

Comcastrophe

Last spring the FCC approved the merger of Comcast, the nation's largest cable and Internet provider, with NBC Universal. The Justice Department followed suit, leading to the unprecedented consolidation of media and Internet power.

Letting one company control both the pipes and the content that flows over those pipes is a formula for abuse. Comcast has already targeted Netflix and other companies that compete with its video and Internet offerings. There's no way to sugarcoat it. Wherever you live, the Comcast-NBC merger is a disaster.

This is a disaster. The merger should have been denied. As proof of this have recently filed 2 complaints with the FCC to the merger docket (10-56) citing how Comcast NBCU has failing to meet some merger commitments already.

Here's what the Comcast NBCU merger means for all Americans:

FEWER CHOICES □ Comcast will have unprecedented control over what you can watch and how you can watch it. Comcast will have an incentive to promote NBC shows over local or independent programming, making it even harder to find alternative voices on TV.

HIGHER PRICES □ Comcast already raises its rates every year. With less competition, they'll jack up prices even more. If you don't have Comcast at home, you could end up paying more to get NBC shows.

MORE MERGERS □ The Comcast-NBC merger is the new face of media consolidation and you can bet that a range of other companies are waiting in the wings to make their move.

