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I see the issue of broadcast flags as yet another in a long line of attempts to control the free flow of information. Only through the availability of information are we able to make informed choices. By regulation of information one institutes a form of control. Thus I feel it is my duty to stand against this method of control which I would not inflict on anyone. Broadcast flags were not conceived by the general public as a means to help gain information, but by a vested interest to limit the actions of the public to do what they will with information freely offered to them.

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Christopher Lyndon Crowson

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The broadcast flag is neither in my interest nor the public's interest. It will prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place.

The broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorite shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends.

Furthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts.

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