

It's bad enough that TV broadcasters have not been properly living up to their public interest licensee obligations in transparently providing easy access to their political file for years but now that the FCC is seeking to make it easier for the public to review their records online the NAB and broadcasters are in an uproar over the possibility they might be asked to provide documentation online on their political files. Corporate media have been misinforming citizens for years with soft news, celebrity gossip, and partisan spin and dumb fear and hate mongering. The airwaves they use belong to the public but they've been able to get away with not fulfilling their public interest obligations for years in exchange for using the spectrum.

The future of our media does not belong to Rupert Murdoch or AT&T. The future of our media does not belong to Verizon, Comcast, Clear Channel or Time Warner it belongs to us – to all of us. It is time to take back our media. Media consolidation has left us with less diversity and given big media titan's control of the national dialogue. Every time a transformative new technology emerged with the power to give a voice to the voiceless there was a moment of hope but each time lobbyists for big media and telecom companies came to Washington for permission to co-opt and monetize these technologies. Each time the public's best chance of reclaiming the media was sacrificed to corporate power. Now we are left with the Internet, which not only speaks truth to power but also defends truth from power. However, big media moguls like executive Rupert Murdoch both hate that the Internet is open and fear losing their ability to control the flow of information and individual's access to it as long as the Internet remains an open platform. That is why maintaining Network

Neutrality to preserve the Internet, as an open platform free of government or corporate censorship is so essential. The Internet provides a diverse range of opinions, and views letting anyone be heard. Free access to all these different voices online scares executives like Rupert Murdoch wanting to be able to completely misinform citizens making it harder for them to make informed decisions at the ballot box. That is why big media, big telecom and big cable want to clamp down on the Open Internet so no one can effectively challenge their misinformation online. We need transparency by requiring online disclosure of broadcaster's political files to see which big donors are trying to influence our elections through shady Super PAC advertising and we need to preserve the Open Internet.