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# The Nature of Broadcasting - A Theoretical Perspective

Past, Present and Future

#### **Natural Law**

- Structure of Nature
- All living things seek utility
- Nurture (Rationality)
- Communication

## **Human Evolution**

- \* Groups
- Symbolic Interaction
- Language

## Forming Societies

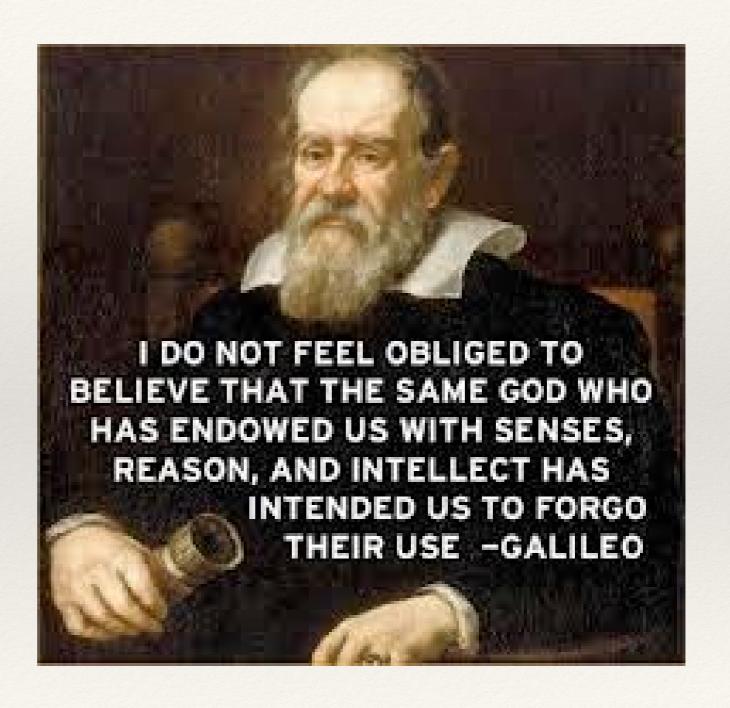
- Specialization
- Agency vs. structure
- Mass Communication

## Medieval Europe

- Dual authoritarianism of monarchy and church
- Rise of merchant class media

## Enlightenment

- Science & technology
- Secularism



## Modernity

- Urbanization
- Democracy
- Mass Media forms

## Conflict Theory

- Dysfunctional society
- Agency vs. Structure
- Legal alternativism

## The Public Sphere



## **Alternative Press**

Activist media

### Re-Feudalization

- Newspaper conglomerates
- Politicization

## Radio



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Harold W. Arlin shown as he looked in the early 1920's. He did the first play-by-play of baseball and football and introduced many noted persons in their radio debuts on KDKA.

## Community Radio

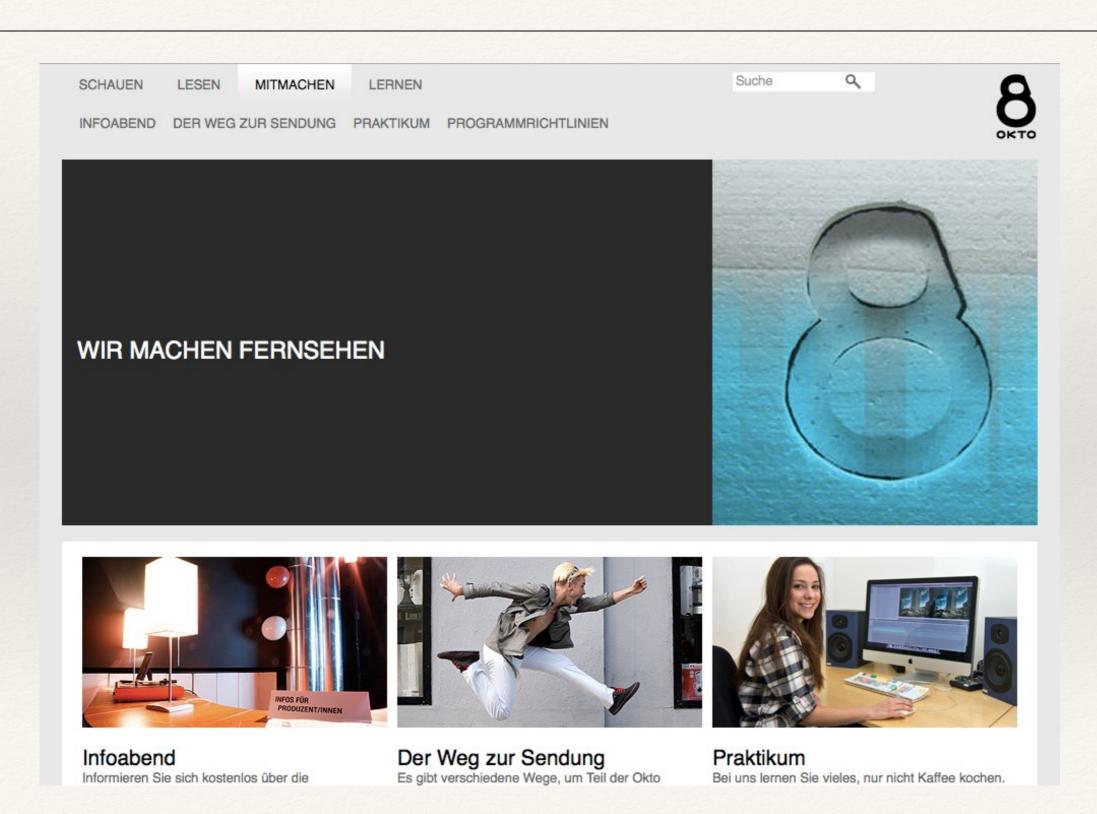
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## Television



https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\_detailpage&v=6PXORQE5-CY

## Community TV



## Terrestrial Paradigm

- Public Service
- Commercial
- Alternative

#### Re-Feudalization II

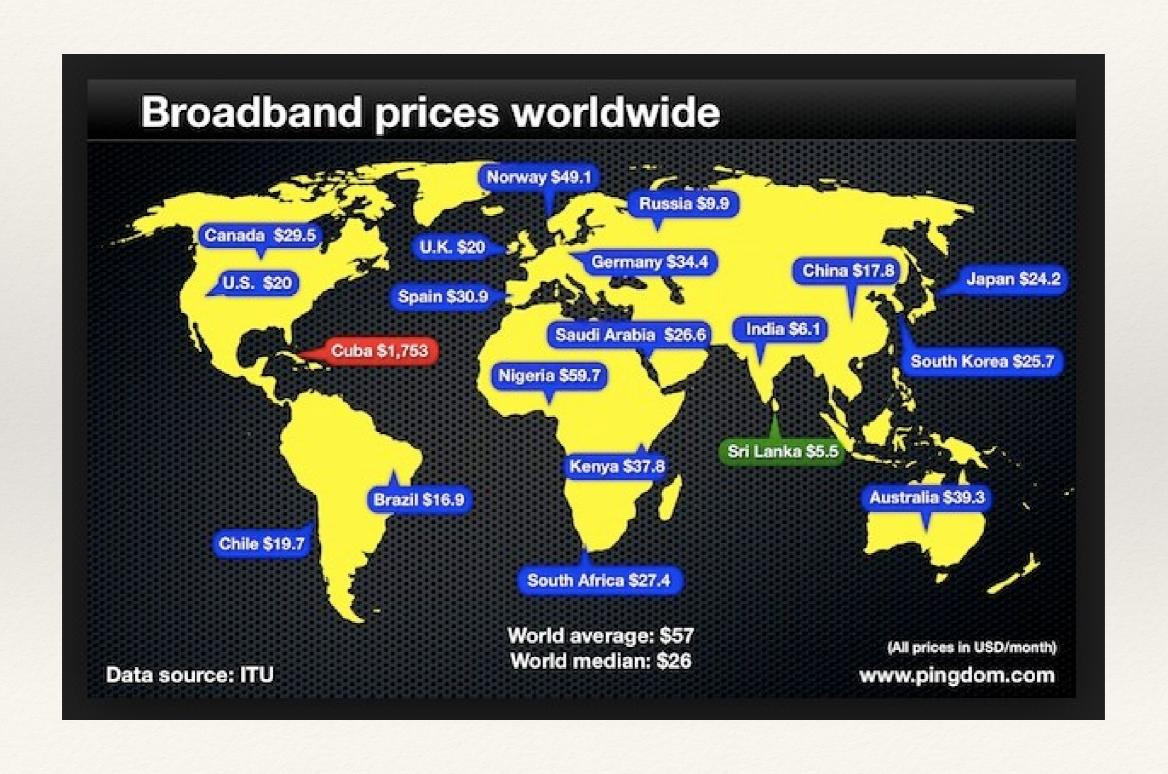
- Policy issues
- Commercial conglomerates
- Alternatives struggle

#### IP - The Great Liberator?

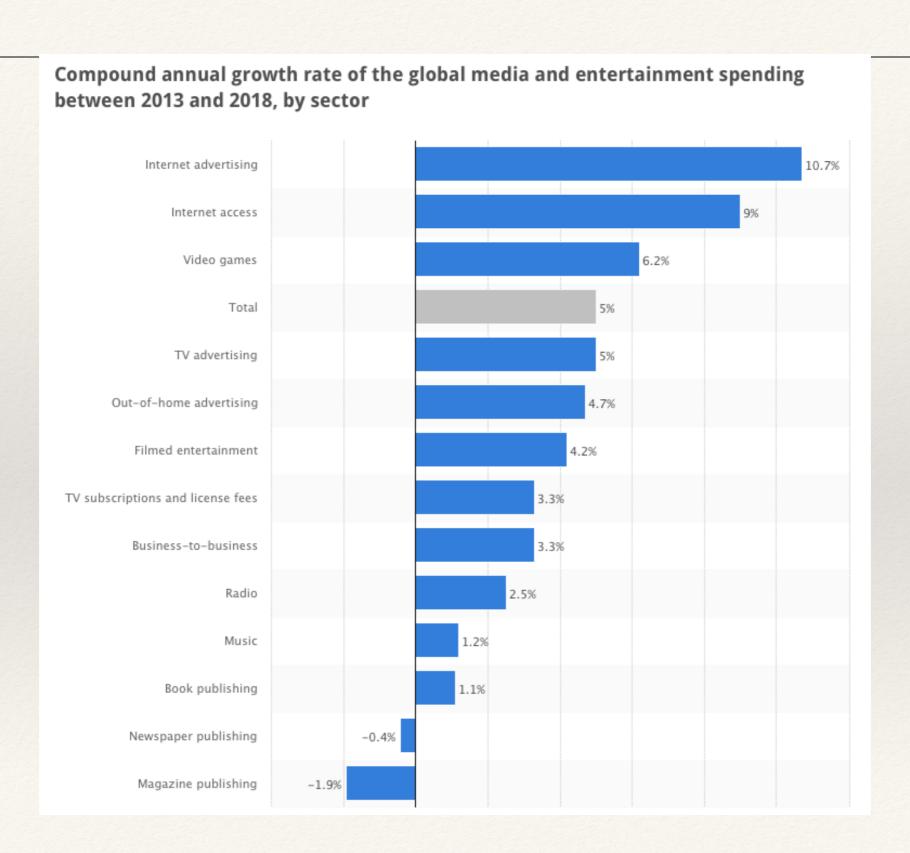
- One-to-many revolution
- low barriers to entry
- virtual democracy



## Q1 - The Pipes



#### Q2 - The Revenue

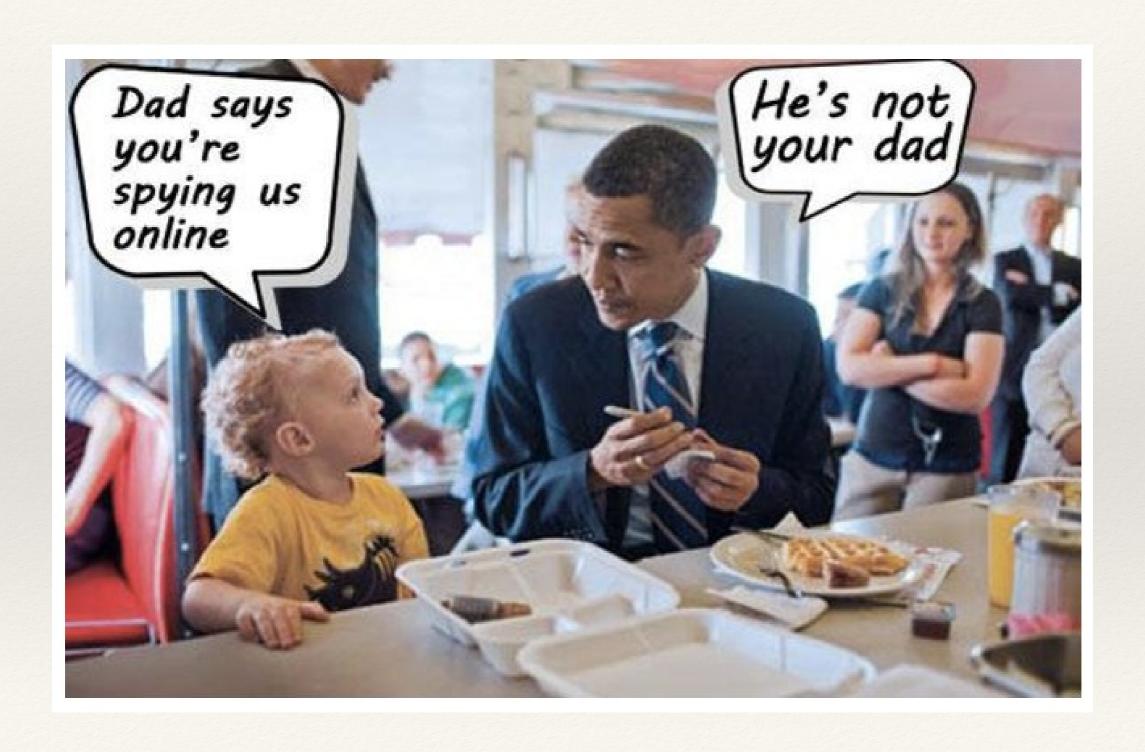


#### Q3 - The Content

- Information
- Opinion
- Entertainment



#### Q4 - Your Data



#### Re-Feudalization III?



#### ICT4D





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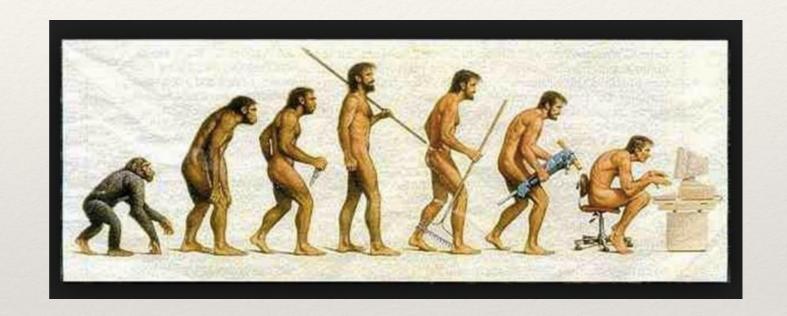
InterConnection – TCF's new eco-friendly partner offers low-cost hardware solutions for telecentres

#### The Future

- Beyond RF
- Beyond streaming
- Neutrality
- Creative Commons
- Policy reform
- Funding solutions

#### **Human Evolution**

- Structural Functionalism?
- The Public Sphere?
- Broadcasting plurality?



#### Thank You!

