

It should be clear from the violence, pornography, and other negative aspects of huge swaths of media from TV to the internet, that there is an almost endless supply of such media to those who want it. What about those who do not want it? FCC-regulated TV broadcasts reach such a large number of individuals, including many who are UNABLE TO REGULATE THEMSELVES, particularly children and youth. Even minor "non-egregious" encounters with nudity or semi-nudity contribute to the desensitization of children. This is also an extremely slippery slope. How many years before the next proceeding, where the FCC will only prosecute "extremely egregious" but ignore all the "egregious" cases?

It sickens me that even the FCC has no interest in helping to provide media that does not pander to tendencies that are known to increase aggression, sexual confusion, and generally worse individuals. It is 100% certain that by changing to this new mode, the FCC will be the direct cause of large number of individuals starting on the path to violence and deviancy. Understandably, there is argument as to how many individuals will be negatively affected, and how many of those will be negatively affected severely. Be that as it may, we can conclude that the negative benefits will outweigh any imaginable positive ones. Why do you think these acts are called "indecent"? Because they are beneficial?

Please, for decency's sake, you should be adding more regulation and restraint and not less. Imagine all the good you could do, all the violent and sexual crimes you can prevent! God will hold you accountable for your unwillingness to improve the human civilization.

I understand that on the other side of this debate is freedom of expression and speech. I strongly agree that this freedom is a basic right and that no one should be unreasonably suppressed. The companies desiring to air their ever-more-indecent shows, however, are not repressed citizens who feel their "artistic license" or "inalienable rights" are being limited. These companies are heartless soulless corporations, governed by the almighty dollar, and this ruling will allow them to increase the effectiveness of their very-real predation on millions of Americans.

It is the duty of the FCC to protect its constituents by serving the greater good. Increase enforcement of indecency laws.

Respectfully yours,
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