

The acting Chairman thinks that the FCC has a role in insuring that radio "reflects" the public interest. People listen to what they are interested in. That is the best expression of public interest there is. If a station puts on a show and no one listens to it it is dropped. If a station puts on a show and everyone listens to it it stays on. There is no way the FCC can justify forcing a radio station to carry a show that no one is listening to and that no advertisers will support.

Also, if it is so important to insure the "public interest" is reflected on A.M. radio; why not on TV as well? Far more people watch television than listen to radio. There is absolutely no way you can possibly say truthfully that TV - especially the news - reflects the public interest. If it did their ratings would not be dropping through the floor.