

The FCC should delay the June 2 hearing to permit more public comment, and should not relax the current rules governing cross-ownership of media.

If the rules are relaxed, huge corporations will buy up more and more media outlets: television stations, cable networks, radio stations, and newspapers. And now that all those outlets are online, further consolidation of the media will mean that even the Internet will not be immune from media conglomerate control.

AOL-Time Warner, Rupert Murdoch, and GE are just three examples of businesses and individuals interested in monopolizing our sources of news, information, and entertainment. To have a system which allows consolidation of media in just a few corporate hands will mean the loss of the freedoms of speech and assembly our forefathers fought so hard to gain. Information is power, and if the control of information is concentrated in fewer hands, power will devolve from the People to big corporations even further than it already has.