

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of any relaxation or elimination of the public interest limits on media ownership. Localism and diversity are the cornerstones of a democratic media system, and we cannot afford to compromise them in any way.

Few could doubt the obvious truth that media ownership matters and determines the content we receive over the public airwaves. We need look no farther than the recent scandal over ABC's "docudrama" about the 9/11 attacks which willfully distorted history about a national tragedy for political reasons. We need local broadcast station owners who will serve the local public interest not those of faraway corporate owners. Stewardship of the public airwaves is a very serious responsibility that merits true public accountability.

Limits on media consolidation have been a bulwark against the concentration of economic power in the marketplace of ideas -- a critical part of balancing the public service mission of the media with their private profit motive. Our democracy requires the free flow of information from a broad range of diverse voices.

Media consolidation has already led to declines in local and minority ownership as well as the homogenization of content in radio and television. Permitting cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations, or allowing further concentration in local television markets, will only worsen the problems we already have.

When the FCC attempted to weaken and remove media ownership limits in 2003, millions of Americans rose up in protest. Congress and the courts ultimately intervened to turn back that misguided regulatory process.

Now that these same rules are being reconsidered, the FCC should stand firm with the public against further concentration of media ownership in the hands of the few. A vote against media consolidation is a vote for democracy.

according to Vice President Wallace in 1944 :

In his answers to questions raised about the nature of fascism in the US which were published in The New York Times on April 9, 1944, at the height of WW II ... Regarding Fascism in America, Vice President Wallace was using the classic definition of the word "fascist" - the definition Mussolini & Italian philosopher Giovanni Gentile formulated "Fascism or corporatism is a merger of state and corporate power." Wallace went on to write

"The really dangerous American fascists, are not those who are hooked up directly or indirectly with the Axis. The FBI has its finger on those. The dangerous American fascist is the man who wants to do in the United States in an American way what Hitler did in Germany in a Prussian way. The American fascist would prefer not to use violence. His method is to poison the channels of public information. With a fascist the problem is never how best to present the truth to the public but how

best to use the news to deceive the public into giving the fascist and his group more money or more power."

Wallace noted, American fascists would have to lie to the people in order to gain power. And, because they were in bed with the nation's largest corporations - who could gain control of newspapers and broadcast media - they could promote their lies with ease.

"The American fascists are most easily recognized by their deliberate perversion of truth and fact," Wallace wrote. "Their newspapers and propaganda carefully cultivate every fissure of disunity, every crack in the common front against fascism. They use every opportunity to impugn democracy."

I find my self growing increasingly discouraged about the direction of the UNITED STATES of America, is it really the land of democracy when the corporate world narrowly controls the public airways, ... where can real free through and conversation and True news happen,

do you really WANT the CONTINUED dumbing down of american, do you really think this is a good thing for your children and our future.

can these kinds of decision be made that is beyond politics and paying back your masters, those who placed you in your office, are you truly free to do what is best for me, and my neighbors,

thank you for considering my concerns,

sincerely, Jessica BRitt