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Commercialization of Liberalism

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Years ago a not so great man (Rush Limbaugh) once said, "allow liberals to compete in the market place and see if they can sell their ideas!" Limbaugh's comments at the time were directed toward the now defunct radio station "Air America". In retrospect it would seem that Sir Rush was right; Liberals can not compete in a "corporate" market place of ideas.

Framing:

Years ago NPR's Terry Gross once asked Oliver Stone what he thought of American popular culture. Stone declared, "there is no popular culture other than that which is filtered through the lens of Corporatism". He went on to say that our art, music and literature all "bend" toward commerce.

Philosophically, Conservatism and Libertarianism are far more compatible with "Corporatism" than Liberalism. One does not need to be a sub-genius like old Rush to realize that it would be financial suicide for multi-national corporation to promote the likes of (the late) Howard Zinn, Noam Chomsky, Chris Hedges, Naomi Klein, Richard Wolff....

The above mention question the very foundations of Capitalism; the global "Ponzi scheme" we kill and die to perpetuate. Gil Scott-Heron told us that "the revolution would not be televised"; the brother never met Ed Schultz, Rev. Al Sharpton, Rachel Maddow, Lawrence O'Donnell, or Chris Hayes. It would seem that the revolution is being "pimped" like a late night "infomercial"; "but wait, there is more!" I hear old Ed bought himself a Jet; who says populism doesn't pay? Eight minutes of manufactured watered down liberalism tucked between 10 minutes non-stop product slinging! Talk fast, and now a word from our sponsors....

The Revolution Will Not Be Televised: Gil Scott-Heron

<http://www.youtube.com/...>

Corporate money has no effect on the "content of the character" of these guys?

Many on the right and a few of what now passes as the left still argue against the **Fairness Doctrine**.

Who needs "fairness" when the market place shapes ideas?

Enter **C-Span**; "a Corporation Masquerading as a Public Service". One cent is taken from all our cable bill to provide a consistent platform (Washington Journal) for the Heritage Foundation, CATO institute and the Tea Party. After the banishment of Brian Lamb, Liberal positions occupy 10% of C-Span's air time; kinda makes one wonder what percent of C-Span's income comes from Liberals?

To conclude that the "Fifth Estate" has failed us would be incorrect; at this point the corporate media is actively working against us. And yes, "the revolution is being televised!"