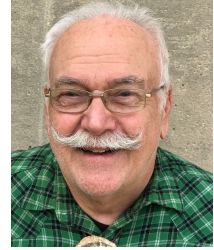


# Mainstream Media Alternatives

<http://sep.stanford.edu/sep/jon/mainstream.pdf>

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A good friend writes to me, "**I am suspicious of non-mainstream media. They are funded by somebody.**"

True, it costs nearly nothing to put up a website and give yourself a professional-looking studio backdrop. In the old days, you'd need a TV broadcasting tower for NBC and all, or a printing press for NYT and all. This led us to actors with teleprompters and to newspapers buying talented content and packaging it along with their political opinions. **Times have changed!**

For an alternative to all this big-power machinery, please sample what I watched today:

**Republican** Saagar Enjeti goes [scorched earth on the \*Republican\* plan...](#)  
**Democrat** Crystal Ball [shames the \*Democratic\* establishment...](#)

Youtube and Google offer a wonderful selection of viewings, but I've learned to limit Susan Wojcicki's channeling my choices. If you have not the time to dig through alternative sources, for TV you could bookmark this link: [hill.TV/rising](#)

For reading on your iPhone, iPad, or computer, you might learn to use the popular app **Feedly** (one of many RSS suppliers) and hook yourself up to many diverse sources (including NYT). RSS suppliers keep track of websites that interest you. They provide you an up-to-date list of headlines of the articles you haven't yet read or abandoned. Click on any headline, see a paragraph. Click on that and see it at the source (might be paywalled).

By the way, I detest MSNBC for the way they shunned Andrew Yang. Please scan [these 50 inexcusable occasions](#) and pick out a few to read. Then tell your friends to shun MSNBC.

For a selection of excellent science and engineering videos by amateurs and retired professionals, you could start from [my Science Introductions page](#). (Many of those channels will suggest that you use Patreon to give them small donations.)

If you are a believer in freedom of speech you will appreciate my [one page](#) on the *Facebook blacklisting of the amazing **Review by Ron Unz***. Don't be shocked. Unz promises you materials blacklisted by the mainstream. Go there and you'll see why. Many of his Review articles contradict others. He's a grown-up. You are too. You can figure it out. Forbid no articles so that others do not forbid yours.

