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A merger with Time Warner Cable would give Comcast unprecedented power over content creators like TV studios and broadcasters. Comcast could be in a position to demand that the studios lower prices or abide by other terms in order to reach Comcast subscribers.

If Comcast and Time Warner Cable merge, the combined company could control at least 40 percent of the country's broadband market. Despite Comcast's claims that there are plenty of broadband options, the reality is that most households only have one or two choices for high-speed internet.