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<TEXT> The radio act of 1932 declared the airwaves were public property. What's transpired since then has been nothing less than deliberate theft and misuse of that property by large, well organized broadcast companies that have so perverted the system of license issuance as to make it impossible for an average citizen to obtain a license to construct a broadcast facility whose programming is more congruent with the lifestyle and desires of the civil population it is supposed to serve.

To illustrate, I give you an analogy; if the airwaves were compared to a public park, you've allowed McDonald's and Burger King to plant restaurants within the park's boundaries. But if a small child were to desire to put up a lemonade stand, they would quickly 'outbid' the child for use of the space required to conduct business and bring all manner of legal resources to defeat his efforts to protect their corporate profit. And, they do so with the approval and blessing of a federal government and court system far removed from the community.

To push the analogy further, the community might desire a drink of lemonade, but because neither McDonald's or Burger King offer lemonade (their 'research' indicates it is not a 'popular' drink) it is not offered and the public thirsts.

I put it to you that anyone who allows big corporations to prohibit this form of free enterprise is just as guilty of monopolizing the business as those corporations which seek to limit it's expansion into individual communities and offer those communities a choice in programming.