

As a 24-year-old with a graduate degree, I am appalled at the ruling generation's foolishness regarding the acceptability of the content of entertainment and the arts. The FCC is supposed to be a filter, a force with backbone and character to do the hard and unpopular job of keeping broadcast media from the destructive perversities and immaturities so accessible in our modern world. American broadcast media should provide a cove of positive media precisely because it is the public media: virtue should always take precedence over vice in the United States of America. A free republic cannot sustain itself without virtue, and a public media environment should promote virtue and discourage vice as not only good government but as a form of patriotism. The FCC has for too long supported the perverse, crude, and immature. I assure you, we have enough of that online, on HBO, in the halls of our high schools, and on our city sidewalks. That's just about enough. Please do your job, follow the laws that require you to keep indecency and profanity out of broadcast media, and listen to the wisdom of the Founders of this beautiful nation; they insist that virtue be taken seriously for the sake of our liberty:

"Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become more corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters."

- Benjamin Franklin

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"It is in the manners and spirit of a people which preserve a republic in vigour. . . . degeneracy in these is a canker which soon eats into the heart of its laws and constitution."

- Thomas Jefferson

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"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion."

- John Adams

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"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

-John Adams

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"Public virtue cannot exist in a nation without private, and public virtue is the only foundation of

republics."

- John Adams

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"[I]t is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of a free constitution is pure virtue."

- John Adams

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"[N]either the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt. He therefore is the truest friend of the liberty of his country who tries most to promote its virtue, and who, so far as his power and influence extend, will not suffer a man to be chosen onto any office of power and trust who is not a wise and virtuous man."

- Samuel Adams

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"[L]iberty cannot be preserved, if the manners of the people are corrupted . . ."

- Algernon Sidney

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"Among a people generally corrupt liberty cannot long exist."

- Edmund Burke

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"Society cannot exist unless a controlling power upon will and appetite be placed somewhere, and the less of it there is within, the more there must be without. It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things, that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters."

- Edmund Burke