

The Patriots of the Revolution would be astounded that we have given up our 'independence of information coverage' by letting the majority of the news medias today be controled by so few. Even with few printing presses, there were many people making use of them, and therefore, many thoughts and ideas perculated to eventually form the ideals that drew this country together and became the basis for our Constitution and our Bill of Rights. The British, of course, afraid of free discourse, tried to close them all down, and many a new world man died so that those presses remained free to be used by the populace. It seems there are many powerful (wealthy) people today who are, like the British were, afraid of the ideas of the populace...and the news medias have been gobbled up by conglomerates, who then slant or perhaps 'filter' is a better term, the events of the day to suit their political, religious or idealogical agenda; there is very limited free discourse on the events and how they will affect our lives by the decissions our leaders make based on those events (or non-events, as news coverage has recently tried to make happen). Gone are the great journalist, who would report what they actually saw, regardless of pressure not to do so..Anyone who saw what went on in Washington during the inaguration, or during the recent anti-war demonstrations knows this, and by now, so do many others. When a country stops trusting (at least a little) the press that reports their 'news' , the ungluing of the country begins and I think history supports this theory. PLease, take these arguments into consideration as you approach redefining the guidelines for our medias. Can really afford more 'dumbing down' of our population than they have already thrust upon us, in more ways than one?