**The Media Consortium**

**Sponsorship Policy**

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To engage in a mutually beneficial sponsorship with the Media Consortium, which is a project of the Foundation for National Progress, the sponsoring organization must share our values and identify with our mission. The Media Consortium reserves the right to decline sponsorships and strategic partnerships from organizations that fail to meet these criteria, that might potentially offend our members or their audiences, or that might be detrimental to the social responsibilities and mission of The Media Consortium in any way.

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**Mission Statement**

The Media Consortium is a network of the country’s leading, progressive, independent media outlets.  Our mission is to amplify independent media’s voice, increase our collective clout, leverage our current audience and reach new ones.  We believe it is possible and necessary to seize the current moment and change the debate in this country.

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**Values Statement**

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We believe in the value of independent journalism: journalism that is free of influence from either the government or multinational corporations;

We believe in accuracy, fact-finding, and going where the story is; we believe in the freedom of the press;

We believe in transparency;

We believe in fair labor practices and standards;

We believe in sexual, gender, racial, and ethnic equity and justice; we do not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or ability;

We believe we are responsible for our physical environment; we seek to implement and support green practices;

We believe that working together we often can do more than working apart (though there are times when we need the lone voice in the wilderness)

We believe we can change the world for the better