

Big Media

KEY QUOTES

“What happened to radio, happened to television, and then it happened to cable. If we are not diligent, then it will happen to the Internet [creating] a media plantation for the 21st Century dominated by the same corporate and ideological forces that have controlled the media for the last 50 years.”

Source: Bill Moyers, keynote speech (comparing big media corporations to plantation owners and American media consumers to their slaves) opening 2007 Media Reform Conference, Jan. 12, 2007

“All across America news organizations have been devoured by massive corporations— and allegiance to stockholders, the drive for higher share prices, and push for larger dividend returns trumps everything that the grunts in the newsroom consider their missions.”

Laurie Garrett, former Newsday (NY) journalist Source: The Daily, Univ of Was Seattle, 3/29/05

“Consider that for the first time in human history a child is born into a home which television is on an average of about seven hours a day. And for the first time in human history most of the stories are told not by the parent, not by the school, not by the church, not by the tribes or community, and in many places not even by the native country, but by a relatively small group of conglomerates who have something to sell.”

George Gerbner, communications researcher/scholar

- [And Then There Were Eight](#) (as of 3/2007)
- [The Big Picture](#) (media landscape in the US) (July 2014)
- [Big Media News](#)
- [The Conglomerization of Magazines](#) (Mar/Apr 2007)
- [Corporate Ownership](#)
- [Corporate Influence In The Media](#)
- [Corporate Media Consolidation](#) (June 2008)
- [Diversity in TV Station Ownership](#)
- [Global Media Giants](#) (1997) Ten Things Big Media Doesn't Want You To Know

- [Mass Media & Politics: An Analysis of Influence](#)
- [Media Concentration](#)
- [Media Consolidation \(PBS-NOW\)](#)
- [Media corporation chart](#)
- [Media Monopoly Index](#)
- The [Media Monopoly Myth](#)
- [Media Monopoly Revisited](#) (2011)
- [Media Owners](#)
- [Media Ownership](#) (Canada)
- [Media Ownership](#) (chart as of June 2006)
- [Media Ownership](#) (pdf chart as of Aug. 2004)
- [Media Ownership & Democracy in the Digital Information Age](#) (pdf)
- [Media ownership & deregulation](#)
- [Media Ownership](#)
- [Media Ownership](#)
- [Media Ownership](#) (links to companies)
- [Media Reform.net](#)
- ["Ownership Concentration and Indecency in Broadcasting: Is There a Link?"](#)
- [Reclaim The Media](#)
- [Take Back The Media](#)
- [Ten Things Big Media Doesn't Want You To Know](#)
- [Top 25 Media Cos Campaign Contributions](#)
- [Top 25 Station Groups: Ranked by Revenues](#) (May 2006)
- **NEWEST** [Top 30 Global Media Owners](#) (2015)
- [Well Connected: Media Tracker](#) (find out who owns media in your location)
- [Who Owns The Media](#) (2012)
- [Who Owns The Media?](#)
- [Who Owns The News?](#)
- [Who Owns What?](#) (CJR)



Recommended Articles

- [Media and Entertainment Mergers Skyrocket in 2014](#) (February 2015)
- [Media and Entertainment Mega Mergers Increase 50%](#) (Aug 2014)
- [In a Blurry World, Ownership Is Yesterday's News](#)
- [The Coming Media Monopoly](#)
- [Knight Ridder chain sold](#) (Mar 06)
- [CW seeks its own identity: UPN-WB merger may look familiar to viewers.](#)
- [NEWS CORP. ACQUIRES IGN ENTERTAINMENT](#) (Sept.05)
- [FCC COMMISSIONER LAUDS FINDINGS OF MEDIA INDECENCY STUDY](#)
- [Big media pays big to find kids](#)
- [Viacom splits company](#)
- [Collapse of big media](#) (Wilson Quarterly)
- [2 cable firms to buy Adelphia Communications](#)
- [Why media ownership matters](#) (4/05)
- [Malone's Liberty Media Agrees to Merge with UnitedGlobalCom](#)
- [Murdoch Buys Rest of Fox Shares in \\$6 Billion Deal](#) (1/10/05)
- [The moment has come for media reform](#)
- [The Media Movement Matures](#) (1/05)
- [Media conglomerates don't serve nation well](#) (10/19)
- [The Lion in winter](#) (9/19)
- [Sony Agrees to buy MGM](#) (9/13/04)
- [And Now a word from our sponsors](#) (8/27)

- [The Revolution was not televised](#) (8/5)
- [The media monotony](#) (8/4)
- [My Beef With Big Media](#) (Ted Turner)
- [Feds approve Sony/BMG Merger](#) (July 2004)
- [Waging the Media Battle](#) (June 2004)
- [Waging the media battle](#) Robert McChesney(6/29)
- [Indecency Flap Opens a New Front in Media-Ownership War](#) (3/29)
- [Murdoch's Mega Media Merger](#) (12/22)
- [NBC, Vivendi merger finalized](#) (10/8)
- [Media Companies Family Tree Chart Details Who Owns What](#) (Adage, 8/20)
- [Global Media](#) (Foreign Policy Review)
- [US Media: Pervasive or Not](#) (Japantoday, 11/14/02)
- What's The Point of Media Giants? (May 25, 2002) The Economist
- Media Mergers (February 19, 2001) Broadcasting/Cable
- Big Media And What You Can Do About It (January 7/14,2002) The Nation
- [Commentary: Media Ownership: Why Bigger Is A Big Mistake](#)
- [The Myths of Encroaching Global Media Ownership](#)
- The Big Deal (AOL/TWC) Time Magazine, January 24, 2000
- Your Survival Guide for the Big Media Age (Brills Content, Dec. 1999/Jan.2000)
- The New Global Media, Content & Discontent (The Nation, Nov. 29, 1999)
- [Media Giants Bad for Democracy](#) (1999)
- [TV: The Nature of the Beast](#) (The Nation, 1998)
- Who Controls the Music? (The Nation, 1997)
- [Free The Media](#) (The Nation, 1996)



Recommended Texts

<p>RONALD V. BETTIG AND JEANNE LYNN HALL</p> <p>BIG MEDIA, BIG MONEY</p> <p>Cultural Texts and Political Economics SECOND EDITION</p>	<p>understanding media economics end edition</p> <p>Gillian Doyle</p>	<p>Media Ownership and Concentration in America</p> <p>Eli M. Noam</p>	<p>THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF MEDIA enduring issues, emerging dilemmas</p> <p>ROBERT W. MCCHESENEY</p>	<p>Media Ownership and Democracy in the Digital Information Age</p> <p>Promoting Diversity with First Amendment Principles and Market Structure Analysis</p> <p>By Mark Cooper Center for Internet & Society Stanford Law School</p>
<p>Communication Revolution</p> <p>Robert W. McChesney</p> <p>Critical Junctures and the Future of Media</p>	<p>COMMUNICATION, SOCIETY AND POLITICS</p> <p>Media Concentration and Democracy</p> <p>Why Ownership Matters</p> <p>C. Edwin Baker</p>	<p>DIGITAL DESTINY NEW MEDIA AND THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY</p> <p>JEFF CHESTER</p>	<p>FIGHTING FOR AIR THE BATTLE TO CONTROL AMERICA'S MEDIA</p> <p>ERIC KLINENBERG</p>	<p>THE NEW MEDIA MONOPOLY</p> <p>A COMPLETELY REVISED AND UPDATED EDITION WITH SEVEN NEW CHAPTERS</p> <p>BEN H. BAGDIKIAN</p> <p>THE BOOK ON THE MEDIA HAS PROVED AS INFLUENTIAL TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DANGERS OF CORPORATE CONSOLIDATION TO DEMOCRACY AND THE MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS AS THE MEDIA MONOPOLY. THIS NEW EDITION BRINGS ON THE WORK AND SUPPORTS IT.—ERIC KLINENBERG, AUTHOR OF WHAT LIBERAL MEDIA?</p>
<p>MEDIA MYTHS Nailing some of the industry's most cherished 'truths'</p> <p>ADAM THIIERER</p>	<p>Who Owns the Media</p> <p>Global Trends and Their Implications</p> <p>Phillip W. Short and Deborah Rice, Editors</p>	<p>Media Ownership</p> <p>Gillian Doyle</p>	<p>ROBERT W. MCCHESENEY</p> <p>RICH MEDIA POOR DEMOCRACY</p> <p>Communication Politics in Dubious Times</p>	

