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FCC Wants To Ban "24" From 8 P.M.

The FCC wants to be your mommy. The FCC already has absurdly draconian fines for over-the-air speech that have vague guidelines and unpredictable results, thanks to Congress. (PBS stations are literally afraid to air a Ken Burns documentary on WW II because of a few stray salty words that -- if the FCC decided they were offensive -- could put the stations out of business. Do you really think kids are going to sit through a 10+ hour documentary in the hope of hearing "shit" or "fuck?") Now the FCC is asking Congress to let it censor violence as well. It wants to decide what you can watch and when. The result? Shows like "24" -- which just aired from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. this Monday, would be relegated to 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. (Oh wait, FOX doesn't AIR shows at 10 p.m.) This ignores the simple fact that with cable, parents can freely block any and every channel they want to. And of course there is more programming available of all sorts 24 hours a day. If you want access to wholesome family programming (however you define that), you can easily get it 24 hours a day on dozens of channels. What exactly is the FCC protecting you from? Yourself. One Senator behind this drive? John McCain.

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