

Victor	Blasutta	43216	Please do not change this stations progressive format, allowing balanced information and uncensored public feedback in central Ohio is essential for an educated populace. Removing the progressive voice will only hurt your business and reinforce the public of your extremist right wing ideology. This change over is part of the Republican 2008 presidential race preparation. Clearchannel just recently went up for auction. Mitt Romney's Bain Capital bought it along with Thomas H Lee Partners, but I'm not sure who owns them. So you can count on this new format spewing extreme right wing filth for the next two years. Unfortunately the FCC won't challenge this buyout even though there might be regulatory problems because the firms own positions in other media companies in Columbus.
Paul F.	Keaveney	43026	We already have enough right wing talk in Columbus. Let's keep some progressive talk on the air!
William	Buckingham	43055	Maybe the station would do better if you would put some money behind it and advertise. I have never seen a billboard or commercial for it. This is the again how unbalanced the media is favoring the right. Shame on Clear Channel for even thinking of adding more crap and liars to the airwaves.
Margaret	Farrell	43212	We already have enough right-wing radio in Columbus.
Dave	Daniels	43113	It appears that politics has won out over profit and logic. 1230's "new" listeners will only be "stolen" from their sister station WTVN. I don't think that Laura Ingraham, or Michael Savage will "convert" too many progressive listeners. Hopefully some other station will see the potential and return progressive talk to Ohio's most progressive City!
Prof. Cary	Rader	43055	I have been trying to support the advertisers on Progressive Talk Radio. I will listen to this new format just long enough to find out which stores and products to boycott. (One week should do it.) I will tell everyone I can to boycott this radio station. I did this when channel 6 (Sinclair) tried to broadcast its right wing propaganda just before the 2004 election, and I am still.
Cassandra	Elizabeth	78753	
Peter	Godbold	32309	
sherrie	cunningham	43123	Please keep Progressive 1230 as it is. I cannot believe you are changing formats!
craig	cunningham	43123	Please keep 1230 progressive and as it is.
Suzanne Porter	O'Sullivan	75068	Isn't it about time the owners of these stations realize that we listen to the progressive talk radio, all day, every day. I have supported the advertisers on my local station, but it got sold to the rich folks, anyway. We will still find the stations no matter where you take them away, or how many you take away.
Alex	Peet	43230	Keep AM 1230 the way it is because it's the only progressive radio station left in the great state of Ohio
Nancy	Krick	14414	This is just another example of the Right's desperate attempt to keep control when the people have spoken through the November election. Clear Channel is wrong, both ethically and practically. We who have been so disenchanted with the current White House bandits demand to be able to have our voice heard. We are the fast-disappearing middle class and see this latest move of Clear Channel as evidence of the Right's fear of any opposing voice. How dare you?!
			REGULAR LISTENER OF YOUR STATION BUT WILL DISCONTINUE LISTENING WHEN PROGRESSIVE TALK IS TERMINATED. BALANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT AND WITHOUT PROGRESSIVE TALK ON YOUR STATION THERE IS NO BALANCE LEFT IN CENTRAL OHIO. THOUGH I CONSIDER MYSELF A POLITICAL MODERATE, I AM A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR BALANCE.

arta	eager	45439	Please reconsider - reinstate progressive radio.
herry	robst	43232	
hristopher	orenowsky	43202	It is shocking to me that my voice will no longer be heard via progressive talk radio in Central Ohio. With almost 55% of the votes cast for statewide and legislative races were cast for Democrats. In Central Ohio that number was over 58%. This move is clearly political. I constantly asked how I could be noted as an official listener of AM 1230 to no avail.
inda	orton-Smith	43215	I recently moved to Columbus from the Akron area--home of "Radio Free Ohio"--and I was pleasantly surprised to find that Columbus was also mature enough to support a progressive radio station. Alas, my judgment was hasty. Anyway, doesn't the world need another backward-looking, hate-mongering, reactionary radio station? Don't you need a root canal?
ean	harlesworth	94523	
ack	lcCord	43232	I have been listening to 1230 am since its change to the progressive format. I was thankful for the balance it provided after years of total right-wing dominance in Columbus commercial radio(thank God that at least we still have NPR). It's obvious that the people running the station have not done their jobs to make sure the station remains viable. If your telling me that you can't sell advertising time on a progressive outlet in central Ohio, I say bull! Keep 1230 am progressive and get off your butts and start making some money!! Good Luck, I'm Pissed! OK.
om	oggia	43201	I'm a buckeye...went to OSU for undergrad and grad and you are making a BIG mistake by disenfranchising the democratic/progressive listeners that clearly spoke in the last election. I will *not* listen - period - to your station if you only swing far rightward.
arl	oward	43201	It was the progressive voters in Columbus who took the 2006 election by the horns and crushed the filthy, criminal dreams of right wing, extremist, anti-American degenerates in the GOP - and central to that victory was the radio voice in the wilderness of WTPG, the Air America Radio affiliate. Now we see how our courageous efforts are to be answered - our voice is to be taken and in its place, yet another barking box for grafted, hate-mongering sociopaths of the extremist radio right. Evidently KKlearKchannel Radio has not noticed - or are simply not concerned - that talkers like Laura Ingraham and Michael "Savage" Weiner have suffered crushing losses of ratings, market share, and credibility. Clearly there is an agenda in place to smother progressive voices of patriotism and to replace them with the fear-mongering pushers of hate and fascism. Gotta tell ya... this will not cause the GOP to win back what it lost this past Election Day. If anything, this will just further solidify the voices of freedom against the well-financed tide of malevolent and criminal hatred that right wing media spews.
errence	/eddle	43221	
ue	iorsuch	3235	I may not agree with all that is aired, but at least it asks questions and offers a choice not often PC or main stream pablum. Please keep this station on the air!
chard c.	ozian	5215	It is unconscionable for WSAI and Cler Channel to abolish the Progressive Voice of Air America completely from the Cincinnati map. I will be protesting to the FCC the systematic effort to silence the voice of Progressive America as callously as WSAI has set about from its beginning. First, to shift to a lower power station from 1530 and then to systematically discourage supporters. It should not be tolerated in a democratic society.
IANCY	/ADE	1056	I listened to AM1230 every morning and evening on my commute to work. I appreciated its format and truthful news commentary. This is a disservice to Democrats and progressive thinkers to lose this progressive talk show - we have no source for our opinions and will be force fed the same old trite from the right wingers. I for one will boycott any sponsors or businesses supporting WTPG.

GARY	WADE	43056	Central Ohio needs at least one progressive voice. Rupert Murdoch and his strangle hold on the media are suffocating the majority of Ohioans who want to cast their Democratic voices and thoughts and offer a clear view of political events in America. WTPG should be boycotted and all of its advertisers until a true progressive program is returned to its loyal listeners.
Kristin	McCloud	43023	What a disappointment! My husband and I have been frequent listeners for two years. No more! Please keep progressive radio in Ohio!
William	James	47803	Please bring progressive radio back to Central Ohio!!
gwen	harris	33446	What's the matter Ohio-afraid of compassion and common sense coming over the airwaves?? Well don't be-just listen and learn
Vern	Porter	97210	Bring back big Eddy.. what are they afraid of... the truth..
Katherine	Canaday	43215	When I work in Ohio, I listen to AM 1230. My friend works as a poll worker in Columbus; during the Bush/Kerry election, Kerry was winning 792 votes to 8 in his district! Columbus is full of progressive thinkers. AM1230 offers a MODERATE point of view listened to by Democrats, Greens, Libertarians, Republicans, Constitutionlists and other parties!
Jill	Zimon	44124	
Kent	Dusthimer	43068	I found out about AM 1230 from a friend and have almost totally stopped listening to music in my vehicals during the day. There's a huge opportunity for t..e owners of this station. There are conservative & sports stations already competing with each other. They have their own following. Instead of pulling the plug on AM 1230 progressive talk radio and immediately lose every progressive listener just to be low company on the totem pole with conservatives you should instead heavily promote progressive talk. The people are obviously here to listen they just need to know progressive talk is on this channel! One company can hold the ear of every progressive listener (read that buyer)in their market. Do the right thing.
Jane	Eyen	43235	
Beth	Dent	43068	I hated to lose the Ed Shultz show and now it gets even worse??? I think the whole idea of not one totally progressive radio station in this hugely Democratic area is just wrong.
Louise	James	98221	What do you mean you can't sell progressive radio in Ohio. Hogwash.
Molly	Devenas	43055	Guess what Clear Channel; you have the chance to corner the market in Central Ohio. But because you' re not willing to stand up and work just that bit harder, you' re willing to let someone else stand up, and take that away from you. Stop putting PSA's after badlv mixed PSA on the channel and do your job. Fire who ever was doing your sales for this station and look for some bright eyed bush tail that' s willing to fight. This state voted progressive. People are no longer giving in to your right wing station's big mouths. Progressive radio is not just a fad. Its reality, its the future. If you don' t believe that... then look you might want to look at the most recent election... the majority - are ones that listen to Progressive talk radio. PS: If you drop this channel, I will drop you. If you don' t think my station is of value, then I don' t think you' re worth my time. I don't have to listen to ANY Clear Channel stations. I can go to Sirius, or XM, or go download some
Alice	Rathburn	43231	Please don't take Air America away from the Columbus market. This IS a progressive city, and we need AT LEAST one progressive talk station to listen to to balance all of the conservative and reactionary programs! This is the only station worth listening to other than NPR! Alice Rathburn
Paul	Stewart	08081	
John	Ball	43146	What a sad proposal to eliminate Progressive Radio with Right Wing baloney. God save us. The Rev. John T. Ball
Chris	McManaway	43130	We have enough talk radio shows about sports, money, or advice. You need to keep 1230 as is, we need to know the truth about what's going on with our government, WPTG gives us that. Keep the format
BRAD	BODEKER	55122	REOPEN PROGRESSIVE RADIO ON THE AIR

Janet	Allor	33913	
Tom	Robbins	53719	Saving progressive radio is essential to protecting Free Speech in our country.
Shirley	Denbroeder	43068	This is the only station I listen to, so if they go "hate radio", I will have no station to tune to. <b>Bye-Bye radio.....</b>
Thomas	Norton Smith	44720	Take heart, fellow petition signers: you must prevail! For, in the words of our esteemed president, "if we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure." Ohio needs progressive radio! "The future will be better tomorrow." -- <b>George W. Bush</b>
Anita	Beck	43085	The central Ohio community <b>must</b> have a choice in listening talk radio! I will never listen to nor visit the advertisers of the new radio format if you change. You at Clear Channel are not listening to the the <b>people</b> of Central Ohio and taking away this listening choice will only serve to solidify our progressive views and it shows that you are afraid of diverse and progressive thinking! Too bad, you are missing an entire audience and a chance to move with the future. Keep 1230 WTPG with its current voices or
Elizabeth	Moer	45223	If the airwaves belong to the people, let the people have a choice - hate radio shouldn't be the only option.
Danielle	enkins	43028	Thank God Clear Channel doesn't own the radio stations in Mount Vernon, Ohio anymore!! Clear Channel doesn't get IT about what the listeners want to hear!! Ohio went BLUE and that should have sent Clear Channel a
Sheila	Mayhew	143081	I am irate at the idea of losing our progressive talkers! There are more than enough right wing radio programs out there! We need to keep progressive talk in Columbus!
ohn	Soltis	44203	(We need to have more progressive voices in Ohio, not fewer.
Mari	McLean	43062	
Craige	Roberts	43202	I hope <b>WTPG</b> will reconsider. They haven't yet done enough advertising to let the growing progressive community in Columbus know they're on-air with Progressive Radio. Give it a chance!
Gail	Meese	43202	The people have spoken! Keep Progressive Talk Radio on WTPG 1230am! I listen to the station EVERY day and ALL day when I am home! It is a breath of fresh air in the right wing dominated PUBLIC air waves! This contemplated move to conservative talk can only be interpreted as pay back by the "Powers That Be" for Ohio going Democratic this November. Mr. Collins would be well advised to rethink this scheduling change as no one in Columbus will be listening to his station if he persists.
Lyn	Pettit	43235	
Christine	McGowan	43023	Please keep Progressive Talk Radio in Columbus - we need a format other than right wing talk!
David	Soliday	43015	Yuk
Patricia	Homan	43930	I listen to a lot of talk radio to hear different views on topics. For Clear Channel to make talk radio a one sided debate makes the reason for listening MUTE! As I travel and listen give me a reason to listen to your talk radio. Give me different options-not just that of the right wing Republicans!
Emma	Snacker	43272	I sure won't listen to Hate Radio. Laura Ingraham and Michael Savage are hatemongering dolts who try to instill ignorance and hatred in their listeners. Put them on, I'll turn the radio off and hum to myself.
Harold	Dunn	45140	Progressive Talk Radio is the choice of a great many people in Ohio and it is time for station owners to recognise this fact and stop promoting all of the mindless nonsense they force onto the public airwaves!
Constance	Lighthall	45157	We want progressive radio in all of Ohio. From Cincinnati to Columbus, progressive radio is wanted!
Anonymous	NULL	43202	NULL
David	Russack	43221	

D	Buck	61107	The message 'Diversity' by Mark Mays, Chief Executive Officer, Clear Channel Communications on their web site is kind of a joke. Doesn't Clear Channel own one rightwing station in Columbus?
Tommy	Burkett	43023	This is one more station I won't listen to.
Dingy	Harry	45157	I LOVE IT!! Air America went belly up, so radio stations have seen that liberal talk has been proven to be a failure. Looks like left-wing/socialist talk <i>doesn't fly, even in a blue state!!</i>
Steve	Galgas	43215	
Ryan	Talbott	97222	Dingy Harry is exactly that. What Air America has done and is trying to do took the right twenty some years to do...and they had much more money. I can't stand stupid people.
Kate	Jennings	43023	Please do not go back to the dark ages with insane, right wing fanatics. We would prefer some humor and critical thinkin it. Sincerely, Kate Jennings, Granville, Ohio
Kim	Loftness	98155	Progressive radio must stay in Columbus. Ohio is going blue and Progressive radio reflects this.
Bonnie	Johnson	48723	I visit columbus regularly to visit a student in a seminary there and to see relatives. It has been so refreshing to hear somebody other than Hannity and Limbaugh when I'm in the ares. Progressive radio tells the truth and is needed so all have the opportunity to hear both sides of issues. Approximately a year ago a nearby station in Saginaw MI pulled the Ed Schultz show also despite a higher percentage of liberal voters in the area.Unfortunately the conservative Christian owner of the station let his
Anonymous	NULL	45157	NULL
Deborah	Shepherd	55303	I grew up in Ohio. My family still lives there. Ohio needs progressive radio. You know the listeners for it are there. No format can be everything for everyone, so stop trying to offer "something for everyone." That is so boring. You'll end up with something for no one ... unless your real plan is to switch to right-wing programming.
Judith	Thomas	43023	WTPG-1230am Progressive Radio is the first talk radio station I've ever listened to. It's been a breath of fresh air in Central Ohio. What a loss if the station becomes just another right-wing mouthpiece!
Icylene	Scott	43209	I want the progressive radio format and will listen to nothing less. I need to hear Ed Schultz, Al Franken, Randi Rhodes, and the like. Keep progressive radio talk show hosts. I will not listen to Clear Channel without progressive's best.
David	Cook	98506	I am in the military in Washington, but I still vote in Ohio. I am fed up with this administration of criminals that resort to "patriotism". Leave progressive radio in Ohio!
GREGORY	GARY	43110	If people in Cols don't want to hear Progressive talk all they have to do is listen to the knuckledraggers on 610am! If they change the format of 1230am it'll just make me hate the right wing even more than I already do. They just can't let a good thing be!! Whats next? Are they going to replace the Discovery Channel in Cols with Fox news???
Timothy	Jones	98136	We are awash in an ocean of right-wing rhetoric. A progressive radio voice is needed everywhere to offer a choice, and a voice, to those of us wise enough to know to listen, passionate enough to speak out, and concerned enough to show we care by actions like these. There is no reason to take that away, and every reason to keep it there. You who decide must do so with this same, <u>great saqacity</u> . Listen to us.
Anonymous	NULL	45157	NULL
Sandra	Reed	43221	
Jay	Carter	98103	Real change cannot be put forth if the good are silenced by the customarily comfortable, ala King Lear. If the right-wingers are allowed to dictate terms or take over where democracy leaves off. then we are all doomed.

roy	bishop	5067	If you can't hear the other side of right wing conversation you tend to tune all of rightwing talk show out. What are you afraid of??
Anonymous	NULL	5424	NULL
Marie	Fetters	3160	All types of voices and opinions should be heard on the airways of the U.S.
			want to <i>listen</i> to other views, even progressive points of view, which Air America covers. Please reconsider shutting off the flow of conversation which Air America Radio provides for many of <b>us in</b> central Ohio. Keep <b>Air America on the air in Ohio</b> and let <b>freedom of speech</b> apply to our airwave: as well as our daily lives.
uth	Williamson	43221	
ark	essex	45223	
onymous	NULL	5376	NULL
oyal	Buckeye	4483	Dear Sirs: If the most recent election results in Ohio aren't enough to persuade you to continue with Air America then let me add that I will most certainly boycott your sponsors and inform them why. Sincerely, Me and Mine in NE Ohio.
ill	Michaels	3022	
m and	Nugent	43021	You must find a way to stay on. We need a balance of radio talk in this area. As a member of the Delaware Democratic Party I have been encouraging people to listen to Progressive Talk. What has surprised me is the number of people that did not even know that Progressivetalk radio was on, but were very happy that I told them about it and were going to listen. I was chairman of the events committee for the Party and I called the station and talked to the program director. I wanted to offer free advertisement at the booths we had during the summer of 2006. One was the very large flea market in Sunbury. I was given a big banner to display but very few other items I could pass out to promote the station. The station could have even have been a part of the booth. But I was told that there was little money to promote the station. I contend that the reason for the low ratings is the low amount of money spent to promote the station. I talked to another person at the station and was told that they had spent \$30,000 on promoting the shows. I assume that this is the amount over the entire time that the Progressive talk has been on. He made it sound like this was a lot of money. I have no idea if it is. But you must get people to be aware of who you are before you can expect them to listen and then to buy the products that are advertised on the station. I do not want to loose this station. It is the very life blood of good quality ideas and critiques of the American Agenda. Let me know if there is anything further I can do to help or for that matter the Democratic Party of Delaware County.. I will be sending this to all that I can that are members of the party and I will ask that <u>this petition be posted on the website for the Party. Let us not let the</u>
Matthew	ones	91607	Don't let em get away with it!! Email this site to some friends. Let's not let them do this! Keep up the pressure!
Iloria	teinman	98333	The people of the U.S. own the airways and are entitled to have balanced programming.
Carol	riel	45220	I listened to progressive radio in Cincinnati on a daily basis for 2 years. Now I no longer have that opportunity. No other broadcaster truly represents my views. Bring back progressie radio!!
udrey	facWood	43235	

William	Beth	1101	Please please please please stand up to save this station. WE must stand up and protect other progressive talk stations are under attack.. please help save progressive talk. if there are other stations under attack. START ONE OF THESE AND INFORM PEOPLE. KNOWLEDGE AND PEOPLE IN NUMBERS EQUAL POWER.. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE, BOSTON PROGRESSIVE TALK IS GONE. HELP BRING PROGRESSIVE TALK TO BOSTON, SAVE OTHER STATIONS UNDER ATTACK.. Clear Channel Communications must listen to the people. We as a country must stand up to Clear Channel Communications and say NO MORE. One source media is wrong and needs to be stopped. Clear Channel communications needs to be told HOLD on there, this is wrong.. Maybe the answer is Clear Channel Communications needs to be taken down. This type of company is distorting the very thing that made them a company, This company is distorting the very thing we have in a free country is freedom of the press, and non bias media. When we lose that we lose our country. Any company or party who does this MUST BE STOPPED.. JOIN IS SIGN THIS YES BUT HELP START OTHERS AND SAVE PROGRESSIVE TALK
Jason	Eames	3023	Stop Clear Channels clearing the airways of truth, justice and the American way of freedom to express their views and ideas. I RECOMMEND PEOPLE TO TURN OFF AND NOT LISTEN TO ALL AND ANY CLEAR CHANNEL OWNED STATION IF THIS COMPANY CONTINUES THIS ATTACK ON AMERICAN AIRWAYS OF PROGRESSIVE TALKERS!
Sheryl	Reynolds	5424	
Jeffrey	Judge	3055	Savage is beneath contempt, embarrassing. Ingraham, a champion of xenophobic theocracy. Unfortunately, I can hear both of them already in Newark. I regularly listen to Franken, often also Schultz, and Maddow is intelligent and thought-provoking when I catch her. Keep the lines of conversation and thought open on Ohio airwaves, the state has a lot of catching up to do.
Sheila	Stouder	3148	PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AWAY THE ONLY PROGRESSIVE VOICES WE HAVE IN COLUMBUS AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES!!! If you switch to another format, you will lose my "listenership." -Sheila Stouder Pleasantville, OH
Barbara	Bradi	4256	Please stay tuned to progressive radio.
David	Cosgrove	3177	The ratings triple with progressive talk and they want to pull the plug? Here I thought conservatives were into free markets, profit, and all that. It's another case of media elephantitis. Let's remember this when we get a real president--we need an FCC that doesn't stand for "fellate clear channel".
Francisco	Gonzalez	3628	conservative talk radio is not wanted in Ohio.
Julie	Caffrey	3526	I am an avid listener of 760AM in Colorado. If the owners tried to get rid of it, I and a lot of people I know would have a fit. The hosts have great things going for them, from being good on the radio, good guests, good research, good information that you do not get from the main stream media. Exchange this for Laura Ingraham & Michael Savage? GIVE ME A BREAK! I know where right wing radio will be found but where will Columbus get the politics, sports, financial info and anything other than radical right advice? Remember you can fool some of the people all of the
Theresa	Johnson	5071	Progressive radio may be small but it's ripple effects are growing and ofcourse, the right, want to squash that. Their unfair removal of a fact based, informative commentary like progressive radio, only proves how afraid the conservatives are in losing control of America. If America hears the truth about issues, the conservatives can not control us with their propaganda. Being able to hear both sides of an issue brings on debate, this is how America was founded and should remain. One view of the issues should not be removed from listeners, I hope you win the fight to keep your station of progressive talk radio. I stand with you in your pursuit to protect your right to hear commentary you believe and trust in.

resa	akely	<p>3202 I began listening to talk radio when Air America was first broadcast in Columbus Ohio and I have become an avid listener ever since. Air America's thoughtful interviews with progressive journalists and political leaders provides a much needed source of political diversity in a community whose major newspaper is Republican owned. Clear Channel's dropping popular progressive talk radio in favor of fight wing pundits that have little credibility and questionable integrity is suspicious, particularly at a time when listeners are voting with their radio dials and turning off the Bush propagandists. For the readers of this post I would like to offer a contextual framework that makes me doubt whether Clear Channel would modify their decision based on progressive listener input. Progressive talk radio likely contributed more than expected to the election of Democrats. Bush republican-aligned, media conglomerates may have felt compelled out of financial considerations to pull back progressive air time. Clear Channel just switched our talk radio news source from one that supports Progressives who are critical of media consolidation, to one that supports the Bush Republicans who adamantly support media consolidation. Can you say conflict of interest. Media conglomerates are major financial contributors to Bush Republicans. Bush Republicans protect the Media companies bottom line by holding up the passage of laws demanding a roll back of media ownership. Corrupt Media Companies return the favor by refusing to air progressive ads and by airing right wing funded, commercial free, docudramas ahead of elections. This is a dangerous merger of corporate media and government that could cost us our democracy. Corporate influence peddling poses a threat of Orwellian proportion, when the corporation that is buying influence is the information industry central to the health of our democracy. Whoever controls the media has the potential to control the people. Surely manipulating the political content of talk radio in a local community violates Clear Channel's public service mandate. The airwaves theoretically belong to the people but are managed by corporations whose primary loyalty is to their corporate shareholders. We may need more public funded news outlets to maintain diversity of news outlets. Throughout history we have relied on a diverse media to serve as watchdogs of industry and government. When there are more media voices the likelihood that they could all be compromised or corrupted is diminished. Big Brother has already compromised the Federal Communication Commission(FCC). Someone destroyed a taxpayer funded research report that was critical of media consolidation. On June 2, 2003 the (FCC) voted to allow media outlets to increase profits through media consolidation. Corporate media coverage of this extremely newsworthy event was conspicuously absent. The fact that the major networks put self-interest above the good of the public in this vitally important matter is cause for alarm. The only television coverage I saw on this issue came from public broadcasting. When the public finally got wind of this they petitioned their representatives. Legislators supported their constituents by introducing a bill to reinstate previous stricter limits on media ownership. The bill never</p>
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in	ubits	20814	Clear Channel Communications Inc. is being sold to a group of private equity firms and is selling more than one third of the 1150 stations it owns. In the Wash DC area they own 8 stations that are affected. Article on Washingtonpost.com November 17, 2006 Business section by Frank Ahrens headlined "Clear Channel Sale to End Era." <b>Headline search with quotes should find it on google. I have heard them read, probably FCC required, notices of the sale and license transfer giving the public an opportunity to view the file at their studios during business hours. If any stations in Ohio are affected I suggest trying to put objections to the format change into comments on the sale. They are using public airwaves and should provide opportunities for all perspectives. Oct 2007 is the 20th anniversary of the repeal of the Fairness Doctrine that used to require it. Also enclosed is a letter I sent to the organizer of the successful petition drive in Madison, WI that kept liberal talk shows on 92.1FM WXXM. WCKY 1530AM in Cincinnati comes in at night in Wash DC and at some time in 2006 it changed formats from "the radio revolution" to "homer the sports animal." Dear Ms. Valerie Walasek, I heard about the coming loss of the progressive talk format in Madison, WI on the Stephanie Miller show. Clear Channel also owns WCKY 1530AM in Cincinnati, OH that had progressive talk shows in 2005 but some time during 2006 their format changed to <b>For Sports Radio</b> talk shows and local sports. WXXM 92.1 apparently has a precedent for a format change. What were and are WCKY's progressive talk and sports ratings before and after the format change? Maybe Arbitron has a website where they are publicized, the Cincinnati <b>Post</b> or Enquirer websites have a radio ratings chart with the data or WCKY would disclose them. It could make the petition drive stronger if it refers to the same format switch in another city with at least a 6 month track record. Hope this tip of a similar situation in another city helps in Madison. Jon Gubits listener to Clear Channel owned "Progressive talk 1260" WWRC 1260AM in Wash DC</b>
anet	etersen	98606	<b>AirAmerica radio is the real "Voice-of-America" We need to fight to preserve it.</b>
'atrick	arano	4378	If Clear Cahnnel does not allow for balanced brodcasting then it may be time to break up the monopoly C;ea Channel holds in the media industry.
iruce&Becki	ottnick	8504	Ed has a great show. I'm sick and tired of those damn republicans screwing up this country. Good luck i listen to Ed everyday.
.aren	aker	3035	Please hear our voices, we do want progressive radio in Columbus, Ohio.
vil	otruck	3123	
lick	allarigo	5220	The only way these pseudo-intellectual half-wit fascist wannabe's can survive is through the ownership of radio stations by their sympathizers. It's time to get active, boycott the stations and their sponsors. Get it coordinated through the internet. <b>Keep progressive talk alive.</b>
oseph	lcCarty	3201	The only way to control the people is with control of the truth, and to keep truth from the people you must control the media! The Republican <b>"stratergy"</b>
hill	lcKee	1095	First it happened in Cincinnati, clear channel changed progressive radio from a 50,000 watt station to a 5,000 watt station and then in a short while took it completely off the air
onna	/enzel	3017	<b>WTPG</b> offers honest, funny, intelligent discussions by well-informed hosts. Would it be too much to allow that to continue?
ames	ouch	5424	Since the cancellation of air america on WSAI 1360 and <b>WTPG</b> 1230 there is no radio station that represents <b>my</b> attitudes or interests on broadcast radio available in Dayton Ohio . I have signed up with XM satellite to meet the void . I have also decided to not listen to any clear channel radio station and to not purchase any product or service advertised on same . I also intend to inform said business of my decision and the reason behind it .

Chuck	rown	15223	I can't believe we can now hear nothing but one side of the issues. I listened to Air America everyday! Clearchannel's bias is evident, I will listen to <b>nothing</b> they transmit.
Suzanne	.onnors		<b>listen</b> to 610 am for druggie Limbach & screamer Sean Hanassy or whatever !!
Julie	enderson	13229	I have never before listened to talk radio, until Air America and 1230am Progressive Radio. I assure you I will never listen again if the format <b>becomes just more of the drivel found elsewhere. Please, dare to be</b> different and provide a forum for progressive views in Ohio.
Stephen	user	43221	
Jason	ussell	43055	
michael	reen	13068	Do you think we upset the right with our 2006 democratic victories ? I guess this will be their strategy for 2008, eliminate any truth, open debate or progressive views from our airwaves. All we the listeners ask for is some <b>programming that contains truth rather than propaqanda.</b>
Alan	orchart	13146	Clear Channel: did your sales people (person?) try to get advertisers of products your progressive listeners may actually want (hint: not "hair grower" and psychics)?
Kathy	orchart	13146	Air America was the best thing to to Columbus radio. It presented a <b>not otherwise heard here ; one that will be missed!</b>
Jenifer	oth	13031	Progressive radio is important in ntral Ohio. I listen to it everyday to ensure that I receive "the rest of the story". It would be a great loss to change the station's format to MORE conservative talk. The November 2006 elections should have sent you a clear sign that more Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Riley and other talking conservative heads is NOT what we believe in nor what we want to hear. Once again Clear Channel has shown it is the lap dog of the conservative right. If you can't sell ads it is because you didn't try. Your true colors are ablaze.
Chris	ourtney	13026	
David	'arshall	13081	Please reinstate and or save progress radio on 1230. We don't want anymore sleezy radio hosts like Mikce Savage or Laoura Ingram. Both of with have disgraced themselves on the national scene. The airwaves belong to us all. I will work to spread the word the many independant, Democratic, centreal Ohio Majority that 1230 has been taken over by the Wing Nuts. Protest with you money. Let the sponcers of Air America etc <b>know your displeasure.</b>
Jim	vade	13224	The decision by Clear Channel to switch from Progressive Talk to Conservative Talk is total <b>bullshit!</b> Columbus is one of the most Progressive cities in the U.S., and to take away our outlet away is bogus. First they take off Ed Schultz so he won't compete with the drug addict Rush Limbaugh, now they get rid of the whole station! Ditty sons of bitches! <b>WE WANT PROGRESSIVE TALK, NOT RIGHT WING REGRESSION!</b>
Anne	ennedy	43035	
Margaret	chilling	13080	Mr. Collins and Clear Channel, just one question: Did anyone in your operation pay any attention at all to the general election results here in Ohio? The results were loud and clear--Ohioans are fed up with the right wing poison being forced on this country. We spoke at the polls! Apparently you're willing to ignore the majority voice and proceed in your plan to air the constant whineing of the right wing "saviors" of America. Please re-consider this ill-conceived and <b>poorly timed change in your broadcasting.</b>
Barry	enjamin	13418	I am an Ohio native that moved to Florida in 1996. I visit my hometown or Cleveland at least twice a year. I am very interested in keeping and getting more progressive talk radio in Ohio. We are blessed with some good progressive talk radio in South Florida where I now live. What can I do to help?

seph	ziura	44053	I am outraged that Clear Channel continues to sway me away from any of their outlets. I am tired of the ranting and raving of the conservatives but hope that more people get turned off by their continuing one-sided
seph	plebaum	90039	It is vital that at least one progressive talk radio station remain on the air in Columbus. There are already many right wing talkers but only one WTPG. Apparently the ratings are good and this is an outlet for the MAJORITY OF PROGRESSIVE VOTERS WHO WON THE 2006 ELECTIONS IN OHIO. IT IS TIME TO BE FAIR. DO NOT STIFLE FREE SPEECH AND THOUGHT.
ieresa	om	43214	I am quite concerned about the change in the format. It has been a welcome alternative to the conservative right wing talkers
hn	cCrystal	43220	Please keep progressive radio available in Columbus.
irrol	ole	43113	How strange this drastic change in format is taking place soon after the very important election of 2006. It seems free speech will now take a backseat to the right-wing agenda to which we have been subjected for years, very sad for the people of Central Ohio.
irbara	ush	43023	There are enough right wing radio stations. I have been listening to Progressive talk radio since I discovered it about a year ago and now it is being taken away from me. How could this happen? I thought we had we were living in a country where all sides of issues were freely broadcast on our airwaves. I guess I'll have to just find progressive talk on the internet and forget radio altogether. Money talks and conservative right wing has the blood money.
anette	ckner	45014	Ohioans need to hear the progressive voice. The elections in November clearly demonstrated that there is room for something besides the right wing slant that has been spewed for years. I am very disappointed at this decision. You may keep a few aging listeners, but you will loose your progressive audiende to other listening options and am/fm radios will be turned off. I for one have turned off the am/fm.
aren	rye	43230	
aniel	rawford	43055	
nystal	eller	43040	I grew up without a t.v. as a child, and I know good talk show host didnt watch much of it either, I believe it made them t ener for it. Radio has always been my first love, and I know a good ta k show host. Glenn Beck was the best, maybe not as wise as Rush, but so funny and talented. If I wanted polictical correctness I could turn to NPR, thats where Bob Conners should go. Joel Riley sounded just like B.C. this morning, when a man took up for Sadam, he said "ok, well thanks for the call" makes me want to scream! B.C. responds the same way, with no opinion, thats boring! If playing it safe and not offending anyone is your new motto, well you have lost me and about 100 people I personally know. Big Mistake... I will not bother with wasteing my time listening to no personality people who get way too offended because they lack a sense of humor, hey Riley people would rather hear you say you big idiot after you hang up then act so offended like a school boy on the air. I do like listening to you for a short while, but its not fair to you to try to fill such big shoes, you cannot do it. And no one is buying the crap about the excuses given for this change, espeacially the one you mention today about not hearing enough local news like school closings. Thats such a lie because we hear local updates constantly, sorry not good enough, were not dumb thats why we like Rush and Glenn. The liberal communistic people will eventually take over the radio and t.v. so they can control everything we hear and see, kinda like where Canada is heading. If you dont Fix this big mistake, you will loose too
aul	ooper	43229	
iartha	arman	45247	

ine	oyle	3085	This radio format has been very popular here in Columbus. Why would you think of changing it? Please leave 1230 as a progressive talk station. We really rely on it. We also patronize the sponsors and will continue to do so in the future so long as you leave the format the way it is. Thank you.
Maureen	McCarthy	4	
zather	idenweller	3229	I feel that it is important that media stations uphold a certain respect to represent fair and just programming like, Air America, even if the opinions represented vastly differ from someone <b>else's</b> . Diversity is the key to <b>enlightenment</b> . <b>Bruce pay attention to the latest presidential popularity polls</b> and know your markets current trends. People are fed up with the pushy narrowminded loyalty act and our remembering to think for themselves. Do <b>the same</b> .
an	rancel	1701	I'm from the Boston area, where Clear Channel deliberately kept AM 1200/1430's signal weak and avoided virtually all local programming and local advertising. Then, without warning, they switched off the progressive programming and boosted the signal. Apparently, Clear Channel has a <b>nationwide strategy that has little to do with what audiences want to hear</b> .
aren	lcGuire	3230	As part of the majority of more liberal listeners in Central Ohio, I am very disturbed that you would change the format of WTPG-1230am. If you do so you will lose a listener. Please reconsider and keep the programing that you <b>currently have</b> .
tyson	ones	3210	Democracy means hearing all sides and then deciding....if only one side is heard how can an informed decision be made. The air waves are PUBLIC, held in trust for same, and should be used to inform the public.....of all sides of the arguement. The people of Columbus (and all of America) need to have a variety if points of view presented so they can make informed decisions. It would be a severe blow against everything this country was founded upon to allow a one sided take over of the airwaves here, as has happened in other places. It would amount to single control of all broadcast media...and the PUBLIC airways would become one sided propaganda
haron	ox	3210	Stop this nonsense
ay	ox	3210	PUBLIC AIRWAYS!!!!
ydia	lcClay	3110	Save WTPG-1230AM Progressive Talk Radio & what it stands for: DEMOCRACY, and any truth that our <b>country still has left to its name</b> .
isela	raster	5223	The Keystone of a Democratic society is the ability <b>!</b> <b>!!!</b> opposing viewpoints in order to make INFORMED decisions. The public airways must remain <b>free</b> ...not be used as a laundromat for our brains. Hmmmmm...perhaps you can have the pharmaceutical companies run continuous ads on your station...efficient...brainwashing and pharmacological bliss. Aldous Huxly must have been a profit.."There will be, in the next generation or so, a pharmacological method of making people love their servitude, and producing dictatorship without tears, so to speak, producing a kind of painless concentration camp for entire societies, so that people will in fact have their liberties taken away from them, but will rather enjoy it, because they will be distracted from any desire to rebel by propaganda or brainwashing, or brainwashing enhanced by <b>pharmacological methods. And this seems to be the final revolution."</b>
Tom	Burkett	3023	please retain progressive radio
Theresa	Ryan	3209	Keep progressive radio in Columbus!
Butch 'Lyle'	Beckhardt	7456	I hope you will reconsider the change. I, along with many other people look forward to hearing the progressive view. I will not turn your station on, and will find another way to hear the people that your going to stop brodcasting. I'm asking you to please reconsider, and leave the very talented progressive host on! <b>Butch ' Lyle' Beckhardt</b>
Matt	Albrecht	8512	Please don't take away the only good thing on the radio and replace it with high school sports. Please. <b>*sigh*</b>

Kyle	Williams-McPeak	143055	You will lose more listeners by switching to right-wing radio. Do what the people want while gaining the most listeners, it's win-win.
Josh	Marriott	145601	Society should have access to conflicting viewpoints and ideas, in order to weigh these differences, and make decisions independently. *Democracy is defined as a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation. -- If the airways are flooded with rightwinged information only, It seems that there will be an absence of balance. A plane cannot fly with one wing, nor can our society.
Jane	Bailey	85205	My stepson is a student in Columbus, Ohio and he and the other students deserve to hear progressives and a diversity of views, otherwise they won't become well-informed voters and citizens of Ohio or anywhere else. They will become Rush Limbaugh dittoheads.
Andres	Tejeda	01902	Boston Progressive talk am 1200 / 1430 was switched to a spanish music station. I am a latino male, I do like spanish music, but I am so upset that I will no longer have progressive talk on radio that I have decided to move to satellite radio so long I can listen to progressive talk and I emailed the folks at clear channel to let them know of my intentions.
Kevin	Singleton	43062	
Susan	Snare	43212	Please don't do this.
Laura	Read	45248	
Brian	Strawn	43212	We can't go without this.
V. H.	Jergens	45208	I would rather listen to Al Franken than Mr. Limbaugh.
Scott	Spears	43081	Columbus already has a conservative radio station in WTVN. You will get killed in the ratings by them. If you look at the most recent election, you'll see there is an audience for Progressive Talk.
Natalie	Tyler	43214	Why do you want to lose listeners? I will boycott your station when you switch. Please reconsider.
Sylvia	Vasquez	43214	
Gerard	Volker	43085	
Chuck	Cody	43235	
Paul	Kane	47402	I live one state over, but I know it's wrong to change a format that has a proven audience just to strangle the political ideas it presents.
kathleen	szymczak	43004	
Patricia	Dion	45140	We need something other than the misinformation of the right!
Lancaster	Adams	43148	PEOPLE WE NEED TO MAKE AN ANTI CLEAR CHANNEL WEBSITE. CLEAR THE AIRWAVES OF CLEAR CHANNEL. CHECK THIS SITE OUT ABOUT FORD. <a href="http://www.fordlemon.com/">http://www.fordlemon.com/</a> IM THINKING WE MAKE A WEBSITE LIKE THIS AGANST CLEAR CHANNEL.
Jason	Wyant	43081	Columbus is a progressive town and we want progressive talk! I will NOT be listening to 1230 AM if it switches over to neo-con talk. I want Al Franken, Ed Schultz, The Young Turks, Stefani Miller, and all the rest of the
Pat	LeMond	45365	I travel across the country for business. It is depressing to drive cross-country and have no flavor on the radio. I am sick of country music and soulless inane blathering idiots passing for "discourse" on our airwaves. ClearChannel does not have the right to dominate our airwaves nor make radio worthless. Now, Cincinnati may be a little harder sell than Columbus --Cinci is considered the "south" in Ohio. But, Columbus has a vibrant intelligent and progressive community. The need and the MARKET is there for progressive radio. It's time the FCC gets some teeth and we expand consumer choice in our airwaves. Clear Channel isn't the choice.
Beverly	Machuga	43204	I will no longer listen to this station after Jan. 8. Columbus already has the other stuff on 610. The people that are supposed to be on with the new format are fox news nuts and in order to keep my sanity I will have to leave the radio off.
Jane	Sandy	43078	

Willam	Apper	04901	PEOPLE WE NEED TO STAND UP TO CLEAR CHANNEL AND PUT THEM OUT OF BUSINESS! THIS ATTACKING WILL NOT STOP UNTILL CLEAR CHANNEL IS GONE. THEY ARE A THREAT TO THE AMERICAN CULTURE AND FREEDOM WE HAVE AS AMERICANS, THE FREE PRESS IS A GREAT THING WE HAVE IN THIS COUNTRY AND CLEAR CHANNEL IS TRYING TO DISTORY IT. ITS TIME WE GET OFF OUR DAMN BUTTS AND STAND UP TO THIS, NOT JUST CLEAR CHANNEL BUT TO FOX AND OTHERS. PLEASE LETS GET AN AMERICAN MOVEMENT AGANST CLEAR CHANNEL, FOX AND OTHER STATIONS WHO ARE TRYING TO STOP THE FREEDOM WE WORKED SO HARD FOR IN THIS COUNTRY. SPREAD THE WORD OVER THIS ENTIRE GREAT COUNTRY OF OURS AND LETS PUT HORRABLE COMPANIES LIKE CLEAR CHANNEL OUT OF THE BUZ!
Harriet	Nannyonga	43210	Please consider retaining 1230AM as progressive talk which I tune into daily and religiously. Central Ohio market already has a number of talkers advocating for the right-wing position. It is a poor business decision to ignore a new potential market represented by progressive talk in a town that votes primarily to the left - talk about blowing against the wind. I believe that the station has not really promoted the progressive shows and that any shortages in revenue are in fact a representation of lack of a good marketing strategy. I can count the number of times I have learned of promotions made for the current shows The day the station turns to the proposed right-wing format will be the last day I tune into 1230.
Mona	Darwin	43235	
Sam	Pathy	43085	Progressive radio is viable in Columbus. If not Clear Channel, then another radio station should fill the void. Would you like to triple your ratings (which WCOL did when it went progressive)? Then sign up Stephanie and Big Eddie and market your station! You will increase ratings and you will make
Melanie	Wintrich	43773	With so many rights taken away from us almost daily why should this station be any different. WE THE PEOPLE don't have rights any more. We are just the worker bees to pay the bills. Lord knows we shouldn't have a concrete idea or thought. SHAME ON ALL THE NEWS MEDIA!
Michael	Council	413215	WHO IS REALLY SURPRISED--CLEAR CHANNEL IS THE FOX OF
Laura	Darwin	43064	RADIO
Richard	Darwin	413235	
Matthew	Norman	413201	I patronize many of the advertisers on AM1230. If the format changes as seems likely, I will definitely not be patronizing any of the new advertisers. I hope progressive radio finds another station in Columbus - anything would be better than clear channel.
jane	belt	413212	Without being able to listen to Stephanie, Al, Ed, Randi and Rachel, I will be very disappointed and definitely less well informed/entertained. Never before have I felt my quality of life would be affected (for the worse) due to a change in radio programming. Please reconsider replacing my favorite progressive talk radio people. I'm definitely not interested in listening to Jim Quinn, Laura Ingraham and Michael Savage. Until progressive talk radio came to Columbus, I never listened to radio except while in the car. Now I have it on at home all day long. What a great loss it will be if I no longer have access to the programming that I love. My radio will once again go
Brian	Van Hoose	43035	This is the only nonconservative, nonsports talk radio station in Columbus. We can't let the "capital" of a state be so one sided in it's media.
Jan	Robertson	43026	The proposed change in programming does not appeal to me. We do not need more of the same. Please maintain your commitment to progressive talk radio.
Cynthia	Barksdale	43221	I drive all day and evening and I listen to progressive talk it's the only sane talk on the radio. The conservative stations are just about hate. It really turns my stomach when I listen to it
Virginia	Johnson	41063	

Jay	LeChien	62221	
Tracie	Conner	43085	
Julie	Cronk	43214	I love listening to Stephanie Miller--she's hilarious! I listen every day! And Al Franken has fascinating guests and is also funny. It is a mistake to think that people aren't listening!
Judy	Nasar	43221	The public needs to hear all voices; not just one opinion.
Elizabeth	King	43021	<i>These programs are part of my every day life. PLEASE!!! do not pull them</i>
Petter	Hennum	92648	This is a shame. The country needs to know the whole truth. We are sick and tired of half truths being spun around to feed hate and division.
David	Inglis	43213	Keep progressive radio in Central Ohio. This area is more than represented by conservative talk radio.
Norma	Walker	93311	To whom It May Concern: Americans citizens need to hear both sides of the issues. Ohio needs a progressive radio station in their community. Progressives buy from local advertisers. The airwaves belongs to all the people.
charles	parker	01830	amongst a plethora of right wing propaganda, we must have a voice and i demand that we do...damit
Victoria	woods-Yee	43017	We need this format. Keep this station progressive.
Hal	Saffell	43081	At least progressive radio was on the air long enough to help dump the Bushies. And what a welcome change of pace it was, so different from the Mays' family's usual right-wing thugs and slugs -- personalities and callers alike. If the change is made, I plan to listen just long enough to identify the advertisers, so I will know what products and services not to buy.
Bill	Fullarton	43215	Is the proposed change from progressive to right wing based on the politics of the station's owners, I wonder? Obviously a rhetorical question. So, count me out of Talk 1230. We've had enough stuff stuffed down our throats in the last six political years to last a lifetime.
Wendy	Stewart	43147	
Barbara	Wright	53705	We were successful in Madison to get Clear Channel to keep the Air America format. Don't forget that the airwaves belong to the people and the media companies have a responsibility to the public to provide programming for the free exchange of ideas and to provide a public forum for debate. That is how we maintain a strong democracy. Coming so soon after the election, these sudden changes in radio format must be seen as what they are, an attempt to silence the debate and ideas broadcast by Air America and a kind of corporate censorship. Keep fighting for free speech and progressive ideas in Ohio!!
Phyllis	Brose	60120	The America I once knew was one in which opposite points of view were welcomed in order to promote a dialog, and get people thinking. We were once a thinking nation. Not so any more. My observation is that since the mid-term election, the right wing conservatives are desperate and terrified that people are beginning to think and understand nuances....that the spin they've put on everything isn't true. There is a vast audience of progressives hungry to hear and join in discussions of opposing points of view. And we don't want to hear that anyone can call and voice their opinion on the "new" proposed lopsided station. How naive the owners of the station think we are to believe that. Progressives have heard that kind of propaganda from radio stations for years. It's old news and just another lie. There is a huge, hungry progressive audience out there willing and anxious to support advertisers who are dedicated to the cause of freedom of speech. They're passionate to hear the opposite point of view to the right wing talk radio they've been exposed to for so long with no opposing view. Would a business pass up the chance for their bottom line to prosper?? Progressives are loyal to advertisers and will gladly support them. This station would be missing a huge piece of the advertising dollar pie. How

M.N.	nith	3215	<p>According to Clear Channel's 30 year-old "Creed": "... We believe we have an obligation for the well-being of the communities in which we live. We further believe the future success of our communities and the industries where we do business is dependent upon the responsibility we feel, the high standards we set and the positive impact our actions have. . .</p> <p>" [http://www.clearchannel.com/Corporate/PressRelease.aspx?PressReleaseID=1165&amp;p=hidden] I guess we' ll just have to see how committed Clear Channel and its founder, Mr. Lowry Mays, are to the Creed, which obligates</p> <p>that light? Oh, Mr. Lowry! Stephanie is calling you to the light!!!! Bless progressive radio!!!! You are saved!!!! ("Teacher says, "Every time you hear a bell, an angel gets his wings!") But seriously, we can be your best friends or your worst enemies--your advertisers' too, by the way. Now, we don't want a fight. (Hey, we're progressives!) But we know our mind, and we want our programm</p> <p>in your "Creed."</p>
oe	Davenport	8125	<p>Well you are truly showing that you care not about open discussion. You currently have a different product which people WANT. Instead you retreat</p> <p>the ebbing side of the tide. I've met many people from Ohio in the army and in in my union work(AFSCME). They are open minded, and fair-please give them the information to make the choices based on total information.</p>
ay	Meyer	5440	
loward	Dock	3214	<p>Shame on Clear Channel. There was a time where we can listen to different points of view, and the truth. Not listen to propaganda from just one side of the political spectrum. This is what corporate radio has become. What happened to the Fairness Doctrine by the FCC ? Apparently it is fair as long as you hold the Right Wing point of view. The problem here is not that there is no audience for progressive radio. Ed Schultz, Randi Rhodes and Stephanie Miller has consistently have better ratings than the Conservative talk shows in the markets they are in. Clear Channel feels that it is not their audience, or THEY do not know how to sell Progressive Radio.</p>
ogger	Digel-Barren	3068	<p>Central Ohio already HAS enough right-wing talkers. This state went Democratic in a big way in November, and we liberals have earned a radio voice. You're using the PUBLIC airways, so give the majority public a voice!</p>
eronica	Frost	3223	
ara	Strong	3214	<p>I can't believe you are pulling Air America in Columbus when it has doubled the station's ratings in two years! Do you not believe in the free market? I will boycott your proposed right wingnut station (no way I can listen to those dangerous, repulsive lies and drivel) and loudly boycott all its advertisers - I will be sure to let each one of them know why. Are your far right owners unable to tolerate even this one progressive station in our market? The right must be even weaker in Ohio than we thouaht!</p>
Aelissa	Doom	3133	<p>Rally the Progressive Troops, Columbus! I listen to 1230am whenever I am in your area. I can't wait to discover who will be advertising on the Mike Savage show. It will be my pleasure to encourage any and all to boycott corporations AND local advertisers who support these hate-filled neo-cons!</p>
erb	Hedden	1220	
l.	Schmansky	1065	<p>Central Ohio must have more than one viewpoint expressed on the airways and those viewpoints should continue to be told on Progressive Radio.</p>
Paul	Kopper	1130	<p>Progressive means "going forward". Regressive means "going backward" How in the world could anyone stomach more of this right wing drivel? They are dead! They just don't know it yet. Keep Progressive Radio in</p>
William	Mc Cormick	1223	<p><del>Columbus</del> more progressive radio, not less. Keep WTPG-1030 Progressive Radio intact so that we non-conservative listeners have a source for news and information in Central Ohio.</p>
Jennis	Slamka	042	

john	Sandman	45230	Franken yes - Savage No! How can ANOTHER right wing radio station make economic sense. You'll be splitting all those right wing ears with all the other radio stations. Clearly, nearly 50% of America (and Cincinnati in some places - Vic Wulsin's recent close race for example) should tell you that there are many of us out here!
Man			
dan			actually there to run in the first place...
pete	Johnson	43231	Progressive talk radio is clearly a viable format. Please reconsider. The issues surrounding this administration will not disappear, the response is likely to be more intense, bringing more listeners and increasing advertising revenue. Stay the course, do not cut and run.
Melissa	Hedden	43220	All you have to do is look at the 2006 election results in Central Ohio to understand that there is a huge audience for progressive talk radio. Don't pull the plug!
William	Rauch	43055	As a Newark City Councilman, I have greatly appreciated "WTPG-1230 am Progressive Radio. I listen to it all the time. What a shame, if it leaves our area! We already have a plethora of Right-Wing radio stations; why do we need another?! The last election showed that the majority of Ohio voters moved to the center, and many are seemingly toward progressive views. Why trash more airwaves with the likes of Michael Savage and company!
Clifford	Adams	43085	I really enjoyed Ed Schultz, Stephanie Miller, and the Young Turks. The new shows have nothing to offer me. If Air America is gone, I'll switch to
Raymond	Cook	45227	FM.
C. L.	CHORNIK	43016	
Greg	Guzzetta	90232	
Adele	Trvko	02135	We need to reinstate it in Boston too. No Air America Radio as of a week ago. It was a total surprise. The people of Columbus need it as does
john	keener	44221	WE NEED BALANCE....Patriots Stand Up.
Darrell	Bliss	43081	The Air America line up on WTBC was a refreshing break from the mind numbing one sided corporate controlled garbage that is AM radio today, just wanted you to know that WTBC has lost another listener. Darrell Bliss
James	Hart	43017	
Gregory	Patton	43068	
Steve	Klco	44721	Progressive talk is needed and wanted and will be supported in Ohio!
Patricia	(Reinhart	143076	
Drew	Robinson	143215	We need more conservative punditry! Like Stephen Colben!
Nina	Byram	90039	Please keep progressive radio on the air. It is much needed to balance out all the far right radio that exists spewing out lies. We need progressive radio to get the truth out.
Pete	Faust	43212	
Beverlee	Jobrack	43011	I listen to WTPG almost every day and a lot on the weekends. Please don't change the format. It is a breath of fresh air.
Jonathan	Lentz	48193	
Fred	Fedll	80228	I find it disturbing and unacceptable that WTPG would ignore the wishes of the community it supposeable serves and change formats. I urge you to reconsider your actions and do a real public service and continue to support progressive radio...
Isabelle	Cadel- Newkirk	43220	
Paul	Zimmerman	44667	
Andrea	Pilutti	43017	

Rebecca	Mosher	43202	People own the airwaves and have the right to the truth verses the propaganda of right wing idiots, THAT IS NOT TRUTH!!!! Stop the lies.
erry	burke	45002	We want Ed Shultz and Air America in Cincinnati Ohio.
PHILL	PERKINS	43213	AMERICANS WE NEED TO MAKE THIS WEBSITE HEAT UP! GOAL NEED TO HAVE 4000 PEOPLE SIGN THIS BY THE END OF THE WEEK! WE SHOULD HAVE A TURN OFF CLEAR CHANNEL DAY. ANY STATIONS RUN CLEAR CHANNEL JUST RUN OFF FOR A DAY HECK FOR A WEEK. SHOW CLEAR CHANNEL PROGRESSIVE TALK IS WHAT WE WANT. YOU DONT PROVIDE WE SHUT YOU OFF. PUT THE ADVERTISERS ON NOTICE, YOU SUPPORT CLEAR CHANNEL WE WILL NOT BUY YOUR GOOD! SIMPLE. STAND UP AMERICANS!
Jim	Close	41091	Clear channel is a republican run company. They cut off our station here in Cincinnati and are attempting to do so everywhere.
Robert L.	Wendt	60515	I like to think of progressive talk, whether it be in print, television, or radio, as common sense talk. The people involved in this, are the only ones who want to hold our leaders accountable for their actions.
Karen	Smith	06492	The majority of Americans desire more balanced politics in their government, and in their radio programming, than is currently provided. Progressive ideas are main stream, why should talk radio stations represent extreme right wing views that come from GOP talking point memos? Furthermore, Mike Savage is an outright hateful bigot. To endorse his career by giving his grossly unamerican vernacular a voice is shameful. I will boycott the sponsors of your new programming.
Megan	Coy	44907	Please keep progressive radio in Columbus!
Ryan	Mathews	44321	I live in the Akron, area, not Columbus. But my local progressive station, WARF, is also owned by Clear Channel. If we let Clear Channel kill progressive talk in Columbus, it is my fear that Akron is next. IWILL NOT LET THAT HAPPEN WITHOUT A FIGHT!
Barbara	Burkholder	43017	Please do not change the format. I do not want to hear right wing dialogue on this station. Barb Burkholder
ken	kurke	41091	We need to have a decent progressive radio station. Every time I accidentally happen onto Drug Limbaugh's radio show I get nauseated.
D. M.	McLaughlin	92120	
Jayud	Sem	43085	Progressive radio is important in Ohio. Show radio station owners and local advertisers must take a stand to protect progressive radio in Ohio. I want to here Stephanie Miller, Al Franken, Ed Schultz, Randi Rhodes and Rachel Maddow every day. I will not listen to Laura Ingraham and Michael Savage. I will not listen to the radio. I will instead stream airamerica radio from the internet. Goodbye WTPG, i will never listen to you again. It is a sad day in america when politics determines what people hear on the radio. In fact, the management of WTPG appear to be anti-American right wing ideologues. Our country is paying a high price for the neo-conservative insanity that has hijacked the real america. Right wing radio is in large part responsible for the downfall of the standing of America in the world.
Anonymous	NULL	66666	NULL
Dave	Egger	43123	Keep Progressive Radio on in Central Ohio.
Jim	Secrist	43230	
Gloria	Smith	43055	This is wrong right wing radio has enough stations. You are turing your back on the rest of America. So much for free speech and freedom of beliefs I am angry as hell!!!!
Ken	Young	44720	Hoping our Akron Station can hang on, and perhaps any independents left can pull something together.
Michael	Greenman	43081	We finally had a radio station in Columbus that allowed us to hear alternatives to the right wing, or corporatist radio that permeates the air waves everywhere! Now we'll be just like everywhere else - bland, biased and neoconservative. Shame on the powers that be for surrendering to the

amon	Mollenkopf	43082	
William	Platt	43214	
Brothy	Jegla	43022	
erry	Pathy	43085	
arlos	Teel	43201	
udrey	Lynch	43074	Another example of how the political machine has directed corporate america. We already have an extremely conservative talk station in Columbus - 610 AM. Isn't that enough? Whatever happened to the american way of promoting diversity? I guess monopolies now rule
Richard	Gunther	43085	Providing a balance of political viewpoints is an essential obligation of the media in a democratic society. Takeover of most media outlets by right-wing extremists poses a threat to American democracy. Don't do this!
eborah	Plummer	66536	I don't live in Ohio but in Kansas. I'm watching what is happening to AAR who already had a "home" in Ohio but now, is getting booted off in favour of right-wing radio. Please don't do this to Ohio because it'll make it more difficult for us in Kansas to begin AAR. You are a leader in having AAR, one we look toward as a way to bring AAR to us, please don't end AAR. All we have in Kansas is right-wing radio and we don't need anymore of right-wing radio; we need more AAR radio - everywhere. Thank you. Peace
onna	Wasson	43235	Bring back Ed Schultz. We need straight talk more than ever until Bush is out of office
ohn	Crites	143220	Wtpg will not increase income with a change in format. Actually, Stephanie Miller has in the ratings for her time slot in the past. Others have completed equally. If this is because of lack of advertising, show us a list of who refuses to advertise on this station. This appears to be same tactic attempted in Madison.
on	Jensen	65203	I don't understand why advertisers don't want to reach 58 percent of the market. I don't understand why they apparently are afraid of offending 42 percent of the market, but not afraid of offending 58 percent of the market. This should be a selling point for the station's ad salespersons: Advertise on conservative talk radio and you keep reaching the same 42 percent of the market. Advertise on liberal talk radio and you get your message out to the other 58 percent, who are not hearing your message now. They have money to spend on buying your products, too! Don't you want to make that 58 percent aware of you and your product?
ruise	Gioielli	45242	We have lost progressive radio in Cincinnati, I hope you can keep yours in Columbus!
arbara	Johnson	01035	Across the country we citizens will monitor this action, and will withdraw support from advertisers backing Michael Savage and Laura Ingram. Don't doubt what can be done to save our country and our airwaves.
ebra	Brinker	43017	Progressive radio is important to provide balance, and to provide a response to the many conservative radio and TV shows.
om	Beck	43085	It's pretty simple for me. If Mr. Collins and Clear Channel persist in abandoning the 1230am Progressive Talk format, I will just delete 1230am from my radio dial and make every effort to avoid any companies and their products or services that choose to support the changed format. When the ownership and control of all media rests in the hands of the few, the erosion of free speech and a free press are a natural consequence. We can either stand now to protect the diversity of opinion and ownership of U.S. radio and television airwaves as well as internet neutrality or forfeit our constitutional freedoms.
ene	Nest	92107	To deny access of progressive talk on the public airways is to deny freedom of thought and speech.

Jim	Goodman	43016	I can't believe you are changing WTPG format. The November election clearly shows that Ohio is clearly a <i>majority progressive</i> state. This is particularly evident in the Columbus. The free market of opinions in Columbus is decidedly progressive. This make no logical business sense not to have a radio station addressing the concerns of this market. <i>These people do have money to spend and needs and desires that can be marketed to through radio.</i> Just on this basic, fundamental analysis you are making an error in judgment. I have listed to WTPG from its inception. You did not give the station an opportunity to survive. <i>Why was there no local personality? No local promotion through other media outlets? (ie local broadcast TV, newspapers..)</i> Your effort to promote and grow market share to date have been half hearted at best. Can you prove to your investors that you made a good faith effort with their money? Another error is that you have made this a "zero sum" equation. Why on earth would you do this? Why not save some of the progressive shows? Why not make an honest effort to capitalize on this market?
andy	shetterly	41011	It's a real travesty that Clear Channel is afraid to let opposing vievs to their right-winged agenda be heard. It was sad day when Cincinnati lost its progressive voice. Let's do everything we can to ensure Columbus maintains the current format on 1230 and then mobilize to bring progressive radio back to Cincinnati.
cindy	shetterly	41011	
Grant	Gengel	6071	We cannot let the airwaves become the property of goose-steeping dittohead zombies.
Jim	O'Donnell	08742	
RON	PAIRAN	43046	How about some balance!
Dan	Lowenstein	43202	
Mona	Parsons	43050	
judith	spater	3023	we need an unbiased forum in central ohio, no more right wing rhetoric.
Rich	Lillash	3214	
Anne	O'Farrell-DeVoe	3202	
James D	Brown	96744	The airwaves belong to the people. Democracy depends of diversity of opinion. Keep Progressive Radio on in Central Ohio to balance out the radical right.
Mike	McLaughlin	43202	
Eric	Smer	44646	Educated minds = freely knowing BOTH sides of topics
Si	Sokol	43221	
Barbara	Sokol	43221	
Michael	Norton-Smith	44720	In order to make any kind of informed decision, it is important to research all aspects an issue, including those that may not agree with your own view points. Keep progressive radio in Ohio.
Carla	Sokol	43221	DON'T YOU DARE TAKE AWAY WTPG! This is one of the few news sources that tells it like it is.
J	Foley	43214	The majority does want to hear talk radio that is blue rather than dull red. The majority does spend a lot of money. If Clear Channel can't "sell" the majority, they should consider changing their sales staff, not their format. Does the sales staff understand what they are selling? Or are they so locked in a red mentality that they can't sell to advertisers who want to
Mar aret	McKa -Smith	43213	
	ormeroid	43040	DONT TAKE ED OFF HE IS AWESOME
Sharon	Ormeroid	43040	We need the TRUTH for our area.
	Bailey	43138	You are about to change a station from one I always listen to, to one I will never listen to. How can this help your bottom line?
Marjorie	Bartram	44306	It has been so refreshing listening to the other side of the story.
Debbie	Lopresti	43065	

darnell	tompkins	43146	it is absolutly disgusting that in a now "blue" state, that i cant have a progressive format to listen to. im so sick of the maniacal racists and idoits that the right has to offer. how dare you bastards cancel ed schultz! mike c ewine and blackwell got there ASSES KICKED! and you bastards are gonna tell me that there isnt an audience for progressive talk? FUCK YOU! larua ingram ?!?!are you fucking kidding me? bum in hell! ( even though it doesnt exist)
Karen	Keough	43240	Please keep the progressive format in Central Ohio. We need this format here.
Janie	McIntyre	43228	Please keep WTPG up and running in Columbus: Progressive thought needs a voice, and we need to increase the momentum!
R.	T.	87111	
Richard	Hart	43221	
David	Weinberg	97048	Can't there be one progressive, liberal radio station?
Nora	Merhar	43085	
Jen	LaLuzerne	43230	I am so disappointed to hear that the format of my favorite radio station may be changing. Please do not follow through with this. I know so many people who are dedicated listeners, and it is a format for all political minds, including those who disagree. I listen loyally for multiple hours each day across the shows. This is very disheartening, as this is the only station around that offers a different viewpoint.
Felixberto	Ladaga	89512	let the truth be heard far and wide. please keep the progressive talk radio alive.
Wayne	Shingler	43211	I listen to WTPG regularly and patronize its advertisers. I have no interest whatsoever in the WYTS format and will not listen to it. The conservative talk radio market is already over-saturated. Don't give up a unique niche with WTPG.
Benjamin	Morales	93905	keep the progressive format, it works
Hallie	Slivon	43050	I listen to the progeressive radio 1230 in my car and at home. I can think about5 people who I have told about progressive radio 1230. I will listen for one day to hear who your ads are from then write all of them. I will not support your radio or your ads.
Shelly	Thomas	56303	Don't let this happen! They are trying to do this all over the country. Even in MN, home of Al Franken, we can't even get Air American Radio unless we practically live in his neighborhood. It's not right and it's not fair to get rid of majority i.e., Progressive voices in America just because we have a boneheaded government full of rabid neocons. Progressives demand a
mamta	mujumdar	43215	
robert	eves	43202	There should be aways be allowed various viewpoints in all media, television, print, radio, etc, and 1230AM is just one of many - 610 AM is another, please keep everything the way it is...I listen to 1230 AM and enjoy it, AND I know <u>my</u> friends do also.
linda	jacobs-holcomb	143228	air america is great. i listen to it 24 / 7. and i am not kidding,canceled cable t.v. and only listen to to air america on the radio. i can notbeleive that you are considering taking this off the air. i know many listeners, like me who would be really angry if this programing was taken off.columbus doesn't want right wing radio, WE ARE PROGRESSIVE AND WANT PROGRESSIVE RADIO_AIR AMERICA !columbus is blue.the air waves belong to the people,we want to keep the programing we have now,please do not take air america away from the people of columbus ! sincerely,linda
marty	holcomb	43228	i love air america. listen daily, enjoy the programing. i do not want air america to be taken off the air. i am a big fan of air america !!!!!!!!!!!!! columbus deserves to have air america !!!!!!!!!!!!!
kristina	kehrer	02141	
Mark	Dansack	43537	

Dawn	Rose	45601	will backfire. Listeners of progressive talk will be forced to XM or Sinus Radio. Progressive talk WILL succeed, you cannot stop the movement!
Rufus	Milsted	43082	
LED	Radel	43026	Please keep a progressive voice in our area.
Judith	Doyle	45241	We are saddened to learn that in a supposed democracy, the people are only allowed to hear one voice over and over and over again. Please reconsider your decision to continue this discrimination, this control of the media, and this attempt to ram the right wing agenda down the throats of all Americans. Help our citizens be informed, be free, and be empowered to rule themselves and not be ruled by those whose goal is the domination by the greedy and self serving. God Bless Americans who fight for their rights.
Diane	Lamping	45113	We absolutely need progressive talk radio in Ohio!!! Our future depends on hearing the other side and getting the real truth out on important issues. It isn't fair to always be so one-sided. Ohio needs progressive radio.
margaret	riley	43125	
Janet	Laster	43081	
tim	hannum	43081	We need a place to hear the truth, not more right wing b.s. talking points.
Jeff	Lamping	4	I listened to progressive talk radio everyday. It was very fresh to me that other people think the way I do. It made me feel like I have voice.
Julie	McGhee	43229	
RUPERT	STARR	43220	
Margret	Mullins	43230	
bill	Kennedy	45209	There are already too many sorces the ultra conservative viewpoint. If you appreciate balance on your publically licensed airwaves, keep air america.
Mark	Blood	01749	As a frequent visitor to Columbus (and former resident), I want progressive talk radio back on the air in Ohio. Please provide some balance to talk radio by bringing back the progressive format.
Amy	Jakes-Johnson	13219	First I want to say that the Ed Schultz Show was taken off the airways here in Syracuse NY in 2006, and replaced with a right-wing conservative talk show. I was unaware that this was going to happen until it did. Fortunately, I can hear audios of Ed Schultz on the internet but I miss out on most of the call-ins. This is definately a political move to stifle the progressive talk shows. The owners of these stations are looking to the 2008 elections. Keep up the fight. I'll be following your progress.
lisa	newmark	43054	You are making a big mistake by changing formats. Please reconsider
Ethan	Orion	97214	I am 13 years old and i have been listining to proggressive talk for almost 3 months now and I am OUTRAGED that the peublicans are trying tto take away progresive talk.
Georgia	Crosby	43202	Why in the world would this programming be taken away?! This move clearly points to a desire to have one-sided thinking in this state, not to mention power and autocratic control by a particular faction. This action is counter to the principles of balanced democracy. In other words "it's blatantly WRONG!" Shame on you!!!
jim	barton	43764	This does look like a vendetta against a democratic win in this state. All I know is that since Ed shultz was pulled from 1230 AM, I have not listened to the station except for a few times to see if Big ED was coming back. I also will boycott the advertisers of the station until they bring real TALK radio back to Columbus. I am not a dittoe-head and I do think for myself. I didn't serve 4 years in the military to continue being denied Freedom of expression and the press. 1230 AM has lost many people to other channels because of this decision. If they wanted to be progressive and neocon at the same time why not put ED on after mr drugaddicklimpbaugh so people will get both points of view. I work in Columbus and lately our radio has been on WCOL all DAY. I'll Take my country over Crap neoconservatism any day. Maybe woody will have ed on as a guest speaker.....thanks for
Anonymous	NULL	22123	NULL

Phil	Motyka	11968	
Anonymous	NULL	12345	NULL
Mark	Baldwin	43221	All voices need to be heard, not just thr Right.
Anonymous	NULL	12345	NULL
George	Barrett	01864	
Rick	Wilkerson	43214	I am a regular listener of Air American on AM1230. Clear Channel is "giving up" way too easily and that makes me suspicious that they wanted progressive talk to fail. I never saw any promotion in Columbus for 1230. Why not? Also, conservative talk was given many years to build an audience. Why can't Clear Channel allow this format to continue to grow and why won't they really get behind it? Suspicious indeed.
Robert	McIntyre	43228	I greatly miss practical, responsible, and reasonable tone taken by Ed Schultz. He is a great loss to the Columbus area. I also like Stephanie Miller's humor and will miss that if it leaves town. Al Franken was, like Ed Schultz, open, reasonable and intelligent. Anyway, you will lose me as a listener if you make these changes. But if you do, I just might have to order a SIRIUS subscription so I can listen to reasonable discussion about today's political problems. Bob McIntyre
Morgan	Torkelson	53705	WTPG needs to keep its progressive format in order to help prevent douchebags like Ken Blackwell from screwing more American citizens.
Jenny	Millikin	43204	I'm doing this so my husband stays sane and because every view needs a voice.
Andrew	Brigham	43214	
Carol	Brigham	43214	
David	Steele	90755	While I don't live in Ohio, I feel it's better to fight the stupidity over there before we have to fight it over here. Signal Hill, CA
Ardyce	Stein	56724	
J. Medill	Wygum	43150	
sheena	jacobs	43228	i buy from advertisers on air america. i do not want this programing to be taken off the air. this programing is what i and most of the residents in columbus beleive in. we do not want RIGHT WING TALK RADIO. we need this point of veiw as a balance. air arnerica on the radio !why would you even consider taking it off,when you have so rr loyal
Bill	Wood		Miller is the best thing on the air in itra ic another me-too conservative talk station? These comments should demonstrate that you have listeners who will support advertisers for progressive talk.

William	esterman	7012	<p>Just as the electorate is starting to distrust the "party line" reported in black and white, based on talking points, radio listeners are increasingly expecting to hear a variety of political opinion on radio. This market niche should be a opportunity for astute corporate media managers to tap into a growing and significant market segment. After years of the same old predictable and redundant shouting on talk radio, many listeners are craving other than right/wing propaganda to form their own fair and balanced view of our country and its leaders and policies. An excellent example of this is the following op/ed piece by Al Franken, responding to the common conservative complaint that the media ignores the "good" news from Iraq. Franken sees the various hues of a story and the complexity of war reporting. Al Franken: Little miracles, big mess Many of our troops are frustrated that the positive work they are doing goes unreported. And yet ... Al Franken Published: December 31, 2006 KABUL, AFGHANISTAN When Laura Bush complained the other day that the media don't cover the "good news" stories in Iraq, I found it literally incredible that anyone in this administration could continue to blame the media for Americans souring on this fiasco. After all, as you might recall, there was "no doubt" about the stockpiles of WMD. The Mission was Accomplished in just six weeks. There was no insurgency, just a few "dead-enders." Then the insurgency was in its "last throes." A week before the recent elections, the president said we were "winning" the war. • Yet many Bush administration supporters (talk about "dead-enders") still bash the media for not reporting about the many Army and Marine units that bring school supplies to children around Iraq. They may not realize that, as has been widely reported, Iraqi principals beg journalists not to cover these stories for fear of their schools being targeted by insurgents. Perhaps, as I suspect, their ignorance is one of partisan convenience. • I'm writing this on a C-17 cargo plane as I leave Iraqi airspace on the way to Afghanistan. This is my fourth USO tour in the region, and I always try to learn as much as possible while focusing on my primary mission-- telling a few jokes to, and spending some time with, the men and women in uniform who are away from their families and face incredible danger every day. One thing I've learned on this trip is that many, if not most, of the troops share in that frustration and anger toward the media and what they see as its focus on the negative aspects of the war. Their feelings are understandable. Every day, our troops get up and work with tremendous dedication and courage to roll the boulder a little further up the mountain. There are literally hundreds of thousands of positive stories to tell. These are the micro-stories of this war. Just a few I've encountered myself A medic treats a 12-year-old Iraqi boy in Baghdad. Progress is made on a sewage system in Ramadi. A JAG officer works with Iraqi judges to build a provincial judicial system in Tikrit. But the journalists in Iraq have a responsibility to the American people to report the macro-story. The 12-year-old boy had been caught in the crossfire as troops struggled to maintain order during another spasm of sectarian violence. The (depressed) infantryman who told me about the sewage system had lost friends while working out of a small combat operating base in town. The JAG officer confided that he believes we made a mistake invading Iraq in the first place, but that if we left now, the violence in the already chaotic country would explode. The truth of the matter is that the Bush administration has made enormous and tragic mistakes at every stage of this debacle. It overplayed the threat from Iraq and undersold the price, in lives and resources, of a war. It failed to plan for a post-invasion Iraq, ignored the threat of an insurgency and allowed a shoddy reconstruction rife with fraud, abuse and sheer amateurism to sabotage our efforts to put the pieces back together. Worst of all, it has failed to admit to its mistakes or adjust to emerging realities along the way, leaving us in what now seems to be a no-win situation. On Dec. 16 I attended a memorial service in Mosul for a 29-year-old gunner who left behind a wife and three young daughters. It was wrenching. More than anything, I wanted his sacrifice to have meaning. More than anything, I didn't want there to be even one more widow made to raise three girls who'd lost their dad</p>
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ne	Butler	43214	Progressive radio is a must-have here in Central Ohio. Please don't give up, please don't change our station. We are here and we are listening!
		98310	The new mainstream in America is progressive. The radical right doesn't speak for most Americans, whether they're at the top (as they are right now) or not... If you want listeners, I urge you to get in front of the new parade-- that parade is the surge of awakening Americans, who want to protect the poor and middle class and preserve the safety net and the commons. Please lead the trend and protect the majority progressive voice in radio! The good you do will come back to you, and more.
nda	Wood	43081	to the powers that be at wtpg--I am not an AM radio listener by nature except for your station as it exists now. We already have a full-time sports talk station right up the dial and your big-time wattage station in town already has conservative talk (I believe, since I don't listen). This tells me you are changing for the sake of change and not to improve 1230's ratings with something better. Go through with it and I say good-bye permanently.
ric	Resnick	44705	I am frequently in the Columbus area weekdays. There's plenty of garbage right wing radio available in the central Ohio listening area. WTPG is a breath of fresh air when I'm in town, and I suspect he claim that you "cannot sell" progressive radio here is a lie since two of the personalities heard there, Randi Rhodes and Ed Schltz are typically the ratings leaders in markets where they compete with what you want to put on in their place. Further, if you trash these airwaves, I, and many others will not merely tune in to the new format as if talk was a commodity. Instead, I will turn off the radio, dropping your listenership numbers.
eff	Reeder	43235	I consider myself to be a fiscal conservative, a social moderate, and a religious liberal. So from my perspective, the far left brings as little logic, reason and substance to rational political and social dialogue as the far right. And although I readily acknowledge the unfortunate excesses of rational thought and expression from some on the left, I also know the Columbus radio market badly needs more balance in this dialogue than we currently have, given the number of far right "radio voices" already inflicted on the central Ohio area. Sadly, WTPG will loose my support if they initiate this move to strip away the only local source of moderate and progressive radio commentary available to the majority of us who live in a world loaded with grev area. WTPG - Sav it ain't so.
Russell	Walters	43204	We need progressive radio in Columbus.
James	Naab	43026	
Clayton	Hutchinson	3202	I listen to 1230 am 12-16 hours a day. As a result I have a new mattress and vaccuum cleaner! About a year ao I had advertising needs and REPEATEDLY called the station and NEVER received a call back! So what is with this??
Kate	Menke	3026	If you eliminate the dissenting voice you diminish what makes the USA truly great. I don't want to live in a world like GEORGE ORWELL's from 1984. WAR IS PEACE FREEDOM IS SLAVERY IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH. With that said, I vow that I will not support clear channel or their local advertisers if this goes through.
David	Shorr	3224	
sharon	house	5014	Clear Channel took progressive radio off here in Cincinnati too. That's way am signing any petitions to support progressive talk.