

What are the Information Needs of Communities & Citizens? We need more careful, in depth discussion of the news; right now that need is served best in my community by local, independent radio stations. We certainly need more local coverage and more international coverage, rather than just the latest report of the national political parties' ploys, strategies, and slams against one another. We need better economic news coverage.

How is Commercial Media Serving Your Community?

Commercial media does not serve my community well. I do not rely on it for the most part, choosing rather to subscribe to alternate news sources. I do not subscribe to a newspaper anymore because I find that I can get better coverage by going to online sources or magazines. To the extent that I do watch commercial newscasts like the BBC news or the Rachel Maddow show I tend to pre-record them so I can fast forward through the commercials.

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

Nonprofit media in my area is struggling, especially the two subscription radio stations I listen to: KALW and KPFA.

What is the Impact of the Internet and Mobile Information?

I pay about \$200 a month for my high speed Internet service (which also provides my telephone service). This seems expensive to me, and it certainly would be unaffordable for many.