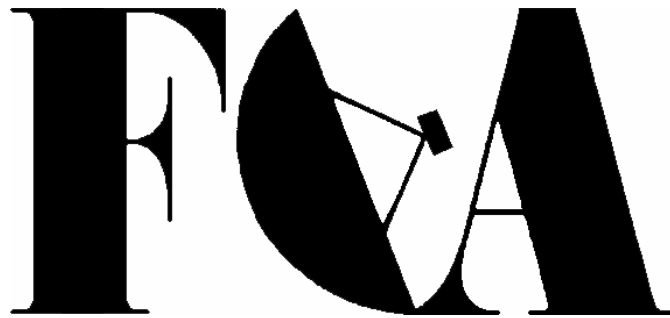


# How Can They Show THAT On Community TV ?

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**A Message From The Executive Director**



**UNDERSTANDING FCA'S POLICIES REGARDING  
CONTROVERSIAL PROGRAMMING**



Foxboro Cable Access is a public access TV station, meaning it is programmed by the residents of Foxborough who choose to place programming on one of our three channels. Most of the programming you see on FCA TV is actually produced by members of the Foxborough community – either private individuals, community-based organizations or the town government.

This public access station is an electronic forum for free expression by the residents of Foxborough. Sometimes, viewers tell me, “There ought to be a law about what I saw on FCA TV last night!” There IS a law: The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and it guarantees that “Congress shall pass no law abridging the freedom of speech ...” Basically, any resident of Foxborough is free to say or do anything he or she wants on their own FCA TV program, provided that they can assure us that their program does not contain any illegal content. This illegal content is defined, in part, by our cable television access agreement with the Town of Foxborough.

We have agreed to maintain a public forum for the free expression of ideas – even ideas that you or I might despise! – as long as we prohibit all of the following types of content in programs:

1. Commercials or Advertising
2. Libel or Slander
3. Obscenity and Pornography
4. Any violation of copyright, publicity rights, or invasion of privacy
5. Any violation of FCC regulations
6. Any violation of any local, state or federal law

If you see something on this channel which does not fall into one of the above categories, but which upsets you anyway you have the right to join us at FCA and learn how to produce your own program or message on the channel to counteract the programming that upset you. As Supreme Court Justice Brandeis said, “... avert the evil by the process of education ... the remedy to be applied is more speech, not enforced silence.”

If you'd like to know how the FCC defines obscenity, and the very different type of content called “indecenty,” you may read their Consumer Fact Sheet at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/obscene.html> While FCA TV is not directly regulated by this FCC policy, which is applied to broadcasters like the local network stations, we do follow this policy, especially as concerns the scheduling of so-called adult programming after 10 pm.

If you have any questions about FCA TV's programming or policies, you may call me at 508-543-4757, email me at [mwebber@fcatv.org](mailto:mwebber@fcatv.org), or write to P. O. Box 524, Foxborough, MA 02035.

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