



Media Education Society
Media for the Common Good

WHO OWNS THE MEDIA

In our media age, faith communities are increasingly called to respond to the moral, cultural, and civic challenges posed by the media environment. Awareness of media ownership is essential for critical engagement with media conglomerates that exert so much influence on people's worldviews.

COMCAST CORPORATION

Key Holdings: NBCUniversal (NBC, MSNBC, CNBC, Peacock), Universal Pictures, Fandango, Rotten Tomatoes

THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY

Key Holdings: ABC, ESPN, FX, National Geographic, Walt Disney Pictures, Pixar, Marvel Studios, Lucasfilm

WARNER BROS. DISCOVERY, INC.

Key Holdings: The CW, HBO, CNN, TNT, Discovery

META

Key Holdings: Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Threads

PARAMOUNT GLOBAL

Key Holdings: CBS, MTV, Nickelodeon, BET, Comedy Central, Paramount Pictures

NEWS CORP AND FOX CORPORATION

Key Holdings: The Wall Street Journal, New York Post, The Times (UK), HarperCollins Publishers, Fox News, Fox Broadcasting Company, Fox Sports

SONY GROUP CORPORATION

Key Holdings: Sony Pictures Entertainment, Columbia Pictures, TriStar Pictures, Sony Music Entertainment

ALPHABET

Key Holdings: YouTube and all Google platforms

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Why Media Ownership Matters

When just a few corporations control most of the media we consume, it affects far more than what's on our screens. These companies shape how we think, shop, vote, and even how we see right and wrong. Their influence drives what stories are told—and which ones are left out—often prioritizing profit over fact. This level of control narrows our worldview, encourages consumerism, and can subtly shift our moral compass. That's why media literacy is essential. It empowers individuals to question what they consume, recognize hidden agendas, and make informed choices rooted in truth and the common good.

The mission of the **Media Education Society** is to help people understand, engage, and produce media through the lenses of the common good. Learn more at mediaedsociety.org.