



The Media Consortium ([www.themediaconsortium.org](http://www.themediaconsortium.org)) is a fiscally sponsored 501c3 network of independent and community media outlets dedicated to values-driven journalism.

### **Our Mission**

The Media Consortium's mission is to support and grow the impact of the independent and community news sector.

### **Our Vision**

The most trusted news comes from sources that are most authentic to our communities. It's the podcaster who sounds like our friends, the Youtube show that speaks deeply to our ethnicity or heritage, or the website that keeps us up to date on the issues we care most passionately about. We trust the news that is produced by people who understand who we are.

The members of the Media Consortium are mission-based, values-driven, community-centered outlets. Through alliances with sibling associations, we seek to bring together local journalists, working within particular geographies and demographics, with national journalists working within national demographics and areas of interest in order to create ongoing equitable local-national partnerships. We envision building a bottom-up news network that begins with and centers on these trusted community-based outlets.

At a time when democracy is threatened abroad and at home, we are focused on building a trusted infrastructure of news outlets that will connect us to the core values that Americans still hold true: freedom, equality, respect for the land and opportunity for all. These are the values that lead us to support immigrants, address climate change, protect Black Lives and Black votes, and protect women's right to choose. These are the values that help our communities thrive and make our lives worth living.

### **Our History**

The Media Consortium was founded in 2006. The country was at war in Iraq and Afghanistan under President George W. Bush. Media was under siege as the digital revolution upended old business models. The Media Consortium's founders believed the only way to respond to this new environment was to work together, and so they founded a consortium, a member-run network. Though we now have full-time staff, the Media Consortium continues to be a member-led network.

## Membership

The Media Consortium currently has 80 member outlets. We have prioritized slow, deliberate growth because making connections between existing members has been our primary focus.

To become a Media Consortium member, an outlet must meet these criteria:

- **Be organized as an independent entity mission-driven to serve the public.**  
Just over 75% of Media Consortium members are 501c3 non-profits. For-profit members must prove that they are organized to serve stakeholders rather than shareholders.
- **Produce regular, original, fact-based reporting.**  
Reporting must be original to the outlet, credible, and fact-based.
- **Promote social, racial, and economic justice.**  
Members commit to pursuing these values as they apply to hiring practices, audience outreach, editorial policies, and ownership.

Current Members:

AlterNet	Earth Island Journal	Ms.	Rethinking Schools
American Prospect	Feet in 2 Worlds	The Nation	Rewire
Belt Magazine	Feministing	The Nation Institute	Scalawag
Berrett-Koehler	Free Speech TV	National Catholic Reporter	Specialty Studios
Bitch Media	GWWilliams Center	New America Media	Texas Observer
BINJ	Generation Progress	New Labor Forum	This Week in Blackness
Black Youth Project	Globalvision	The New Press	Thom Hartmann Show
Brave New Films	Gozamos	News Taco	Tikkun
Care2	Grist	News Desk	Toward Freedom
Cascadia Times	High Country News	OpenDemocracy.net	Truthdig
Chelsea Green	Hightower Lowdown	OpenTV	Truthout
Chicago to the World	In These Times	Orion	The Uptake
Chicago Reporter	InterPress Service	PeoplePowerMedia	Vancouver Observer
City Limits	Kosmos Journal	Political Research Associates	Waging Nonviolence
Colorado Independent	LA Progressive	PR Watch (CMD)	Washington Monthly
Contexture Media	Laura Flanders Show	Public News Service	Wear Your Voice
Defending Dissent	LinkTV (KCETLINK)	Rabble	Witness Media
Democracy Now	Making Contact	Race Forward	Workers Ind News
Dissent	Mondoweiss	The Real News Network	Yes! Magazine
Domingos en Vocolo	Mother Jones	Reimagine!	The Young Turks