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Judge Roger J. Traynor  
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Dear Judge Traynor ,

I first read about the National News Council in The Progressive a few years ago . The articles and other information regarding the goals and type of person , one was led to expect would be represented by the Council , that followed, allowed many of us to enjoy an optimism specifically for more accuracy in the media . I did not know nor do I , yet , understand what "fairness " means in the area of the communication of factual information . Obviously , when the publisher of the N.Y.Times is against such a Council and the main editorial writer is for it ... this strengthen the integrity of the Council . This is a subjective comment , nevertheless , as a study The N.Y.Times is a complex newspaper .

However , sad it is to write this - you are either phony or innocent or deceptive for the theory / aims cannot possibly be carried out by far too many of those represented on the Council .

If the Council is to represent opinions - you are too late for we are almost buried as a people with opinions viewpoints and lies and packaged propaganda . One example : Mr Straus , owner of WMCA . This station is one of my hair shirts and for three years -actually less , since the talk shows went on I have monitored this with a friend and if Mr. Straus is going to be one who represents radio on your National News Council then this Council should get the boot from every single person of integrity remaining in radio . I will document the reasons for this statement should you wish me too . Aside from the programing itself , Mr. Straus just is not a knowledgable person .  
The Editor of National Review ? For Balance ? We need accurate and factual information and this is not the purpose of the N.R. Propaganda is .Opinion is.  
Not on the right - just lies

Sincerely,

Frances Hilger