# 'Fringe' Benefits: How AT&T Funds Efforts to Marginalize Free Press AT&T Arts + Labs Broadband for America Freedom Foundation.

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- "Has the radical pronetwork-neutrality lobby group Free Press no shame, no sense of moral perspective, no grasp of reality outside their echochamber obsession with vilifying America's telecoms and cable providers?
- "...Free Press, a radical organization that even its putative allies will admit is fringe, stepped over the mark of rational political discussion and entered the theater of political absurdity.
- "...The mainstream pronetwork-neutrality lobby... deserves better than the current radical representation they are getting from Public Knowledge and Free Press."
  - -- The Hill, Jan 22, 2010

# Harold Ford, Co-Chair Broadband for America,

- "A group on the political fringe Free Press has resorted to distortions and hyperbole in response to the concerns I and others have registered over Title 2 reclassification.
- "... While Free Press parades as the guardians of Internet freedom, they are pushing policies that would deny the Internet to those who need it most... They represent a small cadre of 'internet elites'... They could care less that it will take tens of billions of dollars in private investment to get every American online. They launch ridiculous - actually, childish -- attacks on anyone who even dares to challenge their falsehoods."
- Broadbandforamerica.com, May 28, 2010

### Phil Kerpen, Policy Director, Americans for Prosperity

- "The Obama administration and its friends at the Federal Communications Commission thought they could impose sweeping new Internet regulations without anybody other than farleft, Netroots activists like the fringe group Free Press noticing. They failed.
- "...To Free Press, private ownership is a problem. Their solution is onerous federal regulation—and, ultimately, "rebuilding the entire society on socialist principles." So when they talk about freedom, they mean freedom from 'corporate control,' provided by government."
- -- Fox News, May 14, 2010

## Adam Thierer, Pres., Progress & Freedom Foundation

- "What will be interesting is the extent to which some policymakers begin to embrace the 'media reformista' agenda of greater public control that some fringe groups like Free Press favor. I've documented their radical agenda here before in my essays.
- "... taken in the aggregate, the Free Press proposal reads like a Soviet-style 5year plan for the media sector.
- "... Free Press and their founder Robert McChesney appear ready to make good on their promise to socialize all media and make it everybody's collective responsibility."
- -- *TechLiberation*, Nov. 2009, March 2010