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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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## **PANELISTS ANNOUNCED FOR DEC. 15 WORKSHOP ON SPEECH, DEMOCRACY AND THE OPEN INTERNET**

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Communications Commission will hold a staff workshop on speech and democratic engagement as part of the Commission's open Internet proceeding. The workshop will examine the relationship between the Internet's openness and democratic speech and participation, including its impact on "citizen journalism," as well as blogging, political organizing, and cultural expression.

**WHAT:** Speech, Democratic Engagement, and the Open Internet  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** FCC Commission Room,  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**PANELISTS:** Stuart Benjamin, FCC, Moderator  
Michele Combs, Christian Coalition  
Glenn Reynolds, Instapundit  
Jonathan Moore, Rowdy Orbit  
Ruth Livier, YLSE  
Garlin Gilchrist, Center for Community Change  
Bob Corn-Revere, Davis Wright Tremaine  
Jack Balkin, Yale Law School  
Andrew Schwartzman, Media Access Project

The workshop will be open to the public; however, admittance will be limited to the seating available. Audio/video coverage of the workshop will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Web on [www.openinternet.gov](http://www.openinternet.gov).

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information should FCC staff need to contact them for more information. Please send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).