

If anything, I believe the rules should be more, not less strict, regarding media ownership. As a concerned citizen with no vested interest in any form of media, although obviously on the receiving end of many forms of print and broadcast, I feel strongly that the FCC should not relax or eliminate the current rules regarding media ownership. I feel that relaxing these rules will make it immeasurably more difficult for local communities to work for and address the needs of their own populations. This is a time when we desperately need communities to pull together. When people feel that everything around them is run by indifferent national corporate media giants, a feeling of futility, rather than empowerment and motivation takes over. I don't think that this is the feeling we want American citizens to have, especially during difficult times. America is about people feeling they have a voice, and that their voice counts, and that there is a medium for them to express that voice and do their part to make a difference in their community, regardless of their personal material wealth. That is what makes living in a democracy a great way of life. This is supposed to be a government "by the people, for the people", not "by the few people, for the few people". The FCC is needed to control monopolies for a reason. Thank you.