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Dear Commission

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Please respect the currently proposed changes regarding ownership of media outlets. By allowing large media corporations to own many television and radio stations as well as newspapers greatly diminishes the diversity of view and the potential of local perspectives in the media.

Such changes require open debate and clear understanding of their impact. The actual proposals have still not been released to the public, yet a vote is scheduled in 2 weeks.

Please during the June 2nd vote to call for public debate. There is no precedent for this.

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To the Federal Communications Commission
Commissioners:

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I urge you to reject the currently proposed changes easing the regulations of ownership of media outlets.

Allowing the handful of large media corporations to own so many individual television stations, radio stations and newspapers in a single market, all across the country, greatly threatens the diversity of views and the presence of local perspectives in the media.

I feel that it's very important to have an open public debate on these issues so that their impact can be clearly explored and understood. Obviously, this debate should take place before the FCC votes on this issue. If it is not possible to do this before the scheduled June 2 vote date, the vote should be delayed until it is possible to hold the debate beforehand.

Sincerely,

Shauna Haines

Ms. Shauna L. Haines
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To the Federal Communications Commission

I strongly urge you to reject the currently proposed changes regulating ownership of media outlets. By allowing large media corporations to own many television stations, as well as newspapers + radio stations in a ~~single~~ single market greatly threatens the diversity of views + the presence of local perspective in the media.

Such changes require an open debate + clear understanding of their impact. The actual proposals have still not been released to the public, yet a vote is scheduled in two weeks. This is unfair to the public, which will have very little opportunity for input.

You must delay the June 2nd vote to allow for public debate on this very important decision which will affect us all for many years to come. This is past precedent for allowing such a delay if there is a substantive reason. Clearly, the public interest is a compelling reason.

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Democracy

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... thank a teacher!

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FCC Members: 0227

I am against the
clumsy way with the current
restrictions on the number of
television stations, cable stations,
radio stations, newspapers
and Internet servers.

We know that the last
time the FCC deregulated radio,
it ended up with three com-
panies owning half the radio
stations in America.

We also know of all the
mergers that have taken place
recently.

We have some newspapers
buying television & radio
stations & if there is any
loosening of regulations, the



Liberty Association of Christian Teachers

If you can read this ...

...thank a teacher!

my (emphatic) will get
even bigger!

I love this country!

but recently little by

little see freedom are

being taken away. It

hasn't affected me

personally - yet!

I want to know

what all the money

not just what ~~some~~

other people want

me to know:

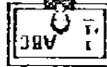
Please don't let them

be taking away my

most important freedom.

William W. Harris, D.D.

Liberty Association of Christian Teachers



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Mr. Cooper



Do you think that these
incoherent people who
are ignorant of the fact
that taking the Second
Amendment and the Gun
Rights of honest law
abiding, freedom-loving
Americans might start
another
Civil War??

These people and All
Americans should read

Mr. La Pierre Book
Guns Freedom
and Terrorism



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Thank you
Don Walsh

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THANK YOU

Most sincerely,

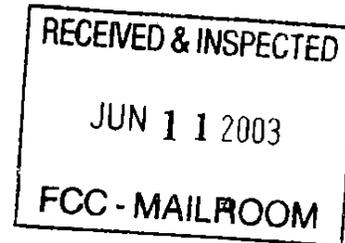
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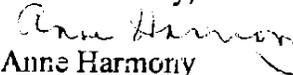
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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Powell:

I am appalled that the FCC would consider changing the rules that prohibit monopoly ownership of media sources. Without a free and balanced media, democracy in America would not survive.

We have already sacrificed enough of our freedoms in the name of fear. Let's not sacrifice more in the name of greed.

Please retain the rules prohibiting monopoly ownership of the media!

I note that all sides of the political universe are protesting this action. Even the National Rifle Association is opposed to these changes, fearing that the "liberal" media will take over media sources.

Very truly yours,



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Dear madam:

You have asked for public comment on the "Broadcast Ownership Rules", presently under debate.

I urge you not to relax these rules.

It is essential that we have available a free press that offers a diverse presentation of the news. Putting the power of the press in a few concentrated media conglomerates's control would seriously restrict the freedom of the press we guard so carefully.

Thank you for your attention to my request.

Sincerely yours,



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Most sincerely,

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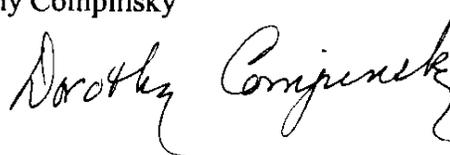
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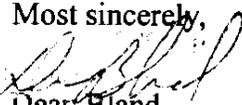
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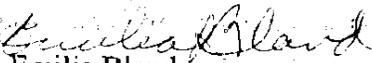
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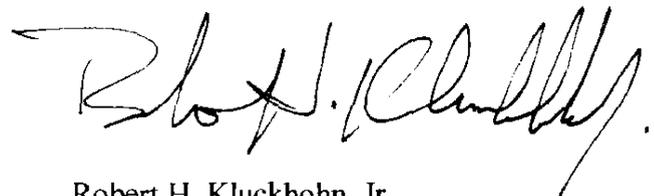
Dear Mr. Martin:

It is very disturbing that so much of the printed and electronic media has fallen into the possession of a few people. That is entirely counter to the fundamental principles of our Republic and needs to be addressed, just as the telephone monopoly was.

The free interplay of ideas is the very heart of a democratic republic. More owners are needed for our media, not fewer. The fewer the owners, the fewer the ideas. That is inevitable and cannot be prevented by well-meaning regulations which can – and will – be overlooked or waived..

I well remember a time when the media were expected and required to provide community and public service with equal time for all parties. That has been squelched. Are we to be the future prisoners of a few individuals or organizations who control what we read, see and hear? We just concluded a bloody but successful war to eliminate a foreign dictator of that sort. Must we have a civil war for the same goal at home, or will you do your duty?

Sincerely yours,



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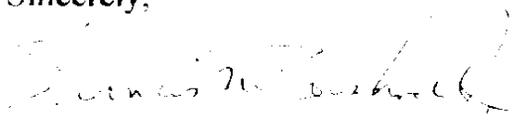
Dear Mr. Powell,

OPPOSITION TO RELAXING BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES

Current broadcast ownership rules protect an element of American society that is so essential to our freedom: the communication of diverse ideas. Please do not relax the existing rules. Currently, the broadcast media already has too much strength in controlling information. Over the years, they have shown their proclivity for keeping opposing viewpoints off the air. I attach an opinion piece from the October 5, 1989, Wall Street Journal that reflects that intentional control even years ago.

Any further relaxation would add monopolistic strength to that idea control. You have the ability to prevent it. I ask you to please do so.

Sincerely,



Francis M. Bushnell, Jr.

Attachment

the use of force, and so after Vietnam, and so after Vietnam, amendments and Iran—why have a \$300 billion? The CIA hasn't money for covert ac—raises doubts about seriousness, but this one is covert. Weakest of all is that the Panama—d object to U.S. inter—ve been signaling the danger against Noriega.

But Baker said yesterday that it is not rule out future events uncovered by the President didn't seem so. But there are better opportunities that presented itself in Noriega's young offi—uck him out.

But the loopaholics on this night binge. The fact is at this point the Demo—p still needs some—e on the tax issue to stave off last week's debacle in an attempt to think of no better alternative currently on the table—gains cut. But what is the model that's being pushed—supported plan—r, longer lasting and

blueprint: a 15% cap—instead of the House average for all assets; permanent and index. Democrats would break from their past in the hands of the special fashion themselves for the party of redistrib—e party of aspiration. There could no doubt strike bells of the party as their tastes, but it is all on economic issues

As long as the Soviet economy was completely controlled at the center, the absence of a real money market merely caused a gradual decline in efficiency of your economy relative to the Western market economies. Now that you have decided to move toward growth and competitiveness with the West, opening up market opportunities

In advising the U.S.S.R.? For one thing, I believe gold and other commodity-price signals have become much more important to U.S. policy making in recent years, as we have experienced inflation pains under a floating exchange-rate system. Gold, after all, remains the most monetary of all commodi—

expect the Soviet Union could step to the front of the line in seeking credit at the lowest possible interest rate. I would bet such bonds would be snapped up around 3%, which would be the lowest governmental interest rate on earth, including Japan's. As markets gain experience with Soviet gold-backed bonds, interest on the

questions of implementing market-oriented reforms leading to the role of prices in allocating resources will have to advise that your monetary stabilization is likely to result in errors on the

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Journalists and Others for Saving the Planet

By DAVID BROOKS

At a recent environmental conference, Charles Alexander declared, "As the science editor at Time I would freely admit that on this issue we have crossed the boundary from news reporting to advocacy." After a round of applause from the gathered journalists and scientists, NBC correspondent Andrea Mitchell told the audience that "clearly the networks have made that decision now, where you'd have to call it advocacy."

At that point Washington Post editor Benjamin Bradlee chimed in, saying "I don't think there's any danger in doing what you suggest. There's a minor danger in saying it because as soon as you say, 'To hell with the news. I'm no longer interested in news, I'm interested in causes,' you've got a whole kooky constituency to respond to, which you can waste a lot of time on."

Mr. Bradlee is right. Probably a lot of "kooks" believe in objective journalism. But why shouldn't reporters lose their self-discipline when discussing the environment? Practically everybody else has.

Somewhat the idea has gotten around that the environment isn't a normal political issue, but a quasi-religious crusade. As a result, public discussion of the environment has been about as rigorous as one expects from a jihad.

The shortcomings of advocacy were very much in evidence at the recent environmental conference, sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution. Held in the original museum buildings that celebrate the achievements of the Industrial Revolution, the meeting addressed the topic, "The Global Environment: Are We Overreacting?" Every other time I have been to a

conference organized around a question, there have been speakers on both sides. But not this time. Through the entire conference, not a single disagreement deflected the steady breeze of alarmism.

Perpetual apocalyptics such as Lester Brown and Paul Ehrlich rattled off their anthems of doom (just as Rolling Stones rock through the tunes they originated 20 years ago). Speakers and panels moved briskly on and off the podium: an acid rain crisis, a toxics crisis, a famine crisis, a population crisis. The result was a smorgasbord of apocalypse.

On the subject of global warming, a frisky environmental policy analyst named Stephen H. Schneider presented the gloom and doom side of the global-warming debate. A number of scientists are more skeptical about global warming, such as Hugh W. Elsasser of the Livermore National Laboratory, Reid Bryson of the University of Wisconsin, Richard Lindzen of MIT, V. Ramathan of the University of Chicago and Andrew Solow of the Woods Hole Institute of Oceanography. But they were not to be heard from.

The same sort of stage-managing prevailed among journalist speakers. Barbara Pyle, who is the head of Turner Broadcasting's International Documentary Unit, and who lists herself in her bio as an "internationally recognized environmental activist," appeared on a panel. Many reporters do not see the rules of objective journalism as obstacles to social progress. But they were not to be heard from.

The conference was co-chaired by the CEOs of ABC, NBC, CBS, Turner Broadcasting, Time Warner and the Los Angeles Times, the director of the New York Times and senior officers of other media institu—

tions (Dow Jones wasn't involved). Apparently none of these journalistic companies insisted upon diversity of opinion.

Several of the alarmist presentations were persuasive. For example, Susan Solomon of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration spoke intelligently on ozone depletion. Edward O. Wilson was compelling on "Biological Diversity: The Extinction Crisis." But enlightenment was beside the point. The scientists were limited to 10 minutes, enough time to recite a few familiar facts and sum up with a grandiloquent plea for action (if you can't stand purple prose, don't go to an environmental conference).

Thomas Lovejoy, a tropical biologist who organized this conference, delivered a summary in which he eloquently encouraged the idea that we are in a planetary crisis. "The planet is about to break out with fever, and indeed it may have already," he said, "and we are the disease." Mr. Lovejoy's views are so chic he is puffed in the current issue of GQ.

What to do? George Woodwell, director of Woods Hole Research Center, argued that the world must phase out the use of fossil fuels. Ruth Patrick of the Academy of Natural Sciences said that mankind must do nothing less than "rethink our way of life." Mr. Lovejoy suggested that "we should be at war with ourselves and with our life styles." The anti-growth contingent also made its presence felt. Mr. Ehrlich declared, "We've already had too much economic growth in the United States. . . . Economic growth in rich countries like ours is the disease, not the cure."

These sorts of prescriptions made me think I should have done something violent

to the limos that were idling outside the conference dinner Friday night. Other than that, the conference offered no constructive prescriptions. Not too many politicians are going to go before their constituents and renounce economic growth.

A number of the people in attendance have in the past advocated politically realistic environmental proposals. But none of them rose to challenge the radicals, not even Sens. Timothy Wirth (D., Colo.) and John Heinz (R., Pa.), who sat as guardians at either end of the panels.

Here and elsewhere in the environmental debate, a form of Gresham's Law prevails. Apocalyptic predictions crowd out skeptical appraisals. Rabble-rousing eloquence crowds out measured discussion. Politically absurd cries for a Reformation of Human Society intermingle with politically realistic ideas.

The reporters who become advocates seem to think they are doing the environment a favor, but it is hard to see how. Because there has been so little critical scrutiny, the politically mainstream environmentalists don't feel compelled to separate themselves from the Greens who think human progress should have stopped in the 18th century.

Nobody seems to feel compelled to set some priorities, and declare that X environmental problem needs to be addressed before Y. Much of the political right feels spooked about environmental issues because it perceives all environmentalism to be corrupted by socialist command and controllers.

Just when it seems someone is about to get somewhere with intelligent environmentalism, 10 other people mount podiums and declare humanity a disease on the face of the earth.

Mr. Brooks is a Journal editorial writer.

Hollywood, You Slay Me

By ROBERT H. KNIGHT

who fall in love, innocent folks are once

kick. That's all.

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Dear Sir

I write as a former Republican relative to the recent relaxation of rules regarding media ownership.

I saw you being interviewed by George Stepanopoulos and must say you smoothly evaded most of the questions, but being observed American politics & business for most of my 79 yrs, deregulation is not the answer to everything.

Please reconsider what you have done.

Sincerely,
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Dear Mr. Powell;

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I understand you as a member and the commission as a whole are being pressured to change or modify the broadcast media ownership rules so as to allow a veritable monopoly of radio and television news across the nation. Please be informed that I and, I believe, the majority of concerned Americans are solidly against any such action. We as citizens of this country deserve and should expect a broad range of views be allowed to be broadcast to the public. There are already too many newscasters that offer the opinions of their employers rather than simply the news. The public should be allowed to form their own conclusions instead of having their ideological and political views spoon fed to them. Diverse points of view are needed and large corporate owners don't let dissenting opinions air.

Thank you very much for your time. I hope you will take this letter in the spirit in which it is offered, to let you know how the voting public feels about such an important issue.

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Dear Members of the FCC,

Broken down, the word 'democracy' means "people (demo) rule." Across America people of all political backgrounds are united on one front: opposition to increased media ownership in a single community. Unfortunately, the people and thus democracy was compromised when Michael Powell and the two other supporting commissioners pledged allegiance to Corporate America.

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Diversity in the media is one of many aspects of American civil life that makes America the greatest nation ever to grace the Earth. In order to keep America great, its citizens must have more than one news sources in their respective communities. Please re-instate the old laws and make sure the two dissenting commissioners keep their jobs.

Sincerely,
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