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COMMENT:

Isn't there a correlation  
between "that government  
which governs least governs best"  
and the monied takeover of  
air waves in question? Media is  
manipulative in this milenia.  
Thoreau and Emerson lecturers  
are lacking in our fresh midst,  
and an independent way of life  
vanished in the mist.

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7/21/04 FCC STATEMENT: By Howell Hurst, 310-924-1026, [halhurst@earthlink.net](mailto:halhurst@earthlink.net) .

My name is Howell Hurst. I am a graduate of the Defense Language Institute, a former Captain of U.S. Army Intelligence, a long-time marketing consultant, and a published free-lance writer of thirty years. Being allowed only two minutes to speak, I cannot present a substantive statement. Your rule effectively prevents this.

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Some of us in America have developed a suspicion, which we state neither as opinion nor fact, that it is possible, at least conceptually, that some of our Presidents, Senators, Representatives, and federal civil servants could be construed to have been, or to be, in financial collusion with the highest multi-national American corporate interests - a major portion of whose holdings are the military industrial complex, the oil industry, and the controlling media of the country: our media, that media which legally belongs to us, the citizens of the United States.

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This suspicion indicates only our frame of mind as we observe American corporate presidents taking multi-million dollar salaries while financing most political campaigns, whether democrat or republican; while exporting our jobs out of the country; while massively profiting from various worldwide wars; while controlling the mining, manufacturing, distribution, wholesale and retail sales, and advertising of nearly all products and services sold to us on their [pardon me: our] media.

Should proof of such suspicions ever be unearthed, we citizens, as the sole legal source of legitimate governmental authority, have a sacred obligation to deal with such Constitutional violations of contract between our government and us. When it is clear we are being taken for fools, we arise, we organize, and we fight for what is legally ours. And we win. We will always win.

To finish, let me quote the famous broadcast journalist, Edward R. Murrow, who once said, "A citizen of a republic may not abdicate his responsibility."

We are here to remind you of this. You work for us. You do not work for the corporations. If you do not bring this insidious media monopoly under control, we American citizens will find a way to bring it under control.

This is a responsibility we will never abdicate.

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July 26, 2004

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- COMMENT: Thomas Jefferson stated a free press is absolutely necessary for a democracy to work. An oligopoly of media intrudes on a free market economy. Mega corporations only care about the bottomline and political power.
- If the airways are owned by the people, why do we have such limited views and topics of coverage during news programs.
  - For Clear Channel to control thousands of radio, TV and billboards across the country endangers the freedom of thought and democracy. As reported repeatedly a PEW survey found 70% of Fox TV News viewers do not know the truth about why we are at war. An ignorant, ill-informed electorate endangers the United States as much or more than outside terrorists.
  - I get my newspaper news from Democracy Now through a local public access TV Channel - a program provided - funded by a local individual and through a local listener supported radio channel, and a PBS Channel showing BBC News. I do not trust the information I see & hear on network and some cable news programs.
  - Roll back ownership limits and require divestiture. Enforce antitrust laws. Clear Channel owns 2/3 local TV channels on the Monterey Peninsula / Salinas

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COMMENT:

We have a situation where artists are deprived of venues as a result of comments which did not agree with the opinions of owners of these venues.

NPR is being pressured to include more ideas of the "right", which are amply (& exclusively) expressed on the mass media. Progressives & liberals are not invited to express their own views on local & world events. (Others try to guess on the air what they "might think").

This pattern leads to, & is tantamount to, DICTATORSHIP - TYRANNY - AUTOCRACY (TASS, Pravda). We are close to losing our democracy altogether, not in small part due to FCC actions & non-actions.

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FROM: JAY DANCING BEAR

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DATE: JULY 21, 2004

RE: RM-10803

COMMENT: ONE MEETING FOR THE ENTIRE WEST COAST?!  
THAT IN ITSELF IS A CLEAR STATEMENT  
THAT YOU DO NOT WISH TO HEAR THE PUBLIC. THIS  
MAKES A MOCKERY OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.  
SHAME.

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*from Monterey*  
I am Mark Poehner, father of three pre-teen children. I teach elementary school kids.

Like three million other Colombians, I live in exile from the country where I was reared. The US and Colombian governments are waging war there.

My children ask me, "Pappi, when can we go to your farm?" I try to explain that the guerrillas mined it with US-made explosives, and that American paramilitaries contracted by Dyncorp here in Monterey work with the army and paramilitaries to keep out human rights advocates like me.

Like thousands of South Americans in the Greater Salinas-Monterey Bay Area, I NEVER see my nation and cultures positively represented on TV or radio. Half of my Colombian friends tell me that they hide the fact that they are Colombian due to the villainous caricature the media portray of our 47 million people.

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From my own research, here's a local story:

*including Telemundo*  
Part of \$3.5 BILLION tax dollars vested on Plan Colombia is spent in **Monterey** on mercenary contractors. Local media neglect to cover this story, while it is debated in Congress this week. *Maybe they don't want to uncover their advertisers' claws to the public?*

Instead, FOX and KION propagandize about the deficiencies of public institutions, such as our schools—a partisan agenda—averting investigation of the tax and property politics that created and exacerbate the economics that has shattered the future of my students.

These Machiavellian corporations advocate school and teacher accountability.  
**It's time for MEDIA ACCOUNTABILITY!**

I am compelled to teach students to read between the lines of broadcast blabber, and to research on their own what is of value to themselves.

For example, would someone tell us how many of these kids are in Iraq, Afghanistan and Colombia—**before** they get killed or dismembered?

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**Create** a media report card to be filled out by a minimum number of market residents. This report card, graded yearly, should reflect journalistic standards of fair coverage, diversity and localism. If broadcasters don't show a 20% improvement in coverage each of three consecutive years, their licenses **get revoked**.

They're starting today with an "F."

5 WAYS ~~HOW~~ to get localism in FM Radio

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① Reduce all FM Stations to 100 watts ERP  
Lower towers to 100' above average terrain  
& require transmitter locations to be  
in the center of the community they  
serve. ALL FM

② Require ~~FM~~ licensing to be made available  
~~paid~~ to any & all applicants every 3 years.  
First priority would go to Non Paid -  
All volunteer, community radio collective  
& non-profit organizations <sup>without paid staff</sup> that agree  
to NOT broadcast the names of sponsors  
& underwriters on the air.

Second priority to other non-profits  
that have paid staff or who announce  
supporters & underwriters names on the  
air -

Lastly - for-profit stations.

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- Advise the Commission on legislative recommendations to Congress that would strengthen localism.

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**Notice of Inquiry.** In September, the staff will deliver to the Commissioners a proposed Notice of Inquiry (NOI) on localism. This NOI will operate in parallel with the work of the Localism Task Force. The NOI will seek comment on a wide range of FCC rules and procedures aimed at promoting localism. The NOI will ask, among other things, whether various localism-based rules continue to work effectively and whether they should be changed or supplemented.

The inquiry is expected to address such longstanding areas as license renewals and network-affiliate rules as well as newer localism issues such as "voice tracking" on radio. The record developed from this NOI, in conjunction with the research of the Localism Task Force, will provide the Commission with a sound basis on which to comprehensively advance localism on broadcast television and radio.

③ Limit station ownership to 1 FM Licensor.  
Any one who owns a TV station, newspaper,  
cable operation, or other media or any  
corporation be prohibited from FM ownership.

~~④~~ Require that FM stations be owned  
& run by local residents.

④ Require 30 hours of locally originated  
programming per day - everyday.

⑤ Require stations to air programs  
created by community members & give  
extensive free & equal access to all candidates  
in ~~local~~ elections.

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To further assist members of the public in participating in the Monterey hearing, the Task Force has also prepared two background documents, the attached fact sheet about broadcast localism, and a list of five questions that the public might consider as they listen to the hearing and formulate their remarks. This background material will also be included in the public packets provided to all who attend the hearing.

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For additional information about the hearing or the Localism Task Force, please visit the Task Force's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/localism>, or contact the Task Force directly at 202-418-7777, or at [localism@fcc.gov](mailto:localism@fcc.gov). Press inquiries should be directed to Richard Diamond at 202-418-0506, or Meribeth McCarrick at 202-418-0654.

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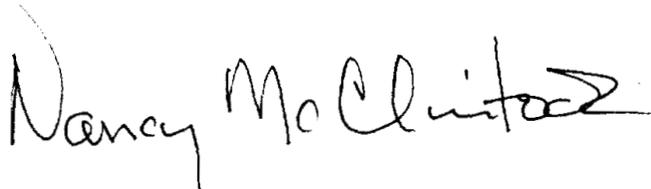
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The FCC Localism Task Force  
Monterey, California  
July 21, 2004

Welcome to the Monterey Peninsula where citizens must be able to receive signals from PBS, Pacifica, a few NPR station programs and BBC in order to get first-hand information from investigative reporters on issues and actions vital to our survival. I speak of such crucial concerns as access to health care, affordable housing, care of the homeless, care of the elderly, the state of the physical and political infrastructure, changes in educational procedures, protection of the environment, our civil rights, i.e.: what is being done in our name with our tax dollars, our natural resources and our very lives.

We implore you to take extra care in protecting these valuable resources so that we truly have access to immediate news alternatives to the limited party line. We can make our own decisions as to what is good for us and our world only if we are allowed access to all sides of issues, indeed, access to the issues themselves.

Thank you for your consideration,



Nancy McClintock,  
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A Statement to the Federal Communication Commission Task Force on Localism  
Respectfully submitted by Rev. Forrest Gilmore  
July 21, 2004, Monterey, CA

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

As a Unitarian Universalist minister, I speak to you today as a representative of a historic faith, the faith of the founders of our nation, the faith of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Ben Franklin, a faith that affirms that God lives in each and every heart, that the holy is within all of us... This basic and simple faith influenced the creators of our nation, where they recognized that every person deserves a voice and a vote, where the ethic of equality was meant to stand above the might of money.

And yet somewhere along the journey, our great nation strayed from the path of our principles. The wealthy now control much if not most of our government and our media. This is not some great revelation. We all know it. It saddens me to have learned that employees of a certain media conglomerate were ordered while on the job to wait in line on Monday afternoon and take away FCC tickets from we, the people. This is a forum about localism and yet one of the biggest forces in corporate control of the media has attempted to buy us out once again. They have enough influence behind closed doors. They need to be out in the open now, too?

As a person of faith, I call on the Federal Communication Commission to get the wealthy out of our broadcasting. It is time to bring reason and compassion back into the political sphere... And we must begin by bring reason and compassion back to the media of our country.

The hate speech of right wing radio and Fox News angers so many whether one is on the right or the left. And this anger is quite effectively polarizing people... we are a nation split in two. The middle is nowhere to be found. When such polarizing anger takes over, the influence of reason and compassion is slowly wiped away... We become a nation of good versus evil, with everyone thinking they are on the right side. Such polarization must come to an end or a dangerous future awaits us.

I call on the Federal Communications Commission to do two things.

First, reduce the amount of media ownership that a particular corporation can possess. Remember, the people own the airwaves... they are held in public trust. Our airwaves are not owned by the wealthy, despite how the FCC has chosen to make its rules.

Second, bring back the fairness doctrine to broadcasting. The fairness doctrine was an FCC rule that required the media to be fair and balanced in their coverage, unlike what we have seen with Fox and Clear Channel. We have only seen the rise of the hate-filled media since the removal of the fairness doctrine, beginning 20 years ago.

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**What is the Public Interest?** Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

By David J. Dilworth 2002-2004

At an April 2002 County Planning Commission General Plan Update hearing, Nancy Isakson, a Monterey Peninsula business lobbyist, after stating she was hired to represent Salinas Valley Business interests - claimed she was working in the "public interest."

What do you think of that? Can someone be advocating for profit be representing the public interest?

Is it about -

- the financial wealth of the greedy, or
- the human health of the needy?

In my opinion, while it may be possible to represent profits and the public interest, it occurs extremely rarely and certainly not in the case described above.

- The public interest is not about financial gain for a few.

**The public interest is the exact opposite of  
Personal or business financial gain.**

**Public Interest defined --**

Benefiting the general public, a large class of persons or the natural world. Not something which only benefits a small number of people at the expense of the general public or our environment.

**The public interest is about the greater good for a community of humans or biota.  
It is about protecting humans' physical health - not the financial wealth of a greedy few.**

**The public interest is about the  
Environmental health of the needful,  
Not the financial wealth of the greedyful.**

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California Courts seem to agree.

***"The enforcement of an important right affecting the public interest if a significant benefit whether monetary or not] has been conferred on the general public or a large class of persons." Grimsley v. Board of Supervisors (1985) 169 Cal.App.3d 960***

**What are public interest examples?**

- **Broad Consumer Protection**
- **Broad Environmental Protection**
- **Broad Human Health Protection**
- **Democracy and Fairness for All**

**What is NOT in the public interest?**

- **Business Profits**
- **Personal Enrichment in money, services or goods**

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**Public Interest Needs Broadcast Letters-to-Editor**

Good evening Commissioners,

Thank you for holding this hearing and thank you for holding it here.

- **We are not being served by local TV broadcasting. One-sided pro-business / anti-environmental local news reporting is standard here.**

Example: A water supply/building moratorium is a major current local front-page controversy. All three peninsula newspapers at least mentioned there was public support for the moratorium at the single hearing, July 7, 2004.

**None of the three major local English language TV stations (KSBW, KION, KCBA) allowed any mention of public support for the moratorium - but they all provided extensive coverage of the moratorium criticism by those who had a direct financial interest in it.**

This is absolutely backwards since newspapers can have no government mandate to provide both sides of a story, but broadcasters do.

**Solution:**

According to most journalism experts - the letters to the editor page is the most read section other than the front page.

Our local KSBW TV pretends to provide viewer responses to their one-sided and anti-public interest news coverage and editorials, but in reality - the only thing they provide is their one sentence summary of our rebuttals - not in full, not on the air, and not by the author - only on their website.

- We need meaningful broadcast time dedicated to genuine, unedited (except for slander) public letters to the editor - just as our unedited comments are given to local City councils and broadcast live to our community over cable.
- For every minute of local "news" - please require local TV and radio stations provide an **equal number of free minutes**, in adjacent time (not 4 am), for **local unedited video "letters to the editor"** spoken by their authors or a person they choose.

It might even be popular !

Thank you,

David Dilworth, Executive Director

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COMMENT: I am 43 years old. In the last  
year or so I started noticing a program  
called "Democracy Now" on my T.V.  
For the first time in my life I am  
seeing and hearing an opposing viewpoint  
on national and world events. By 'opposing'  
I mean "opposed to the standard center and  
right of center news reporting - the only kind  
I have ever seen on television. I have  
formerly always had to turn to Public Radio,  
British journals, and small, alternative papers  
and magazines to fill-out a broad  
perspective on the news. I would like  
to see more diversity in viewpoints.

My local TV station, KESBW, is shamefully  
partisan, with no counterpoint to balance  
its editorial opinions and choice of "news."

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COMMENT:

The two views, business versus the public, are so polarized. I wonder how you balance & integrate? Mediation & mediators, especially non-partisan, non-invested could help tease out more question interests & angles to help mend this national rift. Thank you very much for your time. If it is true that Media interests spend 100\$ million dollars in lobbying, complete with perks, I don't know how we'll be able to compete as ordinary citizens. These hearings are long & grueling but ~~obviously~~ obviously from the heart.

Please ~~and~~ consider the decisions before you deeply. There is nothing short of our democracy at stake. Questions & their assumptions, questioning assumptions in questions can help narrow ~~or~~ or broaden the issues. Blessings & gratitude to all of you for your time. Save our democracy with diversity. ☺ Good luck in your work ahead.

~~what~~ when there is a conflict between the two?  
What redress, or system of redress should there be  
when there are complaints of block outs + violations?

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COMMENT: OUR CULTURE HAS PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS IN RECENT YEARS ON "DIVERSITY." DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITIES, LANGUAGES, AND EVEN SYSTEMATICALLY TRAINS OUR NATIONAL WORKFORCE ON HOW TO WORK WITH- AND APPRECIATE- CULTURAL DIFFERENCES. NO LESS IMPORTANT THAN FOOD, LANGUAGES OR SEXUAL PREFERENCES, ARE OUR POLITICAL VIEWS, MUSICAL EXPRESSION, OPINIONS, AND CHOICES OF NEWS MEDIA. WHY SHOULD MEDIA BE HOMOGENIZED TO COMPRISE A VERY FEW, EXTREMELY WEALTHY AND POWERFUL, YET HIGHLY PARTISAN COMPANIES CORPORATIONS? A DEMOCRACY IS NOT THREATENED BY THE HEALTHY EXCHANGE OF DIVERSE OPINIONS, IT BECOMES STRONGER BECAUSE OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF ITS CITIZENS. ONLY WHEN THOSE IN POWER SEEK TO SILENCE THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE POWER, DO WE, AS A DEMOCRACY SUFFER AND FAIL AT THE TASK GIVEN US BY THE FOUNDING FATHERS AND GUARANTEED IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE

EVERY CITIZEN WHO IS INTERESTED ENOUGH  
TO BE HERE TONIGHT, OR TO LISTEN<sup>TO</sup> OR WATCH  
THIS BROADCAST, SHOULD SEE CUTFOXED.

YOU MAY PURCHASE IT FOR A WELL-SPENT  
\$10.00 FROM MOVEON.ORG.

RUPERT MURDOCH, THE HEAD OF  
THE FOX CONGLOMERATE, OWNS MEDIA  
OUTLETS IN TV, RADIO, NEWSPAPER, MOVIE THEATERS,  
MOVIE PRODUCTION, MAGAZINES, ETC. HIS  
ADORATION OF RONALD REAGAN IS NOTORIOUS.  
A FOX EMPLOYEE, COINCIDENTALLY ~~THE~~<sup>ALSO</sup>  
COUSIN OF G.W. BUSH, "CALLED" THE ELECTION  
IN FLORIDA FOR BUSH. THE REMAINING MAJOR  
STATIONS QUICKLY FOLLOWED SUIT. THIS, MORE  
THAN THE VOTE RECOUNT OR THE SUPREME  
COURT DECISION, DECIDED THE 2000 ELECTION.

ONLY WHEN A LITTLE PEANUT LIKE  
ME CAN STIFLE RUPERT MURDOCH WILL  
I FEEL VINDICATED.

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COMMENT: It is most refreshing to hear all the comments from "Regular citizens" i.e. the 95% of the public sector coming forth & speaking their truth. We are grateful to the Commission for making this opportunity possible but surely it is highly obvious as a result of this event, that "we - the people" have something to say and need to be heard more often - more regularly and taken seriously. The "Dumbing Down of America" wased via mass media and enabled by <sup>corporate</sup> Partisan, self serving elected representatives, state & national is unfortunately a very real attempt to control & gag the American public. Your commission MUST NOT allow this to happen -! We the people are not a bunch of blind, dim-wits!

You may continue on the back of this sheet or add additional pages as needed. Please place your comment in the Public Comment Lockbox at the check-in area at the hearing. Alternatively, you may submit your comments electronically or by mail. Instructions on how to do so are available on the Localism Task Force Website at [www.fcc.gov/localism](http://www.fcc.gov/localism). Thank you.

My personal source of news & info is National Public Radio, the BBC & New York Times predominantly.

See over ->

I rarely, if ever watch commercial television or  
listen to commercial Radio <sup>any more</sup> other than to get  
"the other" story - the packaged propaganda  
designed to keep the American majority confused,  
misinformed & in fear.

It is shocking & shameful that I don't trust  
our mass media resources to tell me the  
truth about the community & world I live in!  
And - as you see tonight - I am in a  
growing majority of discerning citizens hungry  
for the facts. - verifiable critical information

listen - take notes. - read our Comments  
discuss, deliberate and feel the  
weight of the responsibility of the  
role you play in directing & protecting  
our precious rights of free speech  
in America!

God Bless You

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Michael Powell, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20559

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Dear Chairman Powell,

AUG 23 2004

This communication is to express my opposition to having the Federal Communications Commission issue any regulations which permit a single corporation to dominate the media (meaning radio and television) in any one location, especially any one major urban location including its suburbs. I understand that your recent proposed regulations are the subject of our public commentary. These proposed regulations allow one company to control up to three TV stations; eight radio stations, a major daily newspaper, the local cable system (including unlimited cable channels) and even the dominant internet provider.

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These proposed regulations directly impact Article I of the Bill of Rights contained in the Constitution of the United States of America. It reads as follows: Congress shall make no law respecting to establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free practice thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or of the right of people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

If a corporation within a particular locale is permitted to consolidate the collection of information and its dissemination, I believe our basic freedoms will be compromised. Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Press, and the right of people peaceably to assemble--- all require access to reliable, factual, and truthful information as well as opinions and interpretations. To continue to ensure these basic freedoms, access to information from different perspectives is an essential requirement requiring a free and open environment.

In this day of highly developed information technologies, permitting one corporation to consolidate ownership of local media (Internet Service Providers, TV, radio, print media and cable TV plus its many channels) would enable that corporation to broadcast highly sophisticated propaganda which would misinform and mislead our American Public.

As President & Publisher, I am particularly concerned about the future of privately held publications, such as El Observador, a weekly bilingual (English and Spanish newspaper) whose targeted readership since 1980 has been the Hispanic-Latino ethnic community of the San Francisco Bay Area. It is an example of local community publications which serve a community's ethnic market by providing "balanced" information from a variety of sources. At least 75 such publications service their ethnic communities (and markets) in the State of California. The largest is La Opinion, a Spanish language daily located in Los Angeles.

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It is in these diverse small cottage industries that individual entrepreneurs creatively conceive and develop new concepts, their applications and products. This is where much of American know-how and economic development begins.

We have witnessed American Corporate Media firms become especially interested in the Hispanic Markets once Corporations began setting aside "Hispanic Market Advertisement Budgets". We have experienced competition which is not only unfair, but also predatory. I am certain that should a single corporation dominate a locality, that then the forces of competition will not exist. Advertisers (national, regional and local), will not have the force of competition to keep costs of advertisements at reasonable levels.

I ask that you look at the diversity present in the newsrooms of very large corporations. You will not find many professional ethnic representatives (African American, Hispanic Americans, Chinese Americans, Indo-Americans, Native Americans, Philipinos, Vietnamese, Japanese or Chinese etc.). The gender balance does not exist at any level of their organization or divisions. And, the preponderance of their executive level are Anglo-Saxon men with a peppering of African-Americans.

Their consolidated news service is defined by their Anglo staff to the coverage of whatever they decide is important and appropriate. Their staff historically has not been diverse (during the past 15 years their newsroom have had token Latino and African American members), so their ability to be sensitive to and understanding of the many different ethnic groups extant in our community is limited. Local ethnic populations in our community communicate in Vietnamese, Chinese, Philipino (Tagalog language) in addition to English and Spanish. Also note that members of ethnic communities who run for public elected office have not been fairly presented to the voting public by these Anglo controlled publications.

Very large corporations have their place. They are excellent organizations for implementation of mass production efforts, usually in a profitable manner. Also, they are ideal for the undertaking of efforts requiring massive infusions of capital, both monetary and human capital. But they are ill suited, with their strict corporate cultures, to deal with diverse ideologies and the basic Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press and the right of people to peaceably assemble.

We must remember that during the past 100 years, our society and nation has had to deal with ideologies such as Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, Imperial Japan, and Communist Russia, wherein large organizations controlled access to information, its dissemination as propaganda, and even re-wrote history to suit their objectives.

It is with these concerns in mind that I urge you to not promulgate any standards and regulation which permit a single corporation to have control in any locale over the access to information, its collection, its analysis, its interpretation and its dissemination to the American Public, who is best served by receiving this from many perspectives and sources.

Sincerely yours,

  
Hilbert Morales, MPH  
President & Publisher

CC: Senators Feinstein & Boxer;  
Congress Members Mike Honda & Zoe Lofgren

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Protect your baby from a life of AUTISM  
by exerting your rights as a parent to **NOT**  
have unnecessary/Mercury-laden vaccines.  
Do your own research starting with the website:  
Schafer Autism Report or call  
Marcela @ (831) 443-8948  
(Se habla español)

Don't believe the **LIES** that  
Autism is genetic. 77 toddlers are  
professionally diagnosed with the most severe  
forms of Autism in California weekly. Demand  
mercury-free / Thimerosal-free **SINGLE** dose  
vaccines and flu-shots.

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I am the mother of Felicia, 10 1/2 yrs old, severely autistic, non-verbal, not potty-trained, and retarded. It is impossible today to not know or be someone who has a relative with autism.

In Calif. alone 91 NEW toddlers are professionally diagnosed with the most severe forms of autism (EAT) week. Each will live a normal lifespan and cost taxpayers \$5 million. By 2010, the U.S. economy will spend \$400 Billion ANNUALLY for autism.

I give the local media an "F" and the national media a "D-" for their non-existent coverage of this growing epidemic (2 million+ counting in the U.S. alone). The media is part of the conspiracy of silence and/or distortion as to the severity & cause of autism which once was extremely rare! 1 in 10,000 25 yrs. ago. 80% of all autistic children are boys or in other words 1 out of every 33 boys is diagnosed with autism.

Most well-informed parents of autistic children believe their babies were poisoned by mercury-laden mandated childhood vaccinations. Right now there are about 3,500 cases sitting in federal vaccine court waiting for their day in civil court. These lawsuits represent the tip of the iceberg. Bush is constantly adding layers of retroactive protection to these powerful pharmaceutical companies that are defendants in these lawsuits. The pharmaceutical corporations have over 600 lobbyists in Congress. Since the majority of media ads are for pharmaceuticals and the bottom line is turning a profit, we are exposed how we are playing with our babies.

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There aren't any psas that parents should insist on mercury-free vaccines. Since all vaccines are considered sacred cows no warnings are given by the media.

In just the past few months about a dozen states including Calif. have passed ~~or~~ <sup>or</sup> are in the process of passing laws to ban mercury-laden vaccines. Unfortunately they will take at least 2 yrs. to be phased in. Since the CDC has many unhealthy ties to ~~the~~ powerful pharmaceutical companies, they are useless to protect our children. How can the CDC promote and safeguard the quality of vaccines at the same time?

This coming Winter, babies as young as 6 mos. will be mandated to have flu/influenza shots, 90% of the doses will contain  $12\frac{1}{2}$  mcg of mercury or 100 times what the EPA considers safe. Will the media get on the flu hysteria bandwagon, we hear each Winter, or will you warn parents to get mercury-free flu shots for their babies. Will the media continue to report so-called medical research, that is riddled with conflicts of interest, as fact. Why aren't Bush's connection to the powerful drug companies exposed? You're all in bed together at the expense of our babies. Maybe when autism robs your family of any semblance of a normal life you will begin to care. Today, 1 in 8 kids are in special ed, bankrupting our schools, because when a baby is born in the U.S. today he is given a mandatory hepatitis vaccine within 12 hrs. of birth. It's full of mercury, unnecessary, & dangerous. SIDs would be extremely rare instead of commonplace if we delayed and improved vaccines like they have done in Japan, who doesn't just give lip service to caring about their children. Our freedoms have eroded in the name of greed.

# Autism Cost to Economy in Billions

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ASA Chart Depicts Impact of Autism on Economy

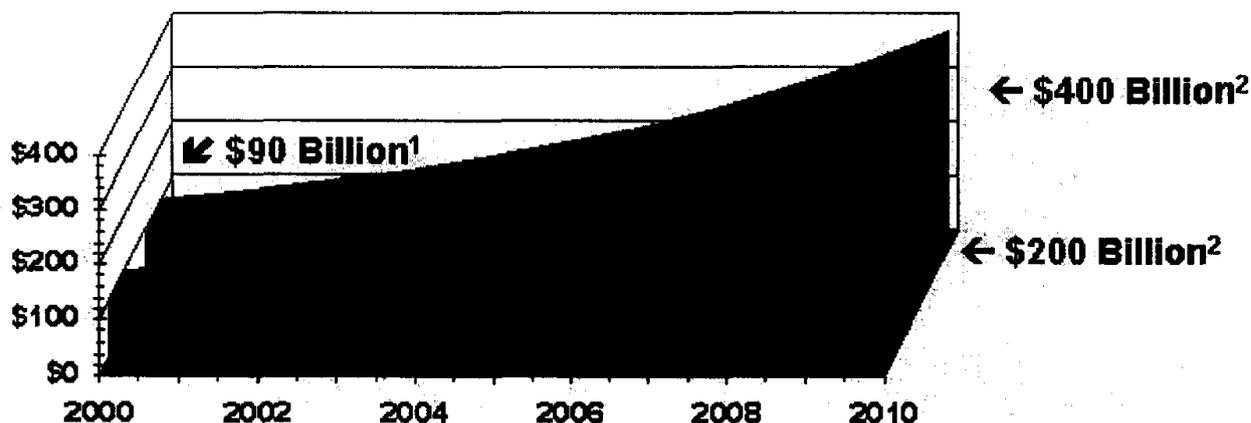


## Annual Cost of Autism on U.S. Economy

**Current Annual Cost: \$90 Billion**

**Estimated Annual Cost in 10 Years: \$200-\$400 Billion**

(Source: Autism Society of America)



<sup>1</sup> Based on London School of Economics Study 2001 and U.S. autism prevalence rate of 1.5 million

<sup>2</sup> ASA analysis of future cost growth based on 10-17% annual increase in autism prevalence



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COMMENT: AS A COMMITTED CAPITALIST WE MUST  
remember that regulation only came about  
because of the monopolistic possibilities & results  
of unbridled capitalism. Especially in the  
case of public airwaves, it is critical  
that the government protect the public  
from the excesses of consolidation.  
Free markets are not free if the favor those  
with the economic wherewithal the  
style diversity. Counting on CABLE  
& satellite to reach the masses & overcome  
the sheer power of broadcast media is  
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