The Public’s Interests in Communications Policy

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“The public interest”

- Concept
- Principle
- Application

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Principle

- Encourage, with media and communications policies, active public engagement with the issues and problems that we share in common.

Title IV

- Forbearance

“If the Commission determines that such forbearance will promote competition among providers of telecommunications services, that determination may be the basis for a Commission finding that forbearance is in the public interest.”
Promoting public culture

Public interest policies?
- Public media investment
- Local public culture
- Broadband deployment and access
- Reallocated/flexible spectrum
- Facilitate public discussion (SLAPP/DMCA)
- Inclusion/disability