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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