

I am submitting comments on why we need stronger media ownership laws - loosening them further by repealing cross ownership ban is a very bad idea. We need an informed and educated electorate but the electorate is becoming less informed and more easily swayed by propaganda from the left or right wing. We vote for political candidates today with whom we identify politically in the last election- and are misinformed or often uninformed. We used to be informed because of great men. Biggest way to solve a problem is to admit we have one. Today's generation is screwed:

A young college age female student addressing a panel of 3 individuals including actor/playwright Jeff Daniels asks what makes America the greatest country in the world in a 1 word sentence. The first panelist says diversity and opportunity. The second panelist says freedom and freedom. Jeff Daniels is then asked and he says the New York Jets. A moderator says I'm going to hold you to a real answer. Jeff pauses for a moment and says our Constitution and Declaration of Independence. James Madison and Thomas Jefferson forged great documents for our country. The moderator again rejects the answer saying one document was a declaration of war and the other a legal document - insisting on a human answer. Jeff Daniels pauses and looks out on the crowd seeing someone with a sign saying It's Not But It Can Be. He surprises and shocks everyone by telling the truth. We are not the greatest country in the world. Other countries have freedom: Canada, Belgium, Germany (today has it), Switzerland, Norway, Japan. We are 7th in the world in terms of literacy, 49th in math and science education, have too high a mortality rate than other countries today so we are NOT the GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD but WE WERE and WE CAN BE AGAIN. We sure were the greatest in the world. In the 20th century we built up a strong middle class, regulated the Wall Street banks and did a number of big things. Jeff says we BUILT GREAT INFRASTRUCTURE, INVESTED IN EDUCATION, WAGED A WAR ON POVERTY NOT class WARFARE ON THE POOR, and sent man to the moon. We can be great again. People don't like liberals because they lose. The only three things we lead the world in currently are highest per capita number of incarcerations - we lock up more of our citizens in jail than other countries, highest per capita GDP on defense spending etc which is not good. We passed laws to help people and used our morals - cared about others. Please strengthen media ownership rules. We need to fix the Voting Rights Act also thanks to the Supreme Court's Shelby County v. Holder to stop states from changing voter laws to disenfranchise the vote and overturn Citizens United to strip money out of politics. Once we are able to elect better individuals to represent us we can end Washington gridlock and do big things again. We can and need to protect the Open Internet from corporate gatekeepers that means Net Neutrality and Title II reclassification of broadband. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMqcLUqYqrs>