

While broadcasters have benefited enormously from the Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling which opened the floodgates for Super PACs to form and spend unlimited sums of money in negative political TV ads they have slashed budgets for real news and reporting leaving voters less able to separate fact from fiction. With misinformation problems in the news, too much filler, soft pieces including celebrity gossip and lack of actual investigative reporting the country is headed into serious trouble. We have Republican controlled state legislatures and Republican governors trying to pass discriminatory voter ID laws using fictional claims of voter fraud to suppress the vote. That is not to say voter fraud is not a real problem and does not exist but it is not as severe a problem as they make it out to be and is not why they are trying to pass these laws.

On top of that they are also trying to break up labor unions by stripping worker's collective bargaining rights. This way they disenfranchise likely Democratic voters and they break up unions that raise money for the Democratic Party. By keeping independent voters misinformed, likely Democratic voters disenfranchised and by breaking up unions these Republicans seek to destroy the Democratic Party's ability to effectively compete with them in elections.

Corporations already control radio, TV and cable TV. Now they want the Internet the last medium for free flow of communication and information to make it harder for people to fact check their misinformation. For this reason also strong Network Neutrality rules of openness need codification and enforcement using Title II.