

What are the Information Needs of Communities & Citizens? Genuine and full competition among broadband providers without any restrictions or favoritism on web access as is often provoked by corporate controlled broadband. Actually broadband needs to be a service provided by the municipality or county. Better coverage of regional environmental pollution. Less coverage of established religion and more concerning independent spiritual movements.

How is Commercial Media Serving Your Community?

Poorly. Heavily slanted to protect corporate interests, which, as the ones who pay for Congress, is also slanted to portray a Washington-centric agenda. Local and regional coverage is limited to car wrecks, crime, and avoids anything that really shows the impact of the meltdown on Wall Street as it affects Main Street. No diversity.

What is the State of Noncommercial, Nonprofit, and Public Media?

NPR/PBS is controlled by their corporate sponsors and so is the same as commercial broadcasting. WVPM is a great station but lacks the funding to build the towers it needs, as well as expand its broadband network.

What is the Impact of the Internet and Mobile Information?

Charter Network cable offers slow speed, high costs and frequent outages. This is because they have no competition. DSL is not available on my street, and is slow at any rate. Broadband needs to be a public service.