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I am against the proposed merger of Direct TV and AT&T due to several factors. First, the combined entity will lessen competition and not result in any price reductions for consumers. The companies always say a merger will result in savings from cost synergies which will only increase the bottom line for the merged company. I have never seen a merger where, due to cost synergies, the company has ever reduced prices for the consumers that use their product. The merger would greatly lessen the competition in the marketplace resulting in smaller companies possibly having to sell their business in a fire sale type atmosphere. If the FCC said, "no more forced bundling of television channels?" that would also help the consumer with choice and lower costs.

My main concern has to do with news reporting. Giant cable companies provide a skewed view of news reporting where they have an agenda, and are not a fair and balanced reporting structure. There are a vast number of news stories that are not reported on as it interferes with their biased agenda. ABC, CBS, NBC, are biased also and appears to have their own political agenda as well.

So with the majority of major news providers in the US, and less competition for providing that news coverage, it would be easier to indoctrinate the masses to their agenda. Since this administration has taken office, the investigative reporting is almost non-existent as giant cable companies and others of their ilk do not report all the news as it doesn't fit their agenda. I guess that's another question to be dealt with at some point and time. Why don't news outlets report all aspects of news and not just cherry pick news that fits their biased outlook? Perhaps ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC, and others should be required to be registered lobbyists!

Vote no on the merger!