

A small fringe of the extremist left has been demanding a government takeover of the Internet for over ten years, but cannot point to any actual misbehavior that would justify such a takeover. When a government agency like the FCC follows such extremists, acting without evidence, and increasing its own power under imaginary or false pretenses, then the people's representatives in Congress must cut off its funding and place its necessary duties in the hands of agencies that will act responsibly. All legislative powers reside in the Congress of the United States. The FCC knows full well that the 1996 Communications Act was a deregulatory bill. But in its zeal to ignore the letter and spirit of that law, and place severe regulations on the Internet, the FCC is usurping the legislative powers of the Congress by attempting to rewrite the laws passed by Congress. Such shocking disregard of the will of Congress will not stand.