

Dear Sirs:

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I believe the government should keep its hands off of the federal Trade Commission as it relates to journalism. Tampering with free speech is a constitutional violation! If a certain political persuasion wants to make its opinion known to the public it should be free to do so.

The press should be allowed to be free to expose, if necessary, problems in our government. This is the purpose of the checks and balances of our constitution. Journalism should NOT BE TAXED! that creates an uneven playing field.

cell phones, Tv and radio must not be taxed beyond what they already are. There is no need for a so called "Citizens media fund. Media should be run privately, not by the government, except for the already existing National Public Broadcasting system.

I am also against a journalism program within AmeriCorps. That organization does good work through existing programs that are not political, such as helping in environmental projects, forest service, and the like. A journalism program is too easily politicized by whoever is in control of the government.

These are some of my thoughts on the upcoming FTC discussions on the "reinvention of Journalism:"

Thank you for consideration of these matters for the sake of keeping politics out of journalism.