

Regarding FCC Docket 06-121:

Media ownership should begin from the bottom up, not top down as greedy telcoms would prefer. Deregulation is not only anti-community, it is one of the most important issues related to injustice of our times, since each time it happens fewer diverse and independent voices compliment either print or the airwaves. For example, only 3% of radio and television stations are owned by minorities, and even this number is declining as less and less mega corporations have control over different forms of media information in a single district. In 1983 50 corporations controlled most of the U.S. Media (Newspapers, magazines, TV and radio, books, records, movies, videos, wire services and phot agencies). As of the year 2000 a mere six corporations control most of everything that we see here and touch. Democracy should not be sold to the highest bidder, and our media should be regulated to both protect the communities being served, namely children and minorities, and preserve the diversity which should reflect our nation's founding principles of democratic freedom and the airwaves, which these telcom use for free at our expense, liturally. I oppose any efforts to weaken media ownership limits, including the limits that prevent one company from owning the newspaper and a local television station in the same community. Increased media consolidation allows too few corporations to control what the public hears, sees and reads. yet by increasing media consolidation too few corporations have control over what information we receive. Each time media ownership is deregulated democracy is threatened reduced from a flourishing garden of diversity to a well managed monocrop. Deregulation has not created more competition, as the major telcoms claimed, but has conversely decreased competition. For example, cable rates have increased at a much faster rate than inflation, and people are increasing having less access to media sources simply because of gender, race and economic status. Please take notice and do the right thing for pr!
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our democracy, for our sake, and for the sake of our children who will ultimately inherit the mistakes we have made.

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