

From: clint kingsbety
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 3:20 PM
Subject: FCC deregulation of television

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Mr Powell,

I think to deregulate these types of media would lead to a wall of Propoganda brought upon the American people through these corporations. The American people have a right to know the news, and with the regulations lifted, this would lead an a bias in the media unseen even by todays standards. People would have an even less amount of "spin free" media to utilize, and this would yield a very puppet like citizenship. This was a method that was utilized by the Chinese and by the Nazi's. Is America going the same path?

Please Consider these sort of things in your decision.

A Proud American
Clint Kingsbery

San Antonio Texas

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From: Fran Holden
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 3:29 PM
Subject: Monopoly

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Subject: Media ownership...

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From: indngrmn@attbi.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 4:18 PM
Subject: Media Deregulation

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Dear Sirs,

I would like to think that the needs of the consumer would be of paramount consideration when reviewing the issues involved in deregulation of the media. I dont hold much hope of this happening if deregulation of the media is allowed to proceed.

A look back at other deregulation efforts will remind us that deregulation of the telephone industry was touted as being the first step to more competition and therefore greater customer oriented service. The reality of the situation was that deregulation led to higher prices, less than adequate customer service, lower quality products, and a definite shift from a customer oriented business focus. Other such deregulated industries led to similar dismal results when we were promised quite the opposite.

The media is the industry that keeps America informed and entertained. Regulation of that industry should, therefore, be heavy handed and constant. No corporation should be allowed to own multiple newspapers, TV stations, radio stations or anything else where a monopoly can be affected in any area. A monopoly of the media is how Hitler rose to power, how China stays in power and controls its citizens today, how illegal arrests and tortures can occur unchallenged for long periods of time in various parts of the world. Until now we in the United States have had a very open media that informed the American people of the good and bad in our country. This in turn helped keep this country and its would be radicals of the far right and left in check.

Deregulating the media will bring an end to that openness and fairness and lead to a controlled people. This would no doubt make the present administration and Chairman Michael Powell very happy but it would deny the very knowledge that we as a people want and demand.

So I am hoping the panel will support media restrictions already in place and even strengthen those restrictions with its decisions.

Sincerely,

Florence Wolff
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indngrmn@attbi.com

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"To announce that there must be no criticism of the president, or that **we are to** stand by the president right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public." -- Theodore Roosevelt

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps. KM KJMWEB. Commissioner Adelstein

From: Joniene Swick
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 4:56 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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Joniene Swick

From: Dana Clarke
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 6:12 PM
Subject: Media Consolidation

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As an ordinary citizen I am finding it difficult to get the information that I need to make a considered vote, as things stand now. I am concerned that the public's access to differing points of view will suffer even more if a single company is allowed to own all forms of news media in a region.

If "GE", for instance, owned all the papers, radio and TV stations in one area, what is the difference between that and complete Government control? "GE" could be in a position, to fully dictate the direction of public discussions, in essence becoming the power behind the Government. We will have arrived at the same system the Russians had - only through the back door. For instance, what would be the chances that a disaster at a "GE" plant would be reported, or should "GE" be investigated for say - accounting fraud - would they run the story? History indicates that the answer is probably not. If "GE" wanted certain terms for setting up a plant in the region, all the papers, radio and TV would come out in favor of it, without any significant argument to the contrary. What form of Government would that be and is that the form that you truly want for this country?

Please take these concerns into consideration

Sincerely

Dana Clarke

From: Juan Romano
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 6:32 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

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Juan Romano (jromano@nomadix.com) writes:

I urge you not to relax Media ownership rules. We need more, not less, regulation to prevent the extreme concentration of ownership which would result if this industry is further deregulated.

Thank you for your attention

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From: poppy8sd
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 8:38 PM
Subject: "hearing"

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----- Original Message -----

From: poppy8sd
To: Senator Feinstein
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2003 8:11 AM
Subject: FCC "hearing"

TO: Senator Dianne Feinstein
US Senate
Washington DC

FROM: --hard copy Reply not necessary
poppy8sd@dslextreme.com

Re: FCC "Hearing" --Feb 26, 2003

Wiping out the radio-TV-newspaper firewall --ALLOWING
single-ownership of MULTI media in a market is HIDEOUS

What right-wing "republicans," grotesquely greedy media owner creeps
and Colin Powell's lackey son propose to do with OUR airwaves
is WRONG; Immoral; UNacceptable.

HE is NOT using FCC to guard Americans' rights, but as
Cash Cow for his boss and his boss's check-writing buddies
I want them stopped. --Thinking Americans who want
to be INFORMED want it stopped.

This is Critical:

I urge you to take Whatever action possible to stop them

--If you are too swamped to take action or think this ISN'T
critical:

If the Greed-squad are allowed to own whatever type/quantity
media they want: How much coverage will YOUR next campaign
get --without ANY laws --if they are FREE to decide:

they ' "can't" send anyone' to report it

- 'cause they don't want to cover Democrats
- 'cause they don't like what you have to say...
- 'cause they ONLY want SOME news to "leak" out.

--If ALL Americans KNEW what those people are trying to pull at FCC "hearing" King George would see a LOT more than those multi-millions protesting his March into Baghdad --all screaming at him.

HOW are broadcast stations ALLOWED to shove MUCH MORE commercials into programs since January 2003 --Powell's son?

WHY are the greed-goons FREE to shove crap at CHILDREN?
Such disgusting perversion doesn't happen anywhere but here, Why

WHY WHY WHY are broadcast stations now ALLOWED to run commercials that last THIRTY minutes INSTEAD of PROGRAMS, since Bush ascended --Powell's son?

When will these people be stopped--After Prime-time programs are TEN minutes long, commercials take up TWENTY minutes?

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IF the GREED BOYS are allowed to own ALL the media in a single market and Bush decides to have another war--would Americans know it?

STOP FCC from ANY further Perversion or Pollution of the PUBLIC'S airwaves --NOW.

CC: George Bush
CC: Head of FCC --for now
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From: Bill Young
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu. Feb 27.2003 8:58 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

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Bill Young (tahay2000@aol.com) writes:

I am writing to you today to voice my concerns about what is happening in Radio, an industry I have served with pride and a degree of success during my career. My experience at the management level in radio was at KILT-Houston, WACO-Waco. KDOK-Tyler and KTRE-Lufkin. More recently, I have owned and operated a radio/television production company in Houston and moved my studios and many families to Sugar Land. I was inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame in October 2002, one of only 5 Program Managers to have received such recognition.

Radio should be given every opportunity to survive to serve the public. I recall a time when our audience could see a dark cloud in the sky and know that we, and most every other station in our market, would give them the latest weather warnings. School closings, road conditions, local traffic....these were the things that our audience counted on each day. The need for such information is even more critical today because of the recent directives from the Office of Homeland Security. One can imagine, as the OHS website Ready.Com advises, sitting in a duct-taped closet in an emergency, tuning our battery-operated radio only to find that every station in Houston is mostly owned by one operator who chooses to have virtually no local news staffs available...only a block of syndicated programs coming from who-knows where! There is too much truth to this possible scenario.

An former owner in Temple, Texas that once had five newsmen at his one station recently observed that Clear Channel, a company he says had broken me, now has one newsman serving five different local stations!

KFI in Los Angeles was 45 minutes late in reporting the recent major earthquake. Floods, storm conditions and other urgent news is not even reported on many of these stations today.

I am historically supportive of getting government out of the most of our lives and because of that, I have been generally supportive of deregulation. There are valid reasons however why ownership of entities that deliver news and information content must be not be dominated by only a few. Concentration of the power to deliver (control) the flow of information has enormous potential for abuse. To my knowledge, the recent Senate Commerce Committee hearings on this subject were not reported by any Houston radio stations. Wonder why?

The famed sociologist Marshall McLuhan once said...

Once we surrendered our senses and nervous systems to the private manipulation of those who would try to benefit from taking a lease on our eyes and ears and nerves, we don't really have any rights left.

Today's radio ignores these important responsibilities and has for the most part simply allowed local radio to echo the programming of satellite radio. Today's group owners also own their own programming houses and have networked to their stations nationwide. Payola, a crime that once sent DeeJays and Programmers to jail, has been creatively but blatantly renamed and openly practiced by major groups of radio owners. Control of the concert industry by the same people who own the radio stations that control radio play and the career success of the same concert artists it will book into the venues it controls is simply incredible. It makes one wonder what kind of freedom examples we must be to the rest of the world.

The comments of Clear Channel's head, Lowry Mays tells it all when he told Fortune magazine (2-18-03): "If anyone said we were in the radio business, it wouldn't be someone from our company, We're not in the business of providing news and information. We're not in the business of providing well-researched music. We're simply in the business of selling our customers products."

Read this again.. Mr. Mays could care less about NEWS AND INFORMATION on the 1225 radio stations he controls. Doesnt his use of public airwaves demand any responsibility?

In your role as one of this countrys most influential leaders, it is imperative that you understand the hidden consequences of the changes in the technologies with which you, the FCC. and Congress have endorsed and are again considering. It is most important that you are fully aware of what has taken place in radio to cut cost by owners who are not broadcasters, but bankers and lawyers only.

In public hearings, Montana's Senator Conrad Burns, another with broadcast credentials, was recently unaware that many studio's today are totally unmanned by a live person. He was corrected by Jim Bohannon of Westwood One who said even his company is controlled by dollars...not sense, by owners today.

Our FCC must become more aware of what has been allowed to happen since so-called deregulation has taken place. There is some hope, at a Senate Commerce Commission hearing recently, FCC Chairman Powell reportedly conveyed the message that he wasnt such a champion of deregulation **after** all. I am concerned about media concentration, particularly in radio," Powell told the committee. If this report is true, I only hope that you will use your influence to support this concern and return a degree of sanity and local service to this vital source of information.

Absolute power corrupts! It is one of the primary reasons so many Americans today feel that our elected officials have paid more attention to the mail from lobbyists than from the public.

Again, I ask that you use your Influence to do the right thing. And please do not provide my information to any political fund-raising efforts

Bill E. Young
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From: calvin phipps
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 9:16 PM
Subject: media concentration

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Dear sir,

I am very concerned with the movement to repeal media concentration policies of the past. Anyone who pays even a little attention knows that already there has been serious erosion of diversity in our news coverage in recent times.

It is telling that the ONLY individuals who want these regulations repealed are big Media and their proponents. Their logic is absurd and I urge you to continue to make this a public debate and keep these very necessary rules in place.

Regards,
CPhipps

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From: karen johnson
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu. Feb 27.2003 9:36 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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Sincerely,

Karen Johnson

From: David Frey
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2003 10:00 PM
Subject: Ownership rules

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Mr. Powell,

When I heard that you were considering relaxing the already-relaxed media ownership rules I really thought I was being told a joke---seriously!. Just turn on the radio on your way to work in Washington, and compare it to what you would have heard 20 years ago. The current ownership rules have created incredibly bland, "me-too" radio formats. The economies of scale present with multiple station ownership have not provided better news and public affairs coverage, as was originally promised during the initial rounds of ownership relaxation. Where can you hear music that **is** not pop, rap or hip-hop? While alternatives do exist in the internet and in print, we are talking about broadcast media here, and I have very few choices (without paying for XM) while driving in my car. It **is** obvious that relaxing the already-loosened ownership rules will just create more blandless, as the current ownership oligopolies become even larger. If anything, the pendulum already has swung too far; please move in the other direction and facilitate the sale of some stations to new ownership groups who can offer some fresh voices.

David Frey
Burtonsville, Maryland
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From: Don Wallace
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Feb 28, 2003 12:23 AM
Subject: Media Ownership

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Dear Mr. Copps,

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Please, for the love of god and all the works of man, do not change this rule.

Sincerely

Donald M. Wallace

From: Don Wallace
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, Feb 28, 2003 12:24 AM
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To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri. Feb 28 2003 12 53 AM
Subject: Media ownership concerns

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Eric Hathaway
Tucson, Az

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Tucson. Az

From: Judith Katz
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, Feb 28, 2003 1:21 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

Dear Commissioner:

One of the basic elements which help to keep the American media at least partially free and independent is the set of FCC regulations restricting consolidation and monopolies.

In the 2002 Biennial Review, the FCC appears to be planning to roll back many of these protective regulations: the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule, the National Broadcast Ownership Cap, the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the Duopoly Rule and the Dual Network Rule.

Relaxation or abandonment of the preceding rules will result in the purchase of local and independent newspapers and radio and television stations by large media giants. The cost to the American People and Democracy will be far too high if local news, reportorial freedom and access to a true variety of legitimate views are further compromised.

Commissioner, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

Judith L. Katz
P.O. Box 617511
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From: A Woodward
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Feb 28. 2003 9 58 AM
Subject: FCC media consolidation

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**** Confidential ****

Dear Mr Powell,

Media diversity is a must in a free society. You have a high responsibility to lead within the system. I hope and trust that FCC will reverse the trend toward media consolidation. I understand that ownership of the major media lies with under 10 corporations, perhaps under 5. Communication scholar *Robert McChesney* is one source, Bagdikian another. Please act to reduce cross-ownership among stations. U.S journalism is a disgrace, thanks to the weakening of it by regulations lobbied for by media industry under influence of corporate advertising. I speak as a youth organizer who works daily to educate young people on what is really going on in the world.

Ayshe Woodward

Ayshe Woodward
HIV Prevention Youth Needs Assessment Coordinator
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From: Peter Adams
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri. Feb 28, 2003 10:24 AM
Subject: Broadcast ownership

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There hasn't been much in the news about changing the rules on broadcast ownership. I wonder why. Guess who would benefit... the people who already own the news.

As a member of the public, I am aghast at the possibility of removing all rules on the ownership of media. That is **so** dangerous for our democracy. You are public servants. Please serve **us** and the Constitution not the big-spending lobbyists. We do not need to create a monopoly on information.

Arlene Williams
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Sparks, NV 89432

From: Amy Hayden
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri. Feb 28, 2003 1:49 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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Amy L. Hayden

From: Lacey Cundiff
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Feb 28, 2003 2:11 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

Lacey Cundiff
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