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What's generally missing from this debate are 3 major issues that drive the media today in directions against the public interest.

1. Flawed rating services.
2. Big National Corp. money politics
3. FCC commission members with related corp investment conflict of interests, regardless of temporary Trust management.

The rating services drive the market but they ~~seem to~~ lack the one demographic that would expose their bias, or agenda, if you will. That's the political affiliation of the raters. That explains how, in cities or regions with predominant Democrat voters all the talk radio is from Right-of-center, to far Right of center, and anti-Democrat. If there is a Democrat allowed on the airwaves their always Democrats with a little "d" and Big Money Establishment apologists. All of them defend the media as though their lives depend on it, and, of course,

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their [illegible] the [illegible] dominating all of the airways, brain washing sets in if you don't seek out the tiny vestiges of alternative media such as KBCS offers, and KEXP from 6AM to 9AM on Saturday and Sunday morning when most are sleeping.

By the way, the few liberal voices on the public airwaves are only on after bedtime hours. All this overwhelming political bias and propaganda is justified by ratings from raters whose political demographics we can only guess at. Obviously they're mostly Republicans. My view is that's accomplished by paying so little renumeration. You get what you pay for.

The influence of Big Money is obvious. They're first, if not only, priority is profits, best realized thru govt FCC control and Republican political support.

The conflict of interest, where in the FCC chairman has major investments with

Corporate media owners, is also equally obvious, regardless of trust management. There clearly should be no conflict of interests on any government oversight commission.

You cant have a democracy with a corp. controlled Right wing biased media, and predictably we no longer do.

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PS The idea put forward by Michael Powell That we dont need diversified public airwaves because we have the less accessible internet in 50% of our homes is so stupid and dishonest it is not deserving of comment.