

I believe that the actions of XM Satellite Radio over the Opie and Anthony debacle prove that their merger with Sirius Satellite Radio is bad for America's consumer. It is widely assumed that XM's actions are aimed at making themselves look good to the government, so as to improve the chances of the merger being approved. This is despite the fact that Opie and Anthony's channel is the number 1 rated channel on the entire service.

This clearly shows that with a lack of competition, this super company will obviously do anything in its ability to make money. XM suspended and will probably fire, of all things, its number 1 station to make some more money! This *clearly* shows a disregard for the opinions and preferences of its paying customers.

I used to be in favor of the merger, because I genuinely believed it would increase the range of content available to me. I have been a strong supporter of satellite radio for over two years now. Now, however, I've lost all taste for it, because my only reason for wanting it (fan oriented programming with completely unrestricted talk) has been proven by XM to be irrelevant in their decision making process. It's really sad.

Honestly, I'm done with satellite radio. With censorship and flip flopping on the fundamentals, there's nothing in it for me. I'm going to get an iPhone and switch over to podcasts and online radio. But, if you want satellite radio to stay halfway decent and fair to the paying customer, there obviously needs to be competition. Otherwise, the prices will be jacked up, and for no benefit to the consumer, as XM is already showing its lack of consideration of its customers, and its tenancy to go back on its promises and fundamental philosophies.

Thank you for your consideration.

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