



At the birth of public television

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When public television was created, there were only three national broadcast networks. The big question: Now that hundreds of channels are available, is there still a need for public television? What research would be needed to answer that question?