

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Dear FCC,

I urge you to preserve current media ownership rules and expand them. The quality of local TV and newspaper reporting on local and international issues is abysmal. For example, I have been trying to keep up with the evidence on weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The only place to obtain unbiased information on this from multiple perspectives is in foreign newspapers. As a result, I have stopped watching local news and I have stopped subscriptions to local newspapers. I am currently desperately seeking new U.S. sources of information on a multitude of issues but am not having any success in the mainstream media. We desperately need more diverse, rather than less diverse media, which would be the result of abandoning ownership rules. This is the only way to preserve U.S. style democracy which is in great danger!

Thank you for your time! -Andreas Schramm, Ph.D.