

A vote against media consolidation is a vote for democracy.

US media corporations exert their influence world-wide: be it in the context of (covertly or declared) government supported efforts to destabilize democratically elected foreign governments - in Venezuela and Bolivia, for example - or in the indirect influence exerted through the sheer amount of content vehicling their particular and partisan view of and vision for the world.

The nature and organization of the media and media conglomerates in the US is therefore of direct consequence for those in other countries. It is on this reality that I base my right to offer my reflection to the FCC. What media conglomerates from the US swamp my and my fellow citizens' tv screens with is of importance not only to americans.

The riight to and need for diversity are evident. The need to create conditions that permit quality and objectivity are of equalurgence and importance. For the US as for other states.

The right to misinform and even to lie quite clearly exist in the present state of american media. Critical positions free from conglomerate pressure and manipulation are required if informed and vigilant democracy is to becom a reality in the US again. It clearly represents a minority fringe and an aspiration for the few at present.

It is important in such a context to defend the possibility of a media truly in the service of democratic processes. It is for this reasosn I claim the right as a non-american to support and defend such ideals. It is possible to love america and such ideals without being american, just as it is possible to be american and wilfully compromise the possibility of an open and critical media free from corporate pressure and manipulation.

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