

reverse centralized media control

It seems to me that variously, big media, in collusion with their bought-off politician pals are contriving to stamp out the vestiges of independent media in america: the amping up of postal rates for magazines by time/warner, tripling of internet music royalties by the copyright board, anti-competitive cable initiatives by verizon et al, and the assault on net neutrality. This trend is clearly undemocratic, and serves only concentrated capital in media, which is politically dangerous. It should go without saying that a diverse and independent media is integral to a functioning democracy. When it comes to the interests of the polity, as opposed to the oligarchs, the bottom line IS NOT the bottom line!

thanks,
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Net Neutrality is essential to free speech, equal opportunity and economic innovation in America. Since the FCC removed this basic protection in 2005, the top executives of phone and cable companies have stated their intention to become the Internet's gatekeepers and to discriminate against Web sites that don't pay their added tolls.

This fundamental change would end the open Internet as we know it. It would damage my ability to connect with others, share information and participate in our 21st century democracy and economy. The FCC must ensure that broadband providers do not block, interfere with or discriminate against any lawful Internet traffic based on its ownership, source or destination.