

To FCC Commissioners Genachowski, Clyburn and McDowell:

?Six giant corporations control more than half of what we watch and read everyday
−− this is a big threat to our democracy.

?Lifting the ban on TV−newspaper dual ownership would give media empires like GE
and News Corp the final greenlight to toast their competition.

?Local newsrooms are closing, investigative journalism is collapsing and diverse viewpoints are
shrinking from our airwaves.

?The FCC was created to protect the public voice, not drown it −− we expect
them to honor that mandate.

I recently re−read George Orwell's "1984." The similarities to the
present are chilling. Thankfully, the terrifying future he feared in 1949 didn't develop at all, let
alone by 1984.

But we are closer to it today than ever before. Our news is not news, but propoganda from
corporate America.

Yes, the corporations own the politicians also.

Please, please don't life the ban. Freedom is dying, but I still have hope it can be revived,
but lifting the ban would be it's death knell.

Regards,

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United States of America (still a democracy, but gasping for breath.....don't tighten
the noose.)