

As a journalism graduate, I am very familiar with the role of the FCC. Journalism used to have a different meaning. I was around in the days when "newscasters" actually knew the difference between news and opinion/hype, when "spin" was a verb, when the media was actually used to purvey valuable and meaningful information, a civil tone was heard in political exchanges, and debates were focused on real issues.

Now, sadly, the only place I can regularly see this kind of intelligent exchange and educated information is on the Internet. True, there is some trash there as well--but it is certainly worth the trade-off. Not to mention that "freedom of speech" is a right guaranteed to "we the people" by the Constitution--(again, a document that not enough reporters or politicians seem to know)--not just guaranteed to customers of giant corporate monopolies. So, in reality, taking away this free forum of exchange would be a crime--both literally and figuratively.