

sibility was a great one. But press responsibility, although desirable, “is not mandated by the Constitution,” whereas freedom is. The compulsion exerted by government on a newspaper to print what it would not otherwise print, “a compulsion to publish that which ‘reason tells them should not be published,’” runs afoul of the free press clause.<sup>1130</sup>

### Cable Television

The Court has recognized that cable television “implicates First Amendment interests,” because a cable operator communicates ideas through selection of original programming and through exercise of editorial discretion in determining which stations to include in its offering.<sup>1131</sup> Moreover, “settled principles of . . . First Amendment jurisprudence” govern review of cable regulation; cable is not limited by “scarce” broadcast frequencies and does not require the same less rigorous standard of review that the Court applies to regulation of broadcasting.<sup>1132</sup> Cable does, however, have unique characteristics that justify regulations that single out cable for special treatment.<sup>1133</sup> The Court in *Turner Broadcasting System v. FCC*<sup>1134</sup> upheld federal statutory requirements that cable systems carry local commercial and public television stations. Although these “must-carry” requirements “distinguish between speakers in the television programming market,” they do so based on the manner of transmission and not on the content the messages conveyed, and hence are

<sup>1130</sup> 418 U.S. at 256. The Court also adverted to the imposed costs of the compelled printing of replies but this seemed secondary to the quoted conclusion. The Court has also held that a state may not require a privately owned utility company to include in its billing envelopes views of a consumer group with which it disagrees. Although a plurality opinion to which four Justices adhered relied heavily on *Tornillo*, there was no Court majority consensus as to rationale. *Pacific Gas & Elec. v. Public Utilities Comm’n*, 475 U.S. 1 (1986). See also *Hurley v. Irish-American Gay Group*, 514 U.S. 334 (1995) (state may not compel parade organizer to allow participation by a parade unit proclaiming message that organizer does not wish to endorse).

<sup>1131</sup> *City of Los Angeles v. Preferred Communications*, 476 U.S. 488 (1986) (leaving for future decision how the operator’s interests are to be balanced against a community’s interests in limiting franchises and preserving utility space); *Turner Broadcasting System v. FCC*, 512 U.S. 622, 636 (1994).

<sup>1132</sup> *Turner Broadcasting System v. FCC*, 512 U.S. 622, 638–39 (1994).

<sup>1133</sup> 512 U.S. at 661 (referring to the “bottleneck monopoly power” exercised by cable operators in determining which networks and stations to carry, and to the resulting dangers posed to the viability of broadcast television stations). See also *Leathers v. Medlock*, 499 U.S. 439 (1991) (application of state gross receipts tax to cable industry permissible even though other segments of the communications media were exempted).

<sup>1134</sup> 512 U.S. 622 (1994).