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Re: MRN: fervorous regulation

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Dear Pete,

I think you are very right about the effects of regulation. I do not expect *help* to come from the FCC, which after all represents the whole constellation of interests which many of us are in broadcasting to combat. And once legalized, our stations will come under the delightful purview of the US congress and executive branches, whose main interest is maintaining their version of law and order, otherwise known as wage slavery at home and militarism abroad. This will have a chilling effect on "law abiding citizens." (Good thing we're not, huh:)

Nevertheless, as you say, we have to go through the stupid ass routine.

>
> *1) even though what we're doing should be legal, micro-radio has taken*
> *on a unique, defiant character because it is not (the conflation of*
> *morality with legality is generally a grave error). That character will*
> *be swept away in minutes if we ever made the fcc see this our way, and*
> *corporate America will find it's way to get a piece of it. The best*
> *situation is when it is still illegal, but the authorities choose not to*
> *enforce the laws. This is why micro-radio has blossomed, though sadly ,*
> *the "golden age of piracy" seems to be drawing to a close.*

<lots of great words snipped>
>
> *4) so, the main use of this proposal is political, so they can reject it*
> *and we can say: look, this is a perfectly reasonable proposal that we*
> *made and the fcc rejected it because they are in the pocket of corporate*
> *America. We've gone through all the government's stupid-ass procedures*

> *and they still refuse to take seriously the right of the ordinary*
> *citizen to take part in the creation of media, the molding of public*
> *opinionand our rights to participate meaningfully in the democratic*
> *process of our nation.*
>
> *The quality of micro-radio right now is as good an argument for the*
> *destruction of state and capital as any right now- to think that we*
> *could ever craft a law that could allow for radio as good as we have it*
> *right now is to misunderstand the nature of our political system.*
> *Well, I'm sure y'all have had enough of myu rhetoric for the night: off*
> *I go on leg two of the Radio Mutiny tour. Hope to see some of you along*
> *the way,*
> *Pete triDish*
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