

It is extremely concerning that a merger between Comcast and Time Warner could even be considered. They are the two largest internet service providers, and in their respective areas of operation they already hold an effective monopoly. There is usually only one ISP available in a given geographical area: this company can and often does set unreasonably high prices for slower-than-advertised internet speeds and abominable customer service. There is absolutely no question that a merger between Comcast and Time Warner cable would be a monopoly by any reasonable, common-sense definition of that word. It would make potential competition even more challenging and unlikely than it already is. This would be the furthest thing possible from a free market and would be detrimental to consumers all over the United States. In addition, it is particularly concerning since the internet is now such an important part of education. A monopoly that results in increased prices will disproportionately affect lower-income populations, preventing them from using the resources of the internet for education, job searching, posting public comments like this one, and more. Furthermore, mergers can result in layoffs when positions end up overlapping. Given the economic situation in this country, losing jobs in this manner is unacceptable. I ask that the FCC do what is best for the American people in this situation, not what is desired by the giant corporations, and deny this application.