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Media and Propaganda

We have a duty to create an Islamic republic and to that end our first obligation is the creation of a system of propaganda. This has always been the way things work. Once a few people sit down together, think matters out together, make decisions, it follows that propaganda will emerge. Then little by little others who think the same way are attracted to the group and it increases in size. Ultimately the group and its propaganda becomes a force that can infiltrate a huge system of government or even bring about its downfall.

Radio and television are allowed if they are used for the broadcasting of news or sermons, for the spreading of good educational material for publicizing the products and curiosities of the planet; but they must prohibit singing, music, anti-Islamic laws, the lauding of tyrants, mendacious words, and broadcasts which spread doubt and undermine virtue.

Since the use of radio and television sets is not carried out in conformity with the above-mentioned principles, the trade in them is limited to those who will put them to good use and who will see to it that others follow in the same path.