

I want to voice **STRONG** opposition to the proposed buyout of WTVJ-TV by Post-Newsweek, owner of WPLG-TV. Allowing these two stations to be owned by one company will drastically reduce the number of media voices and media decisionmakers in a major U.S. market. Also, WTVJ-TV's market share (judged by the dubious Nielsen ratings system to be 6th place) should not be measured against the Spanish-language stations in determining the station's voice within the community-- that is comparing apples to oranges. The English and Spanish stations serve different audiences. This proposed buyout is an **INSULT** to the very premise that democracy needs an informed public to succeed. For that to happen, one company can not own two major purveyors of information in one major city like Miami. And, what if WTVJ has great success in the short-term and becomes a ratings powerhouse? Such turnarounds are not unheard of. All it takes is one hit talk show or comedy. Then Post-Newsweek would own the two most powerful stations in Miami. **DON'T ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN!** Stop serving the corporate shareholders and start serving the public!!