
I do not believe in any type of governmental censorship of media, whether it be television, radio, or the Internet. When you implore the people of America not to sit on the sidelines, perhaps you should suggest they take parenting classes or learn how to turn off electronic devices. Furthermore, I think the Federal Communications Commission is a waste of my tax dollars: a babysitting service for an industry that is used as a babysitter. How ironic. This country has much bigger challenges to face than those met by your agency. Thank you for the opportunity to express my views, as if you care.

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Bill Moore (bmoore@engr.LaTech.edu) writes:

I favor clean, wholesome programming for children. In my opinion, obscene, pornographic, and excessively violent programming should be against the law. Because the Constitution guarantees a free press, it is wrong to impose requirements on the content of television programs other than to outlaw obscenity. The Constitution also prohibits the federal government from assuming powers not given specifically by the Constitution (10th amendment). For this reason,

I oppose federal control and regulation of programming content, other than to outlaw pornography and obscenity.

Parents should be given the power to regulate what their children watch. If a

"V-chip" would allow parents to arbitrarily block out any program, then I favor this. However, the parents should make that decision and not anyone else. Schools should not be required to have access to the Internet. That decision belongs to parents and schools.

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Donald J. Jung, Ph.D. (sdjjung@umslvma.umsl.edu) writes:

You ask for support in advocating that the FCC require "some percentage of the new programming will be devoted to public interest purposes such as educational programming and NONPARTISAN DEBATE OF POLITICAL ISSUES."

I wonder if nonpartisan debate is possible. Debate is by its nature partisan as are political issues. Trying to remove issues from their context destroys not only their relevancy, but also a necessary focus on the pragmatics of policy.

I believe it is better to let the representatives argue their own perspectives. Is the "market place of ideas" (which has been the buzz word since the 1980's) about leveling or about the dynamics of conflict?

Donald Jung, Assistant Professor
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Gary John Dewyn (GJFX91B @ Prodigy.com) writes:

I will agree with you, Mr. Chairman, that the Nation's television broadcasters should take on some Childrens programs. However, you should remember that commercial broadcasting entities are just that--commercial by nature. If it doesn't make money even an act of Congress won't get them to change. I think that "specialized" broadcast and cable outlets should be the way to go. More and more of the general interest media--newspapers, magazines and television--are losing readers and viewers, while niche or special-interest media are gaining.

I propose that the FCC, when back in business, encourage the development of cable and broadcast outlets specifically for the various age groups of children such as pre-school, elementary, jr. high, and high school. And, yes the Internet as well.

Great Web site, by the way. Thank you, Gary J. Dewyn, ARS KA6CAA

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Gary Sawtelle (garys@nysba.org) writes:

Hi folks,

I have been thinking for a long time or at least since my children were born, that in spite of the first amendment I feel there has to be some sort of limit to the violence and explicit sexual content seen on tv today. I personally would be willing to change the first amendment to limit this activity and also to hold newspapers liable for outright lies. I know I'm one in millions but I wanted to let you know that I prefer a conservative approach rather than 'anything goes' when it comes to what my children see and read. Thanks,

Gary Sawtelle
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