

Dears Sirs:

I am an investigate journalist with Fox 11/KKTV in Los Angeles where I have worked for 13 years. A 7-year stint at KCBS-TV in L.A. gives me a 20-year tenure in Los Angeles. I have spent a total of 33 years in Broadcast journalism. My career started in small markets across the midwest, and my experience is one that spans all areas of radio & TV from the ground up.

I am no slouch when it come to recognition. I have won the coverted George Foster Peabody award for investigating Mafia conenctions in the entertainment industry.

I have 9 Emmys and 43 Emmy nominations, 2 Edward R. Murrow Awards, 14 Golden MIkes, more than a dozen AP awards, and the list goes on.

In other words, I'm no slouch. And I am terribly worried about the consolidation of media, and the new callous disregard on the part of broadcast company owners to swrve the community.

I now work at a duopoly, and it is a profiteering sham.

There are no longer market forces. Companies like Clear Channel dominate what is played on the radio, and/or aired on the radio. Those who don;t go along with the progeam are fired.

And there are fewer and fewer places to work for those who try to buck the system. It is now easy for a talent to be blackballed. Consolidation narrows possibilites for employment for any broadcaster. Get on the persona non grata list with oen of these mage-companies, and 1/4 to 1/2 the markets are closed to you in the future. It is a disgusting situation.

And the people that now own and cotnrol these companies care about nothing but profits, profits, profits.

How aboutcompaniens like Disney who has a CEO, who one year collected 800-million dollars in stock options.

At the same time, locking out workers, and bringing in scabs to force out workers who are only making 60-thousand dollars a year. And trust me -- In L.A. -- that is chickenfeed.

It should be counted as corporate goodwill only.

Thereis no good reason for this voice-tracking.

It is all designed to eliminate jobs, and increase profits. The community be damned.

Local interests are totally ignored by this process.

Thank you for considering these issues. However, the FCC must be more vigilant as to what is happening in the boradcast landscape.

Station ownership needs to return to the old standard of 5 TV stations, and 7 radio stations per company.

Duopolies have to be banned.

There is a constant disregard for employees, content, morality, and ethics.

Companies argue -- with the onset of cable and satellite -- they need need to consolidate to compete. This is ridiculous. Look at the profits of TV stations in L.A. It is a license to print money.

And now, a handful of companies own all the movie studios, broadcast, cable, and satellite operations.

And there is not only a constant move to eliminate jobs, but more and more who do work are forced to be daily hires.

Those who are young now will have no opportunity to make a decent living.

It used to be that you starved for a decade in smaller markets, trying to work your way to a place in a large city where you could make a good living.

Now, for the average worker -- it is hard to make it on what corporations are expecting to pay.

At the same time, there is a constant union busting mentality that is designed to steal whatever is left.

The FCC has to wake-up. Stop being a pawn of the mega corporations. Broadcasting is becoming a joke. And it's happening on your watch.

Too few companies have too much power. Our forefathers are rolling over in their graves!

Someone -- dig up Teddy Roosevelt and put him back to work.