

This communication is sent directly to your office without restriction, thanks to an open internet. I fear this will not be the case if the Comcast merger with NBC is accomplished.

Quite simply, to provide any corporation with the ability to control mass communication in a free society is more than just a bad idea. Too much power in the hands of too few tends to lead to corruption and tyranny, and I see no reason to believe that Comcast's executives are any more virtuous than the rest of us and have some divine ability to do the right thing with this conglomeration of power and control. Indeed, both NBC and Comcast have fiduciary responsibilities that require them to place profits before principles, which most often means that principles are the most easily sacrificed.

This merger is a dangerous proposition that will result in less free speech rather than more. The profit seekers, no matter how well intended they may be, are not in the business of promoting public welfare and the common good. They are in business to make money, which is their right and privilege. However, they do so now by keeping the public dialogue aimed at materialism, delusions of grandeur by celebrity idolatry, and instant gratification. They have offered nothing that can lead us to believe this will change. There is therefore no reason for us to expect the status quo to be improved and can only expect there to be more of what we have now from public media--pandering to purient interests to make profit.

Clearly that it is the intention behind this whole concept of merger; to control more of the public communication and therefore more easily influence greater numbers of the common man to fall into step with whatever the rich and powerful utilize to secure their financial self interests.

This merger is promoted only because it appears it will produce a benefit for the few who are stockholders in their respective corporations. Their benefit should not come at the expense of encroaching on our egalitarian principles of free speech for all. This protection includes free access to not only the internet, but to all available means of participating and promoting public dialogues that will enrich and improve our lives toward a common noble cause. The pablum on the modern mainstream media ain't gettin' us there.

Please speak for the masses and not the corporate elite. If it is in your power to do so, you have a duty to prevent those who desire to unduly influence and control mass media from accomplishing their goal. Keep free speech free.