

Freedom of speech

Written by Supreme Servant

Of course it is very important for the tax slaves to have freedom of speech, as long as they do exactly what you tell them to do. The only thing that is important is that they sacrifice their income on your altar.

If some hostile people (towards you) write nasty things about you on websites, you put their websites behind an internet filter. Place some simultaneous cover fire by chastizing the Chinese government for limiting free speech on the internet. The written press ought to be so subsidized and regulated that they have structures in place to prevent those kind of stories from surfacing. The way to bring that situation about is by first subsidizing them, writing press releases for them and regulating their competitors out of existence (you prefer a few large networks over many small ones, high regulatory compliance costs will bring about mergers automatically).

Once they are addicted to the money, you can threaten to withdraw it. It works much like with drugs dealers, the first shots are free and once the addiction sets in, they start to come with a price. You should start the threaten of withdrawal once you are sure they know they have such a crappy product that they would never survive in the free market. Usually the threat of withdraw is not even required. This is because once the quality of their product starts to go down and good journalists start leaving, their need for external assistance starts to go up. They will come to you for more help, don't give it right away, look troubled and say that this requires legislation against which there is a lot of public opposition.....

If that does not work you can have commissions that determine with 'binding advice' what channels should be on e.g. cable TV. These commissions should always be said to consist of common men. The CEO of any channel should start to sweat with the idea of being thrown of the cable by your commission. If he has to choose between making a program for the public or for your commission, he will know what to do and make sure the right incentives are in place in his organisation. The threat with violence against disobedience of the cable company can remain in the background.

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" There are some things the general public does not need to know and shouldn't. I believe that democracy flourishes when the government can take legitimate steps to keep its secrets and when the press can decide whether to print what it knows. "

--Katharine Graham, chair of the board of the Washington Post