

Corporation for Public Broadcasting

Eliminate the Corporation for Public Broadcasting

RECOMMENDATION

Congress should eliminate the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

RATIONALE

It is outside the proper scope of the federal government to fund broadcasting and news sources. Congress should eliminate the CPB.

The CPB was created at a time when U.S. households faced very limited broadcasting options. As technology has grown since the corporation's inception, media sources for accessing the news and broadcasting have greatly increased.

Without federal funding from the CPB, services such as the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and National Public Radio (NPR) would operate like any other news or broadcasting source in the private sector. Both organizations could make up the lost funding by increasing revenues from corporate sponsors, foundations, and members.

ADDITIONAL READING

- Emily Goff, "Why Big Bird's Federal Subsidies Need to Go," *The Daily Signal*, October 14, 2012.
- Mike Gonzalez, "Trump Should End Government Funding of NPR's Biased News," *The Daily Signal*, January 21, 2017.