

I am a subscriber of the Sirius service. The audio quality is very poor. They utilize low encoding data rates in order to squeeze more channels into the limited transponder capacity. WORSE, they utilize the same oppressive audio-amplitude (volume) compression that over-the-air broadcasters utilize. Like FM, satellite-radio fidelity is a BIG LET DOWN. It is NOTHING like the inventors (of either service) promised. The FCC has DONE NOTHING to help the consumer obtain high audio quality. You've been completely laize faire. Broadcasters could pimp camp-fire-girls, and the FCC wouldn't take action. THE MERGER only makes it worse. Now there is NO COMPETITION. They have two incompatible systems, which must waste aggregate transponder capacity duplicating program material for the subscribers who own incompatible receiving equipment (including equipment built-in to cars, that cannot be easily upgraded by fork-lift).

The FCC has been more than asleep at the wheel. They've been actively hostile to the consumer. They are overly friendly to the business interests and only respond to the most vocal special-interest groups (e.g. boobs on Superbowl TV). Maybe you're not as bad as the British OFCOM, but you're running a close second. What a waste of my tax dollars. If it wasn't for Judge Green, I'd still be using dial-up.