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I endorse the liberation of set-top boxes both for consumer cost savings, integration with IoT devices as a home hub, and facilitation of ease of use through the innovation which follows the fall of monopolies. Almost none of my elderly relatives and neighbors can operate any but the most basic functions of our mandated and arcane boxes. The cost trajectory of these devices under monopoly control has been unconscionable, increasing steadily while all other electronic devices of far greater complexity have fallen in price while their feature sets blossom. By sanctioning this monopoly, America has been shooting itself in the foot. As a professional in computer security, I see no significant technical problems in liberating this technology - except acceptance of the status quo.