

The consolidation of media ownership in general is in major conflict with the idea of a free press. It's appalling how every TV station now reports on the same stories with little elaboration. Recently our newspaper had an article about whistleblowers regarding Iraqi contractors. No TV station carried this story during that week. Weeks later the TV stations began reporting a little about this situation. Consolidation has given control to a small group, allowing their ideas and opinions to undermine our Constitutional right to a free press.

Along with consolidation, almost no minorities own media outlets. I urge you to set up a task force to look into this problem as well as to look at the broad implications of the consolidation of media ownership.\