

Justice of the Supreme Court William Brennan

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Freedom of speech does not exist in the abstract. On the contrary, the right to speak can flourish only if it is allowed to operate in an effective forum whether it be a public park or a radio frequency LPFM COMMUNITY BROADCAST SERVICE FCC DOCKET MM 99-25.

For in the absence of an effective means of communications, the right to speak would ring hollow indeed. And, in recognition of these principles, we have consistently held that the First Amendment embodies, not only the abstract right to be free from censorship, but also the right of the individual to utilize an appropriate and effective medium for the expression of his views."

SOLUTIONS to a radio dial whose control is overly concentrated, destroying democratic debate and exchange:

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The Supreme Court has consistently upheld the principle that broadcasters can be required to act in the public interest. The landmark case is Red Lion v. Federal Communications Commission. Despite changes in FCC policy over time, that 1969 decision remains a crucial

legal

interpretation of broadcast law, making clear that the broadcast spectrum is (Owned by the Public,) whose

interests

must be served.

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