

Local Access Channels on cable TV are an important avenue of information for people without other means. They may not have frequent access to the Internet. They may not have a newspaper, especially as newspapers die off or turn to online versions only. Radio and broadcast television provide limited news and local information, especially as corporations buy out local licenses and control the flow of information. Providing local access channels on cable TV remains a reliable and viable alternative to people, especially as citizen organizations position themselves to provide content for those channels. Allowing cable companies to disband those channels would be wrong and irresponsible. They provide cable services to communities with the obligation of providing some of the bandwidth to those communities for disseminating information. We can't let them off that obligation simply because they're no longer interested.