

Digital television remains an inordinately expensive luxury unavailable to prudent consumers because of its high cost and marginal, if any, benefits. Conversion to digital television should be actively discouraged until the technology matures and realistic format(s) are available at receivers sold for costs no greater than analog sets. In other words, the economic risks should be borne entirely by those who seek to profit from the use of a public resource (the broadcast spectrum) and not by consumers. The recent tendency to get this backwards is contrary to the public interest.