

## The New Telecom Cartel

The cable companies Cox and SpectrumCo, which is made up of Comcast, Time Warner, and Bright House, bought spectrum a few years ago hoping to enter the wireless market. They've now [decided to give up trying to compete with Verizon and sell it the spectrum instead](#) .

Essentially, Verizon and AT&T get wireless; cable gets wireline; and consumers get nothing.

In addition to carving up the market between wireless and wired, the companies are proposing to exclusively market each other's products and develop new technologies to lock out the competition.

It's not hard to see how these agreements could create a telecom cartel that would leave consumers unprotected from the whims of a few large companies by denying you the benefits of a fully competitive and fair marketplace.