

I hate ignorance and intolerance, almost as much as I hate "clichés" but in this situation all three are appropriate: "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it!" One of the important principles that separates this country from any other in the world is the premise of freedom of speech; be this in the political, personal or religious arena.

Therefore, how can the censorship, approval, disapproval, restriction, editing or bowdlerization of a "board" of others not be a violation of this fundamental right of every American? How can a "select few neighborhood" individuals who are not elected nor sanctioned by the listening masses speak for them from coast to coast? I know no one has asked me, nor anyone I know their beliefs, wishes or preferences as to what should be on the airwaves. For personally I would have to say if I were allowed to regulate, there would be precious little left on the air - secular or non secular.

However, given that opportunity, I would decline it, for I am not arrogant, nor intolerant of others and their beliefs, religion or opinions. Perhaps it is because I am not as "informed" or "prevailing" as the "omniscient" FCC who seems to feel they and their boards are the only ones who know what is best for the rest of us incompetent, ignorant masses who are too stupid to turn a dial or simply just not listen when something offends us.

Consequently, show me one person who would not like to censor something personally offensive to them but would not want to be censored themselves. So how do we decide who is right and who is wrong?

The American way that has worked for over 200 years. Let the public vote with their dial and their dollar. Obviously if there are listeners and sponsors; and consumers supporting the sponsors - they are in favor. If not, you better know letters and boycotts of their products would shut down the programming "tout d suite".

So, my question is, "Why is the FCC wasting their time and our money to implement yet one more ridiculous and unnecessary set of rules and regulations?"

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