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My husband and I are new parents of a beautiful baby girl and you can rest assured that while we love "The Sopranos" and "CSI", little Anna Rose will not be watching them with us for quite some time. That being said, there is no way that I want the government telling me what I or my child should watch. We don't even turn the TV on when our baby is awake. A better role for the Government should be encouraging parents to limit the amount of TV their kids see in the first place.

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I was shocked and horrified to hear that some stations didn't show the 9/11 documentary to avoid government fines. Things are getting out of hand when stations won't run serious programs - about issues that affected and touched us all - because they're afraid of the government. That should be a warning that Washington is exercising too much control.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I appreciate that you have taken the time to accept public comment on the issue of the government's role in regulating 'decency' on TV. As someone who has often cast a critical eye to what's in the media, I understand that many are concerned with kind of content broadcast over the airwaves every day. As I flip through the channels on my TV, I am often more likely to find content that I reject -- whether because I find it objectionable or just boring -- than content that I like.

However, for the government to assume the role of castigating 'indecent' content seems to me to be completely inconsistent with the principles of individual freedom and responsibility upon which this country was built. What is objectionable to me is not objectionable to another, and whether or not to watch it should be up to no one else but me. I don't want the FCC to make that decision for me. And I don't need it to; that's what my remote control is for. I am certain that millions of other Americans can do the same.

I urge the FCC to reconsider its role in regulating TV content and return to ordinary Americans the freedom to choose our own entertainment, without the specter of government intervention.

Thanks for the chance to provide my thoughts about what the government's appropriate role ought to be in regulating what's on TV.

My wife and I don't watch a lot of TV, and we let our kids watch even less, as we prefer that they engage in more stimulating activity, like arts & crafts, reading, hobbies or just plain running around. When they do watch TV, we watch with them, and it's generally limited to the more wholesome and educational programming that runs on PBS, PBS Sprout and Noggin, without which we might not even have a TV.

I certainly understand -- and even empathize with -- some of the concerns and complaints I hear about the eroding quality of programming on broadcast and cable TV these days. There is an awful lot of junk out there in the multichannel universe. But in our home, we value the ability to choose the good shows we want our family to watch, and we prefer to use a blend of discretion and technology to help us filter out the rest.

I'm a big believer in the constructive power of good government, especially where markets fail to adequately meet social needs. But when it comes to TV programming, I think the government serves the public's interest best when it provides the tools and guidance to help parents parent.

When parents decide what their kids watch, it's called parenting. When the government does, it's censorship.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

We think it is a good thing that you have asked people to comment on the growing regulation of TV. We hope you will consider people like us, who do not have children. We don't think the government should get more involved just because some parents leave their kids alone in front of the TV. If TV caters to ten and twelve-year-olds, then grown ups won't have much to watch.

The greatest thing about this wonderful country we live in is summed up in one word - CHOICES. We can choose or not choose to watch a TV show.
We can choose or not choose to let our children watch TV.
We can choose or not choose to oversee what our children watch on TV.
We can choose or not choose to use parental controls such as the V-chip and TiVo.
We can choose or not choose to sit here and write you this letter!

We could go on and on but you hopefully see our point. Since when is it the governments job to control and regulate these things? What's next? Is the government going to control things like what kind of cars we can drive based on our age? Teenages can't drive sports cars? Senior citizens can't drive big cars? Where does it end?

I beg you to please stop this before it gets out of hand.

Since you asked whether the government should keep TV cleaner for young audiences, I hope you will consider people like me, who do not have children. I don't think the government should get more involved just because some parents leave their kids alone in front of the TV. If TV caters to ten and twelve-year-olds, then grown ups won't have much to watch.

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To all....

Since you asked whether the government should keep TV cleaner for young audiences, I hope you will consider people like me, who do not have children. I don't think the government should get more involved just because some parents leave their kids alone in front of the TV. We have to leave parenting up to parents. Preventing the broadcast of certain programs is a form of censorship, which is not what America stands for.

Personally, I don't like a lot of what's on TV, so I don't watch it. People can choose what they want to see, the government shouldn't choose for them.

Also, from what I understand, that some stations didn't show the 9/11 documentary to avoid government fines. I feel things are getting out of hand when stations won't run serious programs because they're afraid of the government. That should be a warning that Washington is exercising too much control.

Thanks for your consideration.

I appreciate that you want to hear what parents think the government should do about what's on TV. My husband and I do not allow our daughter to watch TV that we feel is inappropriate for her, in fact we let her watch very little at all. When she does watch, we watch with her, we tell our nanny about our guidelines, and we use our cable controls. It is our responsibility to safeguard our child against shows with adult content. It is not up to the government to tell me what I or my child should watch. To be truly impactful and proactive, the Government should encourage parents to limit the amount of TV their kids see in the first place.

I also don't think the government should use the excuse that some parents leave their kids alone in front of the TV to get more involved. We don't care to have our government set policy based on the irresponsible behavior of others. I think we all know that prohibition didn't work. If you take all material that might be offensive off of tv people will find it elsewhere, and since you are not able to control material that gets brought into the home on VHS and DVD, you're hardly making a dent in the problem. If you really want to make sure children aren't watching material that is unsuitable, make your messaging point about being a responsible parent and being involved with your children.

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We have TV ratings, we have parental controls and we have two of the most powerful tools to control our own viewing; the remote control and the on/off switch. Now you want more? It sounds to me like there is a small, angry bunch who want TV to sound like "Leave it to Beaver" or "Mayberry". I don't know anyone who speaks like that. This will be very subjective decision on what is an adult word.

I have options:

- If they don't want shows on TV with "adult" language, then they shouldn't watch them. If people don't watch them, they get cancelled.
- They should watch TV with their kids ONLY using TiVo or a DVR or VCR. They can record everything, pre-screen and skip the parts they don't like
- They can get rid of their TV and only watch DVDs of Bewitched, The Andy Griffith Show or other classics that they feel are of their liking.
- They could read a book or go to the gym or take a walk with their family and get to know their kids.

I'm an adult. I'm a voter. I'm going to vote in the mid-term elections. I'm all for less government to lower my taxes.

Your role as an organization is to help standardize things like wireless technology so there aren't 50 different kinds of signals and confusion. But what I watch on my TV is none of your business. What you watch is none of my business. I suggest to you that the person responsible is the person who makes the show. TVs don't say "bad" things, people on TV shows say bad things. Your group should not regulate the semantics or word choices of individuals.