

The Big Six of The Mass Media

\$165 Billion

GE Commercial Finance: GE Capital Aviation Services, GE Commercial Equipment Financing, GE Corporate Financial Services, GE Structured Finance Global Energy Unit, GE Fleet Services, GE Healthcare Financial Services, GE Real Estate, GE Vendor Financial Services, GE Consumer & Industrial, GE Healthcare, GE Water Technologies, GE Silicones, GE Superabrasives, GE Quartz, Universal Parks and Resorts, GE Money, manufacturer of military equipment, including engines for the F-16 Fighter jet, Abrams tank, Apache helicopter, U2 Bomber, and more

\$183 Billion



\$13 Billion

26 stations and 26 channels, including NBC, NBC News, CNBC, Syfy, USA, and Bravo

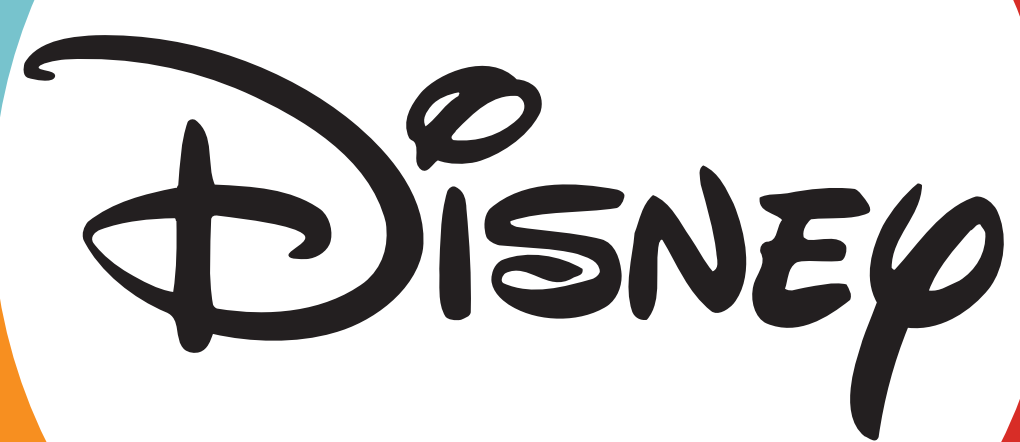
\$5 Billion

Universal Pictures, Rouge Pictures and Focus Features

\$14.64 Billion

Disney Parks and Resorts
Consumer Products

\$37.8 Billion



\$7.46 Billion

Walt Disney Pictures, Touchstone, Miramax, Pixar, and Buena Vista

\$14.9 Billion

ABC, ESPN, Lifetime, A&E
Over 226 Local Stations

\$12 Billion

Harper Collins Publishing, more than 150 newspapers worldwide, including The Wall Street Journal and The New York Post

\$33 Billion



\$14 Billion

120 Channels and 27 Stations, including Fox, Fox News, FX and the National Geographic Channel

\$7 Billion

Including 20th Century Fox and Fox Searchlight

\$4.6 Billion

Time Inc Publishing, over 150 magazines

\$31.1 Billion



\$4.1 Billion
AOL

\$11.3 Billion

Warner Bros., New Line, Picturehouse, CastleRock

\$11.1 Billion

Including HBO, CNN, TBS and TNT

\$5.77 Billion

Paramount Pictures, Dreamworks, MTV Films and Nickelodean Movies

\$14.53 Billion



\$8.76 Billion

MTV, BET, VH1, Comedy Central, and 10 Stations

Key:



\$1.54 Billion

144 stations

\$2.66 Billion

CBS Outdoor Advertising

\$14 Billion

\$0.84 Billion

Simon & Schuster



\$8.96 Billion

29 Stations

Who owns the American media? Who controls what we watch on our television screens, view in movie theaters, read in books, newspapers and magazines and listen to on the radio? In the past several decades, due to a combination of a decrease in regulation and a large number of corporate mergers and acquisitions, the number of companies that form what we know of as the mass media has shrunk considerably. As of now the vast majority is owned by these six mega-corporations. This chart showcases the size of these corporations in terms of their most recent available revenue figures, how that revenue is divided up by medium and gives some examples of the companies these corporations own.

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