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Allow the content of local market broadcasting to remain in the control of the local broadcasters. Programming "advice" by committee, especially when artificially constructed to "represent" an area's population will inevitably lead to poorer quality, less intellectually stimulating, and less fulfilling programming. Let the individual choose what to put on their intellectual plate by letting them listen or watch whatever frequency they decide. There is a great variety already, and the best of every point of view is found where it is presented purely under the incubation and control of it's creators.

No matter what my political or religious point of view, I am free at present to sample untainted media from all other points of view right now. Infringing on the broadcaster's ability to present what they wish, as they wish it, limits my freedom and ability to find the kernels of truth and falsehood that each broadcaster puts forward. FCC interference at the local level only serves to obfuscate.

There is no need for a policy of "equal time" as long as a policy of "equal freedom" exists. Every person is free to speak what they wish. Yet, if they do so at the top of their lungs at three in the morning on a street corner, they may be disturbing the peace because the nearby attempted slumberer can't turn them off.

Broadcasting is different because it may always be turned off by the receiver. A broadcaster free to raise the funding to present a message in the form they intend, in the forum they intend, is fundamental in the First Amendment. Everyone has a right to speak, but not the right to be heard. The differentiation, and responsibility, is in the rights of the listener, who may choose to listen on a different frequency.

While the neighborhood of frequencies has limitations of occupancy, occupiable territory is being expanded through digital broadcasting, as you know. The addition of internet and satellite broadcasting make conventional radio frequency broadcasting an even less attractive and shrinking market. Any who can flourish in that environment deserve to do so without interference, and in doing so may win wider recognition, and perhaps syndication. They are doing so by the support of their listeners and sponsors. The content is continually and effectively reviewed and contended at the local level without Federal imposition.

The nebulous boundaries of free speech are defined by decency and treason. Both boundaries are currently within the jurisdiction of the Federal system, but the system's actions seem to be to the detriment of the former along with the acceptance of the later. In my opinion, the FCC should re-evaluate it's purpose.

There is no shortage of sources for content or points of view within the RF spectrum. Music, talk, and every form of audio and visual entertainment, enlightenment or abasement, are already available in

abundance throughout AM, FM, Shortwave, UHF, VHF, Satellite, Cable, and Internet transmissions.

I do not mean to imply that I approve of all local broadcasting content. Most of the local and cable TV news is so stupid that I can't watch it. The format and content sucks. We'll deal with it here though, and don't want more laws and policies.

Let things take care of themselves without Federal intervention.

With respect,

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