

Prior to the nineteen eighties, there was exchange of ideas in the marketplace ideas. This was mainly because of a badly named law known as the fairness doctrine. Since its abolition, there has been an explosion of exchanges of points of view and with the advent of new technology, more means to accomplish it. The reinstatement of this doctrine would serve to only squelch such exchanges. There are many points of view out there today. Talk radio, Neil Boortz (a libertarian) Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity (the two largest conservative voices) and liberals represented by the major networks (less FOX which I believe fully complies with the intent of the fairness doctrine) and of course NPR and PBS which give the liberal point of view at taxpayer expense.

The fairness doctrine is a return to infringed upon speech since it requires so much of unpopular opinion makers versus so called mainstream pundits. Please review the First Amendment and ask yourselves, is the fairness doctrine within the guidelines of this sacred document.

Thank you

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