

## Sleeping with the Phone and Cable Cartels How Long

Over the past fifteen years, I have watched with a growing anger the manner in which the federal agency entrusted with the care and protection of MY (taxpayer) air waves(FCC) has given away those airways to corporate interests. Then these same CEO types screw me with their expensive but banal programming.

Civil servants were instituted to implement the rules of fair administration of the agencies set up by the Legislature. They have often been the last line of defense against corruption. By fairly implementing their rules, all have enjoyed the benefits our government has provided in the use of our national wealth.

The US is currently at a decisive juncture in our history. We are embattled on a number of fronts, from terrorism to unbridled corporate consumption of natural resources. And in particular, these media giants have catered to divisive talk show programming, underreporting of important news while flooding the air waves with a thousand crime series, reality TV and idol shows of little substance. I know you have no control over the content these corporations provide. You do have a responsibility to see that there is suitable diversity of ownership in a given market, to balance this corporate programming and insure the opportunity for other messages.

The Internet is an extremely important medium for the expression of diversity at the juncture of our history. It's success has flowed from its freedom of access and neutrality. **KEEP CORPORATE HANDS OFF THE INTERNET. THEY DO NOT OWN IT. DON'T GIVE IT TO THEM.**

Thank you