

I recently became aware that the FCC is considering allowing public air broadcast of nudity and strong profanity during daytime hours. I oppose changing these FCC rules.

Public broadcasts, which are available without any special cost or effort on nearly all televisions in private citizens' homes, should not contain material that is highly offensive to a large portion of the population. Members of the public who desire programming with F-words, nudity, and other prohibited material, can easily access this material through other means. The rise of the internet has made access to obscene material almost universally accessible; any need or desire on part of the public for this material can be met through means other than public daytime broadcast. Artists who desire to use these methods of communication have abundant venue in which to do so.

There is no reason to allow obscene material to broadcast and potentially offend or harm large segments of the population when any citizens desiring this material can easily create and express and access this obscenity through other means that don't harm parties external to themselves. Please do not change the FCC content guidelines currently protecting American adults and children from disturbing material during public broadcasts.

In addition to my own remarks, I strongly support the following statement posted from a website discussing Proceeding 13-86:

"I oppose any changes to the current FCC indecency standards that would allow television and radio stations to broadcast expletives and nudity on the public airwaves, even if brief or "fleeting."

"The Supreme Court has confirmed the FCC's authority to enforce policies regarding expletives and nudity, especially during times when children are likely to be watching or listening."

Relaxing the current policy would not serve the public interest and I urge the FCC to reject all proposals that would allow for the broadcast of expletives and nudity on FCC-licensed stations."

The policy was set for a good reason, has been upheld by the courts, and is supported by the public. It should not be changed.

Thank you,
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