

In the early 1980s, cable was a good deal. Expensive - but still a good deal. *Every* appliance you purchased was plug and play, no ads, no excuses, no manipulation. Programming was fresh and not Jerry Springerized.

Fast forward to this century...things have changed. Dramatically. It's hard to see how a disinterested party (like say an alien zoologist) would fail to conclude that our government sold the public into slavery to the cable companies. Users are forced into endless STB trickery and gotchas - while the companies deliver something a Chinaman might expect. Pure adulterated crap.

And recognizing the epic fail of cablecard, what has the FCC done? Not a damn thing. That zoologist would be forced to conclude they were "in on the scam"...great pretenders instead of protectors.

When the public starts throwing out pawned politicians (soon), the FCC will finally fall under real scrutiny. Perhaps we can use some of those NSA recordings to lock offenders up?